CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 13, 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	Absent
Mark Carney	City Treasurer	Present
Devin Miller	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
Phyllis Emery	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Teri Ingram	Alderman/Ward 3	Absent
John Allsopp	Alderman/Ward 3	Absent
Curt Oetjen	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
Cindy Claunch	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Rod Sievers	Alderman/Ward 1	Present
Bud Edwards	Alderman/Ward 1	Present

The Mayor declared a quorum present.

Present at the meeting were: Morgan Lentz, City Secretary; Ron Rains, Fire Chief, Ralph Graul, Building Inspector; Janice McConnaughy, Citizen; Marvin Oetjen, Kamper Supply; Retia Watson, Citizen; Michael and Nancy Nilson, Citizens; Tristen Houseworth, James Lawson, Morgan Gamble, Brandon Roland, and Jason Sheraden; Fire Department; Kelli Sheraden, Visitor; Nicole Rains, Visitor; Mary Stoner, Anne West Lyndsey Library; Harriet Mize, Chamber of Commerce; Billy Matthews, Citizen; and Steve Johnson, Citizen Advisory Committee Member.

Motion 1: Oetjen moved and Edwards seconded to approve the minutes of the ***City Council Regular Meeting of May 9, 2023***. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 2: Oetjen moved and Edwards seconded to approve the minutes of the ***City Council Special Meeting of May 18, 2023***. Roll call vote: Miller, yea; Emery, yea; Oetjen, yea Claunch, yea; Sievers, Abstain; Edwards, yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

***Teri Ingram**, Alderman/Ward 3, arrived at 7:02 p.m.*

Mark Carney, City Treasurer, presented the ***Treasurer's Report for May 2023*** *with a total cash and investments of* ***$5,693,048.93.***

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

Recognition of Guests

Mary Stoner, ***Director of Anne West Lyndsey Library****, congratulated the new Council members. She reported on negative comments being circulated regarding libraries and asked the Council to encourage citizens to ask questions from Library Staff before making conclusions or assumptions about the library..*

Harriet Mize, ***Director of Carterville Chamber of Commerce****, referenced her monthly report in Council packets and introduced the Business Resource Meet Up scheduled on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Carterville Community Center. Also, the Chamber has hired a secretary to replace Debbie who will start work on Wednesday.*

Motion 4: Edwards moved and Emery seconded to approve payment of the ***monthly bills*** as presented by the City Clerk. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Engineering Report

Donnie Smoot was unable to attend the meeting but the Mayor informed the Council survey crews will be in the area around the J. Spence building and Pantry to update topography for the Phase I parking project..

Departments/Committees

Cannon Park (Community Building) and James Street Park

The Mayor introduced a fee waiver request from the ***Egyptian Area Agency on Aging*** *for an in-agency workshop on August 31, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.*

Motion 5: Emery moved and Ingram seconded to approve a fee waiver for the Community Center for Egyptian Area Agency on Aging on August 31, 2023. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced a request for placement of a ***fence at James Street Park****. This was discussed in a committee meeting last week. The neighbor west of James Street Park reported problems with children getting into their yard, noise, and other issues. They asked if the City could install a fence. This would be approximately 200 feet of fencing at a cost of approximately $3,000.00. The neighbor indicated they were willing to consider sharing in the cost. The Council can proceed with an agreement or take it under advisement at this time. Alderman Oetjen indicated the neighbor could install their own fence to keep children from infringing on their property. Alderman Edwards indicated there is a large ditch that borders this part of the park.*
This issue died for lack of a motion.

Street/Maintenance Department

The Mayor introduced a request from Jerry Evans, Maintenance Department, to construct a ***temporary storage structure****. This would be a canvas covered, steel framed temporary building that will bolt into concrete. We have a contract in place to tear down the old storage building and discussions have been we would add a lean-to on the existing building and utilize the concrete pad this demolition will leave. This was presented to the Mayor after the Committee Meeting. Alderman Edwards asked what use we would have for a temporary structure of this type.*

Motion 6: Oetjen moved and Emery seconded to table a decision on the ***temporary structure for the Maintenance Department*** for further information. All present voted yea, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Police Department

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

- There were **161 *Officer Calls*** for Service in May (case number generated)
- There were ***43 Officer Calls*** assisting other departments/jurisdictions in May.
- ***20 Misdemeanors*** Committed /**6 *Arrests***
- ***4 Felonies/0 Arrest***
- ***0 Drug Case/3 Closed Cases***
- ***12 Code*** *Enforcement Cases/**2 Warrants***
- ***May 9 & 10*** *– MTU Training, Carbondale (C1 & C8) "Trauma Enforced Response"*
- ***May 15*** *– CPR Recertification*
- ***May 22 & 23*** *– MTU Training, Carbondale (C1) "Investigations"*
- ***May 10*** *– Major Case Squad Meeting, Carterville*

*Alderman Edwards asked Chief Flaningam for a **list of traffic violation tickets**.*

*Chief Flaningam indicated annual membership fees for **Southern Illinois Enforcement Group** are due on July 1, 2023. Membership fees are based on 2020 census figures for a total of $8,772.00. This is a drug enforcement group but it does investigate other criminal infractions related to drug enforcement.*

Motion 7: Oetjen moved and Edwards seconded to approve payment of $8,772.00 to ***Southern Illinois Enforcement Group*** for membership fees from July 2, 2023 to June 30, 2024. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Fire Department

*Chief Ron Rains gave the monthly **report for May 2023**: **117 EMS Calls; 19 Fire Calls; Total calls for the year at 737.** The Chief explained there were several second-graders who came to the Fire Station on field trips during May. There were also 50 students from Malones that toured the Fire Station in May. Chief Rains attended the Fire Chief's meeting in Marion. The department is repurposing Engine 902 and they recouped $1,200 from CIMCO for recycling that will pay for the metal work. Therefore, the metal work on Engine 902 will be completed this month.*

Chief Ron Rains *gave a moving speech as he **retires** from the City of Carterville Fire Department at the end of June 2023. He thanked the Council and Khrissy Hollister for their support and friendship. The crowd applauded. Mayor Robinson stated that Ron was the perfect person at the perfect time, we were blessed to hire him when we did, and no one else could have done the job he did. The Mayor stated he is eternally grateful..*

Codes Enforcement/Building Inspector

The Mayor asked the Council to confirm the appointment of Rick Ellet as Codes Enforcement Officer.

Motion 8: Emery moved and Edwards seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointment of ***Rick Ellet as Codes Enforcement Officer*** for the City of Carterville. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The **Chamber of Commerce 5K Run/Walk** was discussed. The path was presented to the Chiefs of Police and Fire, with no objections. The City Council needs to approve the use of staff/equip. for this event.*

Motion 9: Oetjen moved and Miller seconded to authorize the use of City personnel for the Chamber ***5K Run/Walk*** in September. All present voted yea (except Teri Ingram who abstained) and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor asked for confirmation of his appointment of Morgan Lentz as Office Assistant at City Hall. Retia retired December 15, 2022 and she occasionally comes in to visit, but we had to replace the position. The interviews were conducted by the Finance and Operations Committee.

Motion 10: Oetjen moved and Edwards seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointment of ***Morgan Lentz as Office Assistant*** at City Hall. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor introduced proposals for the **Independence Day Celebration**. The first proposal is the use of vendors. **Arabesque Dance Studio** would like to sell items in the parking lot and **Downtown Dip** would like to open their trailer at the other end of the parking lot at Cannon Park.*

Motion 11: Sievers moved and Miller seconded to allow **Arabesque Dance Studio and Downtown Dip** to sell items in the Cannon Park parking lot on Independence Day. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*There is a proposal from Michael Nilson to allow him to shoot **foam rockets** about 100 feet in the air with compressed air. Mr. Nilson would like an area for kids to purchase a rocket, decorate the rocket and launch it with the air launcher system.*

Motion 12: Emery moved and Oetjen seconded to ***authorize the use of foam rockets*** for the Independence Day Celebration. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor presented a proposal for the addition of a **parade for July 4th** in the evening before the fireworks display.*

Motion 13: Emery moved and Miller seconded to approve the ***parade for July 4th*** evening. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried. *(Chief Flaningam will be on the planning committee).*

*The Mayor presented an ordinance amending the **Alcoholic Liquor licensing regulations** affecting the hours of operation on Sundays to reflect the same hours as other days of the week. This change was requested by the Golf Course so they could sell liquor to golfers on Sunday mornings. The Liquor Advisory Board has not had a chance to review this change. Therefore, on the advice of our attorney, we can approve this change pending an opinion from the Liquor Advisory Board*

Motion 14: Oetjen moved and Miller seconded to pass ***ORDINANCE NO. 1564-23, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARTERVILLE REVISING AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1306-11 AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS AMENDING SAID ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF CARTERVILLE, ILLINOIS, REGULATING THE LICENSING OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR***. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor presented the **Budget Resolution and Income Statement** for review and approval. The Appropriation Ordinance will be read aloud this evening and approved after a public hearing at a Special Meeting.*

Motion 15: Emery moved and Sievers seconded to approve ***RESOLUTION R458-23, BUDGET AND REVENUE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARTERVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.*** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 16: Emery moved and Ingram seconded to approve the ***2023-2024 INCOME STATEMENT*** as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor read aloud the **2023-24 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**. This will be approved after the public hearing at a Special Meeting. The figures in this ordinance are extremely inflated as we cannot spend money that has not been appropriated.*

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

- *There were 126 **delinquent accounts** in the amount of $24,897.66 (Shut off only one account)*
- ***Water Loss: May:** Sold 12,754,280 gallons / Purchased 15,942,564 for a loss of 3,188,284. We had four large leaks this month*
- *The Board approved up to $14,000.00 to **replace 900 feet of 4" line** from Shawnee Trail to the back of Pin Oak with 6" line. This is the last non-plastic line on Shawnee Trail.*
- *The Board approved $950.00 for a **brush for the bar screen**.*
- *The Board approved $3,179.00 for **80 tiles** for the drying beds*
- *The Board approved trying a new **odor control system** on Pea Ridge Lift Station which also should help East Grand Avenue lift station*
- *The **bid opening for tanks and water main** will be held June 21st at 2:00 p.m.*
- *The Board approved **Invoice #11 to PSC Engineering** in the amount of $40,000.00*
- ***Leak Credits**: 2 for $97.23 and 23 Pool Credit for $913.46*

Motion 17: Oetjen moved and Ingram seconded to move to ***EXECUTIVE SESSION*** for the purpose of discussing possible litigation, possible acquisition of property, and personnel. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council left at 7:56 p.m.

Motion 18: Emery moved and Sievers seconded to return to ***REGULAR SESSION***. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

Motion 19: Emery moved and Oetjen seconded to approve the ***appointment of Jason Sheraden*** as the new Carterville Fire Chief effective July 1, 2023 per the contract presented. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 20: Sievers moved and Ingram seconded to approve the 60-day temporary ***appointment of Morgan Gamble*** as Full-Time FF/Paramedic effective July 1, 2023. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

REMINDERS:

Downtown Sunset Concert Series – 2nd and 4th Thursdays June through October

Motion 21: Emery moved and Miller seconded to **adjourn**. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was dismissed at 8:40 p.m.

Khristina D. Hollister, City Clerk

Next Ordinance No. 1565-23

Bradley M. Robinson, Mayor

Next Resolution No. R459-23