CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 14, 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: Jason Sheraden, Assistant Fire Chief (and Lucas); Jeff Kurtz, Citizen Advisory Member; Steve Johnson, Citizen Advisory Member; Michael Flaningam, Police Chief; Ralph Graul, Building Inspector; Heather Hays, Camille Roth, Chloe Roth and several other Girl Scouts; Christie Mitchell, The Courier; Cindy Claunch, Ward 4 Candidate; Billy Mathews, Ward 1 Candidate; Lori and Justin Lawrence and Donald and Janet Lawrence, Ozark, IL; Michael and Nancy Nilson, Citizens; and Janice McConnaughy, Citizen.

Motion 1: Edwards moved and Emery seconded to approve the minutes of the ***Regular Meeting of the Carterville City Council held February 14, 2023*** 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 February, 2023** with a total cash and investments of **$6,148,020.96.***

Motion 2: Liebenrood moved and Sievers seconded to approve the ***Treasurer's Report for the month of February, 2023***. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor introduced a **Proclamation for Girl Scout Week**. He read the Proclamation aloud which declared the week of **March 12-18, 2023** as **Girl Scout Week** in Carterville. A representative accepted the signed Proclamation from the Mayor and a picture was taken of the group.*

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Justin Lawrence, Heartland Saddle Club, Ozark, IL, asked that the City support their effort to stop the changes being proposed for ***Shawnee National Forest****. Nearly one million people visit the Shawnee annually, including hunters, campers, horseback riders, and sightseers. A group of activists are pushing to change the Shawnee National Forest into a National Park in an effort to combat climate change. In National Parks, pets are mostly prohibited or extremely restricted as is hunting and horseback riding. Also, National Parks have fees, passes and other restrictions. The group is asking for a Resolution or a Letter of Support asking that the Shawnee National Forest be maintained as it is now. Several legislators are supporting this effort, including Representative Mike Bost and Williamson County Commissioner Marlow. Mr. Lawrence left materials for duplication to the Council members.*

Motion 3: Sievers moved and Emery 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 -No Report

Departments/Committees

Street and Maintenance Department

The Street Superintendent and the Maintenance Superintendent are proposing a ***trade-in of existing equipment toward the purchase of a 2021 Ford New Holland Tractor.*** *The actual cost of the tractor is $57,800.00 but with the trade-in of the 1998 Ford Tractor (City), a Case Tractor Loader Backhoe (City), a Ford Tractor Loader Backhoe (W/S) and a Case 460 trencher (W/S) the cost would be $6,800.00 for this tractor. The City and Water and Sewer Department are both in agreement with this trade and we may ask the Water and Sewer Board to split the cost. The vendor offering this proposal is H & R Agri-Power, Benton, IL.*

Motion 4: Liebenrood moved and Harness seconded to approve the trade-in and purchase of the ***2021 New Holland Tractor Loader*** at a cost of $6,800.00 from H & R Agri-Power (*with the trade-in of 1998 Ford Tractor, a Case Tractor Loader Backhoe, a Ford Tractor Loader Backhoe and a Case 460 trencher)*. 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 Street and Maintenance for trade-in and purchase of ***two new Grasshopper Lawn Mowers****. The low quote is $14,000.00 with trade-in of two Grasshopper mowers from H & R Agri-Power in Benton, IL.*

Motion 5: Liebenrood moved and Edwards seconded to approve the trade-in and purchase of ***two Grasshopper mowers*** for Street Department at a cost of $14,000.00 from H & R Agri-Power. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried. [Paid from Sanitation]

Police Department

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

- There were **139** ***Officer Calls*** for Service in February (case number generated)
- There were ***36 Officer Calls*** assisting other departments/jurisdictions in February.
- ***7 Misdemeanors*** Committed / **2** ***Arrests***
- ***3 Felonies/1 Arrest***
- ***0 Drug Case/2 Closed Cases***
- ***2 Code*** *Enforcement Cases/****2 Warrants***
- ***February 7*** *– Chief attended the MTU meeting in Mt. Vernon*
- ***February 16 & 17*** *– Chief attended a conference in Mt. Vernon on Death Investigation*
- ***February 24*** *– Chief attended the MTU Class in Carbondale*

Motion 6: Harness moved and Ingram seconded to formally approve the purchase of the ***2019 Ford Explorer Squad Car*** at a cost of $19,695. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 7: Emery moved and Ingram seconded to formally approve the purchase of ***installed equipment for the 2019 Ford Explorer Squad Car*** at a cost of $9,995. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 8: Harness moved and Allsopp seconded to approve the purchase of the ***Radio, Vinyl Striping and Sirennet Equipment*** for the 2019 Ford Explorer at a cost of $1,364.79. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor asked that the ***two Motorola UHF Radios*** *from the 2019 Ford Explorer be considered surplus property so they can be placed in auction.*

Motion 9: Harness moved and Ingram seconded to declare the ***two Motorola UHF Radios*** installed in the 2019 Ford Explorer as surplus property for disposal. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Chief Flaningam ***thanked Jacob Pendley*** *for locating the 2019 Ford Explorer.*

Fire Department – Jason Sheraden, Assistant Fire Chief

The monthly report for February: *there were* ***125 EMS*** *calls and* ***19 Fire Calls*** *for a monthly total of* ***139*** *incidences in February. There is a breakdown: Carterville 72; Crainville 19; Colp 8; Cambria, 18; and Hurst, 6. Total calls to date are 318.*

The Mayor introduced a request for ***equipment for the incoming Ladder Truck*** *donated by Marion. The current estimated cost is $6,901.00, but the Committee indicated this cost should be an up-to/ not to exceed $10,000.00.*

Motion 10: Emery moved and Allsopp seconded to purchase needed ***equipment for the incoming Ladder Truck*** at a cost not to exceed $10,000.00. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Jason Sheraden explained the request for **Rapid Intervention Tech Training** for Brandon Roland at an estimated cost of $1,086.00 for tuition, per diem, and housing. This was discussed in committee and it was suggested we approve up to $1,200.00.*

Motion 11: Ingram moved and Emery seconded to approve the cost of the ***Rapid Intervention Tech Training for Brandon Roland*** at a cost not to exceed $1,200.00. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 12: Emery moved and Allsopp seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointment of ***Aaron Wyant*** to Firefighter/EMT for the Carterville Fire Department. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 13: Liebenrood moved and Edwards seconded to confirm the Mayor's appointment of **Brandon Overton** to Paramedic for the Carterville Fire Department. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Cemetery

*The Mayor introduced a proposal for the **addition of a row of two space lots** on the north end of Willowrest Cemetery. This was discussed in committee and there is a need for this expansion of two-grave lots.*

Motion 14: Emery moved and Allsopp to ***expand the Willowrest Cemetery*** on the north end to include two-grave lots. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Building Inspector – Ralph Graul

*Ralph Graul explained a request from **Denise K. Diercks** for annexation of her two lots at 210 Scout Cabin Road as R-3. We will need to schedule a hearing to change the zoning from R-1 to R-3 so she will be permitted to install a double-wide manufactured home. She is replacing a single-wide manufactured home. There is an alley between her two parcels. The next hearing date is 15 minutes before the next meeting.*

Motion 15: Liebenrood moved and Emery seconded to schedule a ***Rezoning Hearing at 6:45 pm on April 11 for Denise K. Diercks*** at 210 Scout Cabin Road. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The budget for the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was discussed. The date is Saturday, April 1, 2023 at Cannon Park. This is a joint project with McDonald's and other businesses that help with financial and physical assistance. The City generally provides $500.00 for this event.*

Motion 16: Harness moved and Liebenrood seconded to approve a budget of $500.00 for the ***Easter Egg Hunt*** on April 1, 2023 at Cannon Park. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The **Fireworks for July 4th** was discussed. We need to set a date and a budget for this event. Last year the cost was over $12,000.00 and the estimate for this year is approximately the same (Not to exceed $13,000.00). We may change the date of the Committee Meetings in July to Monday, July 3rd.*

Motion 17: Harness moved and Liebenrood seconded to schedule the ***Fireworks on July 4th*** (with an alternate date of July 5th) and allocate up to $13,000.00 for the purchase of fireworks. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor introduced a Resolution for the **2023 MFT General Maintenance Program** at a cost of $491,585.31. Donnie Smoot did a breakdown of materials and streets. The program includes Oil & Chip (pump house road); Culverts; Salt; Rock; Bam/Concrete; Zimmerman Street Sewer & Alt #1; Striping; Tippit Street and Eaton Street repair and resurface; 2600' of Sycamore Road; 600' of Greenbriar Road; and 1600' of Hafer Road.*

Motion 18: Liebenrood moved and Sievers seconded to approve ***RESOLUTION NO. R457-23, A RESOLUTION TO ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY GENERAL MAINTENANCE ESTIMATE OF MAINTENANCE COSTS.*** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

There is ***NO Water and Sewer Board report*** as Alderman Oetjen is not present.

Motion 19: Liebenrood moved and Allsopp seconded to move to ***EXECUTIVE SESSION*** for the purpose of discussing personnel and the possible acquisition of property. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.7:56 P.M.

Motion 20: Edwards moved and Liebenrood seconded to return to ***REGULAR SESSION.*** All present voted yea and the Council reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

*Allocation of remaining **ARPA Funds** was discussed. The Council would like to allocate $800.00 gross (including City portion of payroll taxes) for Full-time personnel and $276.00 gross (including City portion of payroll taxes) for Part-time personnel with the remainder of the ARPA funds going to the Water and Sewer Department for needed repairs [all projects must be approved by the Water and Sewer Board and City Council].*

Moton 21: Allsopp moved and Edwards seconded to allocate a portion of the ***ARPA funds*** for a bonus for essential employees as stated above and use the remaining funds for Water and Sewer Department needed repairs *(projects to be approved by both Water and Sewer Board and City Council).* A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 22: Harness moved and Liebenrood seconded to approve up to $15,000.00 for the ***purchase of Parcel 05-02-352-011*** and authorize the Mayor to execute the sale as stated. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

REMINDERS:

American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State – *Week-long Government/Civic Activity*
Easter Egg Hunt - *Cannon Park – April 1st*
Carterville Municipal Election – *April 4th*
Spring Cleanup Days – *May 16-17 North and May 23-24 South*
AGE Public Hearing – Electrical Agrégation – *Thursday, March 30th 6:30 p.m.*
Carterville Community Center

Motion 23: Edwards moved and Liebenrood seconded to **adjourn**. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was dismissed at 8:43 p.m.

Khristina D. Hollister, City Clerk

Next Ordinance No. 1560-23

Bradley M. Robinson, Mayor

Next Resolution No. R458-23