

BUDGET WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, March 14, 2022 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Snow, Ceri Otero, Juan Topete and Ed Barlow.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Dan Rife, City Administrator Tom Short, Assistant City Administrator Greg Dagnan, City Clerk Traci Cox, Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, Public Works Director Zeb Carney, Parks & Recreation Director Mark Peterson, IT Director Kevin Kinsey, Council Member David Armstrong, and citizens Abi Almandinger, Bren Flanigan, and John Hacker.

Mr. Snow called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

***NOTE:** All areas "*italic*" below were submitted to the Committee in a pre-meeting memo by Mr. Short.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Consideration and approval of minutes from previous meeting.**

Mr. Barlow made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7 Budget meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider and discuss Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2023-2027.**

Administration and Department Heads reviewed items included in the capital plan. Mr. Snow requested that annual software fees be removed from capital to an operating expense account. Ms. Otero requested carryover projects be reported separately from current requests.

2. **Consider and discuss acceptance of 2022 Jasper County Law Enforcement Sales Tax (LEST) Grant.**

Mr. Short discussed the LEST grant that was received totaling \$25,679. Items funded under the grant include \$4,000 for ODET fees, a drone and training for \$19,679, and MdE Adore FTO Software for \$2,000. Ms. Otero made a motion to accept the grant and forward a resolution to City Council for approval. Motion carried 4-0.

3. **Consider and discuss a Resolution Amending the 2021 – 2022 Annual Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Carthage.**

Mr. Short discussed the need for the budget adjustment. Mr. Barlow moved to forward the budget adjustment Resolution to council for approval. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Staff Reports.

Mr. Short reviewed sales tax and use tax revenues and golf revenues. Financials were also reviewed. Ms. Cox asked when departments could proceed with items budgeted under the ARPA funds. Mr. Topete moved to forward a Resolution to Council for a budget adjustment to appropriate funds for ARPA projects. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Other Business. None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M. on motion by Mr. Topete.

Respectfully submitted,
Traci Cox