CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 10, 2023
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers with Mayor Bradley M. Robinson presiding. He called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Bradley M. Robinson	Mayor	Present
Khristina Hollister	City Clerk	Present
Michele A. Edwards	Deputy City Clerk	Present
Mark Carney	City Treasurer	Present
John Allsopp	Alderman/Ward 3	Present
William Edwards	Alderman/Ward 1	Present
Phyllis Emery	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Tom Harness	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
Teri Ingram	Alderman/Ward 3	Present
Tom Liebenrood	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Curtis Oetjen	Alderman/Ward 2	Absent
Rod Sievers	Alderman/Ward 1	Present

The Mayor declared a quorum present.

Present at the meeting were: Ron Rains, Fire Chief; Donnie Smoot, Crawford and Associates; Retia Watson, Citizen; Michael Flaningam, Police Chief; Ralph Graul, Building Inspector; Michael and Nancy Nilson, Citizens; Christy Mitchell, The Courier, Troop 77 Boy Scouts, Joshua Robinson (Life Scout), Eric Pfeilschifter (Scoutmaster), Ethan Pfeilschifter (Life Scout); and Janice McConnaughy, Citizen.

Motion 1: Allsopp moved and Ingram seconded to approve the minutes of the ***Regular Meeting of the Carterville City Council held December 13, 2022*** as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 2: Liebenrood moved and Sievers seconded to approve the minutes of the ***Variance Hearing Minutes for 1602 S. Division Street held December 13, 2022*** as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 3: Emery moved and Ingram seconded to approve the minutes of the ***Variance Hearing Minutes for the sign at Route 13 and South Division Street held December 13, 2022*** as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 4: Liebenrood moved and Emery seconded to approve the minutes of the ***Special Meeting of the Carterville City Council held by conference call on December 22, 2022*** as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mark Carney, City Treasurer, presented the ***Treasurer's Report for December 2022*** *with a total cash and investments of* ***$6,188,319.34.***

Motion 5: Emery moved and Sievers seconded to approve the ***Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022***. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – No Comments

Motion 6: Emery moved and Edwards seconded to approve payment of the ***monthly bills*** as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Engineering Report

The Mayor explained that there are no major updates to report at this time.

Departments/Committees

Cannon Park (Community Building) and James Street Park

James Street Park restroom divider was replaced.

Street and Maintenance Department

Department staff has been repairing streets and filling potholes.

Police Department

Chief Flaningam presented the following ***monthly report*** *for December 2022:*

- There were **182** ***Officer Calls*** for Service in December (case number generated)
- Total of ***3,441 Total Calls*** for Service in 2022
- There were ***41 Officer Calls*** assisting other departments/jurisdictions in December.
- ***15 Misdemeanors*** Committed / **7** ***Arrests***
- ***7 Felonies/0 Arrest***
- ***1 Drug Case/3 Closed Cases***
- ***1 Warrant***
- ***2 Code Enforcement Cases***
- ***December 2*** *– City Lighted Parade*
- ***December 5*** *– Emergency Response Training*
- ***December 7*** *– Major Case Squad Meeting*
- ***December 17*** *– Downtown Christmas*
- ***December 20*** *– MDT Meeting in Herrin*
- ***December 27*** *– Chief Meeting with Sheriff*
- ***December 27*** *– Ted Hampson here at 2:00 p.m.*

The ***Safe T Act*** *is pending a lawsuit regarding its constitutionality. However, the State of Illinois did pass a law prohibiting certain weapons.*

Motion 7: Harness moved and Ingram seconded to approve payment of the annual dues for the **Williamson County Gun Club** for the Police Department at a cost of $500.00. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Fire Department – Ron Rains, Fire Chief

The monthly report for December 2022: *there were **159 EMS** calls and **10 Fire Calls** for a monthly total of **169** incidences in December. There is a breakdown: Carterville 74; Crainville 28; Colp 10; Cambria, 44; and Hurst, 3. Total calls to date are **1882**. As of this meeting there are 57 calls for January.*

*The Fire Chief explained some changes to equipment colors for the **fire truck donated by Marion** Fire Department. The estimate to have the necessary changes completed to this truck is $3,500.00 for vinyl wrap and $1,500.00 to take the lettering off from Marion. We are still soliciting a quote for lettering the truck with Carterville signage. Ron Rains asked if the Council would approve not more than $6,000.00. The Unit #5 School District is willing to store this vehicle during the winter.*

Motion 8: Emery moved and Edwards seconded to approve up to $4,000.00 ***to install a vinyl wrap on the donated fire truck from Marion***. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 9: Emery moved and Sievers seconded to approve up to $2,000.00 ***for removal of the Marion Fire Department lettering*** on the donated Fire Truck. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Cemetery

Carterville United Pantry

Phyllis Emery reported that the improvement project is a go. The fencing is being contracted and installed. They asked that some of the outdoor lighting be repaired and some exit signs. They may need some help with groundwork from the City. They need canned meat, rice, cereal, etc. The number of people served in 2022 361 households/1083 people and in 2021 185 households/410 people.

Building Inspector –

John Deere/Sydenstricker-Nobbe building on East Plaza is progressing and the Junior High School building is almost complete. There is no final date for the John Deere building. There are three new homes being built.

*Phyllis Emery asked that Ralph Graul inspect the construction that is being done behind her **residence on Jackson Street**. The owner has the information to submit a building permit but has not submitted it for review.*

*The Mayor introduced Ethan Pfeilschifter who is interested in completing an **Eagle Scout Project** at the Downtown Dining area. He is asking to install two chess boards. He will be using materials including concrete, wood, etc. This was presented to the Finance Committee. He plans to start in February and will complete this by March and funding will be through his personal account and project donations.*

Motion 10: Harness moved and Sievers seconded to ***approve the Eagle Scout Project to install two chess tables in the downtown dining area.*** All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried. (Khristina Hollister indicated she would help solicit funds).

The Mayor introduced Joshua Robinson who is interested in completing an ***Eagle Scout Project*** *to simplify the veteran flag projects in the Carterville cemeteries by installing metal stakes from the local welding shop with mapping to locate veteran graves at the cemetery. This was discussed at committee meeting and these stakes are to be placed to avoid interfering with mowing.*

Motion 11: Sievers moved and Harness seconded to ***approve the Eagle Scout Project at the cemetery by Joshua Robinson.*** All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced the ***Mayer Networks VOIP Phone Contract Renewal*** *($584.35 per month). This is a reduction in the cost per line in the past. The Mayor stated that service has been good with minimal down time. This includes 13 new phones that can be rotated into our existing phone inventory. This contract eliminates the monthly telephone lease.*

Motion 12: Liebenrood moved and Harness seconded to approve the ***Mayer Networks VOIP Phone Contract*** renewal at a cost of $584.35 per month. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced two ordinances that must be passed to abate taxes for the two revenue bonds that the City is obligated for at this time.

Motion 13: Sievers moved and Liebenrood seconded to approve ***ORDINANCE NO. 1557-23, ORDINANCE TO ABATE TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1367-15 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARTERVILLE, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS."*** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 14: Liebenrood moved and Emery seconded to approve ***ORDINANCE NO. 1558-23, ORDINANCE TO ABATE TAXES LEVIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1385-15 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARTERVILLE, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2015A, PROVIDING THE DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND FOR A LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS."*** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The a and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Alderman Oetjen was not available to present the Water and Sewer Board report. The Mayor presented information regarding the **John A. Logan Lift Station.**

Motion 15: Liebenrood moved and Sievers seconded to move to ***EXECUTIVE SESSION*** for the purpose of discussing personnel. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Council left Regular Session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion 16: Liebenrood moved and Sievers seconded to return to ***REGULAR SESSION***. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

The Mayor presented information regarding ***personnel salary increases****. Full time employees $0.89 per hour plus $0.11 per hour longevity. Part-time employees should be given $0.50 per hour increase or amount that would equal minimum wage plus $0.50..*

Motion 17: Liebenrood moved and Sievers seconded to approve ***the 2023 personnel salary increases*** as follows:

Full-time Employees	**$0.89 per hour**	**$0.11 per hour longevity**
Part-time Employees	**$0.50 per hour above minimum wage**	

A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

REMINDERS:

Meals on Mondays – Doors open at 11:00 a.m. – Lunch is served at Noon
Next Food Give Away – Friday, January 13 – 10:30 a.m.
Office Closed – Monday, January 16th – Martin Luther King Day

Motion 18: Liebenrood moved and Ingram seconded to **adjourn**. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was dismissed at 8:37 p.m.

Khristina D Hollister

Khristina D. Hollister, City Clerk

Next Ordinance No. 1559-23

Bradley M Robinson

Bradley M. Robinson, Mayor

Next Resolution No. R457-23