CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 11, 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 7:01 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 (7:08 p.m.)
Curtis Oetjen	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
Rod Sievers	Alderman/Ward 1	Present

The Mayor declared a quorum present.

Present at the meeting were: Ron Rains, Fire Chief; Marvin Oetjen, Kamper Supply; Jeff Kurtz, Citizen Advisory Member; Steve Johnson, Citizen Advisory Member; Michael Flaningam, Police Chief; Ralph Graul, Building Inspector; Cindy Claunch, Ward 4 Alderman Elect; Michael Nilson, Citizen; Retia Watson, Citizen; David Wintz, Citizen; Devin Miller, Ward 2 Alderman Elect; and Janice McConnaughy, Citizen.

Motion 1: Emery moved and Ingram seconded to approve the minutes of the ***Regular Meeting of the Carterville City Council held March 14, 2023*** as presented. Roll call vote: Allsopp, yea; Edwards, yea; Emery, yea; Harness, yea; Ingram, yea; Oetjen, abstain; Sievers, yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 2: Allsopp moved and Emery seconded to approve the minutes of the ***Public Hearing for City of Carterville Electric Aggregation Plan*** on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Roll call vote: Allsopp, yea; Edwards, abstain; Emery, yea; Harness, abstain; Ingram, abstain; Oetjen, abstain; Sievers, abstain. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mark Carney, City Treasurer, presented the ***Treasurer's Report for March, 2023*** *with a total cash and investments of* ***$5,833,194.52.***

Motion 3: Emery moved and Sievers seconded to approve the ***Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2023***. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS – NO COMMENTS

Motion 4: Oetjen 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.

Tom Liebenrood arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Engineering Report -No Report (awaiting IDOT approval on MFT plan)

Departments/Committees

Cannon Park (Community Center) and James Street Park

Motion 5: Emery moved and Allsopp seconded to allow a ***fee waiver for use of the Community Center*** for the First Baptist Church Fish Fry Fundraiser for Chelsea Alderman on April 30, 2023. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Khrissy Hollister introduced a request from ***Cornerstone Church for construction of a GaGa Ball Pit*** *on May 6, 2023 at Cannon Park. Jerry Hampton has worked with the group to locate a place in Cannon Park. The church will construct and pay for this pit.*

Motion 6: Emery moved and Allsopp seconded to allow the ***Cornerstone Church*** to construct a ***GaGa Ball Pit*** at Cannon Park on May 6, 2023. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced a request from the Carterville Soccer Association for 100 tons of ***gravel for the parking area at Cannon Park*** *at a cost of approximately $1,000.00, which was approved with the bill listing. We also put* ***rock at James Street Park*** *for Tri-C Athletics.*

The Mayor asked about the purchase of ***Picnic Tables for Dent Street*** *Concession Stand (4 at $170.00 each or $680.00).* [Park Fund to be used]

Motion 7: Emery moved and Allsopp seconded to approve the ***purchase of four picnic tables*** for the Dent Street Concession Stand at a cost of $170.00 each (total of $680.00). All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor indicated that ***mulch for the playground equipment*** *is on the bill list at a cost of $2,390.00 for James Street Park and Cannon Park.*

Street and Maintenance Department

There was a request for replacement of four ***culverts on Pear/Bird Streets*** *at a cost of $2,605.68 to divert the water and alleviate the flooding/drainage problem on the street. We will install three 15" X 30' culverts and one 15"X 20' culvert.*

Motion 8: Liebenrood moved and Sievers seconded to approve the cost of four culverts for Pear/Bird at a cost of $2,605.68. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried. [Paid from Sanitation],

The Mayor introduced a proposal for ***the removal of damaged (six) trees on Laclede Street*** *that are on our right-of-way. Jerry Hampton solicited estimates for this work. The lowest price is Joe's Lawn Care at $1,200.00.*

Motion 9: Liebenrood moved and Emery seconded to approve the cost of ***removal of six trees on Laclede Street*** at a cost of $1,200.00 by Joe's Lawn Care. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Police Department

Chief Flaningam presented the following ***monthly report*** *for March 2023:*

- There were **150** ***Officer Calls*** for Service in March (case number generated)
- There were ***46 Officer Calls*** assisting other departments/jurisdictions in March
- ***11 Misdemeanors*** Committed / **4** ***Arrests***
- ***3 Felonies/0 Arrest***
- ***0 Drug Case / 1 Closed Cases***
- ***0 Code*** *Enforcement Cases/****5 Warrants***
- ***March 1 & 2*** *– Chief attended meetings in Effingham*
- ***March 20 & 21*** *– Chief attended MTU in Mt. Vernon*
- ***March 24*** *– C1, C3, & C8 Active Shooter Drill at SIH Cancer Center*
- ***ILETSB External Audit*** *- Passed*

The Mayor ***complimented the Carterville Police Department*** *for a job well-done by the Police Officers in their active shooter drill at the SIH Cancer Institute.*

The Mayor explained the purchase of a used ***2014 Ford Explorer Interceptor package*** *with 33,000 miles from Vic Koenig Chevrolet. This was reviewed by the department personnel. They offered to trade-in two Crown Victoria vehicles and an additional discount, which will reduce the cost to $13,900.00 for this police vehicle. We will have approximately$200.00 in addition for equipment and the vehicle will be used for the Police Chief. The Treasurer indicated he could use the balance of the Police Vehicle Fund and transfer the additional from Sanitation.*

Motion 10: Harness moved and Ingram seconded to confirm the purchase of a ***2014 Ford Explorer*** (with the trade of two Crown Victoria police Vehicles) at a cost of $13,900.00. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Fire Department – Ron Rains, Fire Chief

The monthly report for March: *there were* ***146 EMS*** *calls and* ***17 Fire Calls*** *for a monthly total of* ***163*** *incidences in March. There is a breakdown: Carterville 72; Crainville 18; Colp 14; Cambria, 32; and Hurst, 2; Unincorporated, 4; Lake of Egypt 1. Total calls to date are 478 (4/8/23).*

The Chief explained that the local departments are having ***Chief meetings*** *at local restaurants and Carterville will be hosting tomorrow at Turner's Table. We still have* ***several smoke detectors*** *available and last month we gave out nine and installed five. The* ***Marion Fire Ladder Truck that was donated to Carterville*** *is now in our possession. It is being housed at the Carterville High School garage right now as we are cleaning and lettering it for service. Chief Rains is planning to take the truck to JALC to demonstrate its use.*

Motion 11: Oetjen moved and Ingram seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointment of ***Clayton Craig*** as a Paramedic for the Carterville Fire Department. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Cemetery

The Mayor explained a proposed ***change in the cemetery ordinance*** *to make price changes. He gave current prices as:* ***$75.00 for grave opening; $300.00 for two graves; $600.00 for four graves; and $1000,00 for eight graves.***

Neighboring communities were priced as follows.

Herrin	*$500.00 for two graves*	*$1,000.00 for four graves*	*$2,000.00 for eight graves*
Carbondale:	*$450.00 for one grave*	*$1,600.00 for four graves*	*$3,000.00 for eight graves*
Blairsville:	*$300.00 per grave site*		

Riggin-Pillatsch recommended we change from $75.00 to $100.00 for grave opening and change the cost of a two grave lots from $300.00 to $450.00. The Cemetery Committee is recommending an increase of $200.00 for each increment: $500.00 for two graves, $800.00 for four graves and $1,200.00 for eight graves and $100.00 for the grave opening charge.

Motion 12: Emery moved and Harness seconded to increase the cemetery lot costs as follows.
Two Grave Lot $500.00 ***Four Grave Lot $800.00*** ***Eight Grave Lot $1,200.00***
Grave Opening Fee of $100.00
All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor explained we received only ***one bid for mowing the cemetery*** *from Chad Hicks with an increase from $2,450.00 to $2,950.00 per mowing.*

Motion 13: Emery moved and Allsopp seconded to ***contract with Chad Hicks*** for mowing at the City cemeteries at a cost of $2,950.00 per mow (one year contract with optional one year extension). A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Building Inspector – Ralph Graul

Motion 14: Emery moved and Allsopp seconded to approve ***ORDINANCE NO. 1560-23, AN ANNEXATION ORDINANCE FOR PROPERTY INDEX NO. 01-34-430-011 AND INDEX NO. 01-34-430-004 OWNED BY DENISE K. DIERCKS AT 210 SCOUT CABIN ROAD***. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 15: Emery moved and Oetjen seconded to approve the ***change in zoning for 210 Scout Cabin Road*** from R-1 to R-3. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor explained the need for a budget for the ***Downtown Sunset Series*** *which will now be held in the downtown area. We have local businesses who sponsor this event but we could set a small budget to cover event essentials.*

Motion 16: Sievers moved and Oetjen seconded to approve a ***budget*** of $500.00 for the ***Downtown Sunset Series***. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor asked about a budget for filling the **downtown flowerpots**. The recommendation was $650.00. Khrissy Hollister indicated it may not take all of this but it should cover costs.*

Motion 17: Sievers moved and Oetjen seconded to approve a budget of $650.00 for the ***Downtown Flowerpots.*** All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Curt Oetjen gave the ***Water and Sewer Board*** report as follows:

- *There were 220 **delinquent accounts** in the amount of $34,778.26 (Turned off 5)*
- ***Water Loss February:** 10,011,800 gallons sold / 11,168,673 gallons purchased (Loss of 1,156,873)*
- ***Water Loss March:** 10,288,950 gallons sold / 11,661.77 gallons purchased (Loss of 1,372,823)*
- ***Emergency repairs on East Grand Avenue** - $28,022 to line pipes/$17,840 to repair*
- *The Board approved going out for **bids on watermain** from Barr to Prentice (550') with engineering estimate at $95,186.00.*
- *The Board approved $3,250.00 for **fire hydrant at the Fire Station***
- *The Board approved $23,500.00 to **line part of the sewer line on Brown Street***
- *PSC expects to be out for bid by the end of April **for line and tank projects**. Hope to be ready by the end of July for EPA permits on new Sewer Plant*
- *The Board **approved Estimates No. 9 & 10** to PSC Engineering for $40,000,00 each on the Sewer Plant engineering*
- ***Leak Credits**: February: 5 for $500.32 March: 1 for $143.22* ***NO POOL CREDITS***
- ***The Board approved a change in bookkeeping to separate revenue and expenses for water and sewer funds***

REMINDERS:

***Spring Cleanup Days** – May 16-17 North and May 23-24 South (Regulations on Website)*
***Downtown Sunset Series** – TBA (2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month?)*

Tom Harness thanked the City of Carterville and John A. Logan College for their help with the painting and remodeling of the American Legion building at the Cemetery.

*Kamper's Supply will have their **48th Annual Open House** on May 5 and May 6.*

Motion 18: Harness moved and Emery seconded to **adjourn**. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was dismissed at 7:59 p.m.

Khristina D. Hollister

Khristina D. Hollister, City Clerk

Next Ordinance No. 1561-23

Bradley M. Robinson

Bradley M. Robinson, Mayor

Next Resolution No. R458-23