CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 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	Absent
Teri Ingram	Alderman/Ward 3	Present
Tom Liebenrood	Alderman/Ward 4	Absent
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, Ralph Graul, Building Inspector Janice McConnaughy, Citizen; Marvin Oetjen, Kamper Supply; Retia Watson, Retired Secretary/Bookkeeper; Cindy Claunch, Alderman Elect/Ward 4 and husband, Ed Claunch; Devin Miller, Alderman Elect/Ward 2 (and family); Michael and Nancy Nilson, Citizens; Poncho Stennett, Developer; Marty Hagan and Charlie Hagan, Tristan Houseworth, James Lawson, Morgan Gamble, Jason Sheraden and son (Lucas), Fire Department; Ronda Robinson, Citizen.

Motion 1: Oetjen moved and Allsopp seconded to approve the minutes of the ***City Council Regular Meeting of April 11, 2023***. 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 April 2023** with a total cash and investments of **$5,867,989.25**.*

Motion 2: Emery moved and Allsopp seconded to approve the ***April 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 – No Comments

Motion 3: Oetjen 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.

Motion 4: Allsopp moved and Emery seconded to have a **RECESS** for installation of new elected officials. All present voted yea and the recess began at 7:07 p.m.

*Khristina Hollister, City Clerk, gave the **Oath of Office** to Rod Sievers, Alderman/Ward 1; Devin Miller, Alderman/Ward 2; Teri Ingram, Alderman/Ward 3; and Cindy Millard Claunch, Alderman/Ward 4.*

*The group then went to the back of the office to view the **new Fire Department Ladder Truck** that was donated by the City of Marion.*

Motion 5: Allsopp moved and Emery seconded to reopen the **Regular Session** of the City Council. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the session was reopened at 7:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

John Allsopp	Alderman/Ward 3	Present
Cindy Millard Claunch	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
William Edwards	Alderman/Ward 1	Present
Phyllis Emery	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Teri Ingram	Alderman/Ward 3	Present
Devin Miller	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
Curtis Oetjen	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
Rod Sievers	Alderman/Ward 1	Present

Engineering Report – No Report

Departments/Committees

Cannon Park (Community Building) and James Street Park

*Cornerstone Church and the Christian Covenant Church (group called Kingdom Builders) with the help our Garry Wiggs, Jerry Hampton and City staff, completed construction of the **GaGa Ball Court at Cannon Park**. Thanks to Alderman Miller for using his drone to get pictures of the court.*

*The Mayor introduced a request for a **Pickle Ball Court** at Cannon Park. The concrete pad that was installed by John A. Logan's Construction Trades program is the right size to accommodate a Pickle Ball Court. The Library staff offered to keep both GaGa and Pickle Ball equipment for checkout at the Library.*

Motion 6: Emery moved and Ingram seconded to approve a budget of $600.00 for the ***Pickle Ball Court*** to be constructed at Cannon Park. All present voted yea, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor introduced a grant application for an updated **James Street Park Concessions and Handicapped Accessible Restrooms**. If this grant is approved, the City would have to expend the funds for this project and would be reimbursed from 75% to 90% of the cost. The Mayor indicated we are estimating that the cost will be up to $400,000.00 and our portion would be $100,000.00 or less. We need tentative approval from the Council to continue to write the grant.*

Motion 7: Sievers moved and Edwards seconded to approve the initiation of an application for a new ***Concession Stand and Bathrooms at James Street Park***. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Street/Maintenance Department

*The Mayor gave an update on the **Community Sign** at the corner of Division and Grand. The pole at this corner must be removed which will eliminate the overhead blinking red light at this intersection. We may want to install some decorative poles for the stop signs with a led lighting system. Jerry Hampton and Khristina Hollister are working on pricing and availability for stop sign enhancements. The Mayor explained the need for a motion to remove the pole at the corner of Division and Grand. There will be a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce Sign Committee in the near future. The Harrison-Bruce Foundations are contributing to the cost of the new sign. Alderman Oetjen suggested the Council wait for future plans before installing new stop signs.*

Motion 8: Sievers moved and Oetjen seconded to authorize the ***removal of the pole at Division and Grand*** which will eliminate the blinking red light at this intersection. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced a proposal for demolition of a post frame building at the Street Department. We have an estimate for demolition from B. C. Contracting in the amount of $6,500.00. The large concrete pad, electrical service and gas service will remain.

Motion 9: Oetjen moved and Allsopp seconded to approve the demolition of a post frame building at the Street Department by B. C. Contracting at a cost of $6,500.00. 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 April 2023:*

- There were **133** ***Officer Calls*** for Service in April (case number generated)
- There were ***30 Officer Calls*** assisting other departments/jurisdictions in April.
- ***16 Misdemeanors*** Committed / **0** ***Arrests***
- ***6 Felonies/1 Arrest***
- ***0 Drug Case/4 Closed Cases***
- ***15 Code*** *Enforcement Cases/**0 Warrants***
- ***April 12*** *– Major Case Squad Meeting @ Herrin (C1)*
- ***April 20*** *– SIEG Meeting @ Energy (C1 & C8)*

*Chief Flaningam **thanked the Council for the purchase of the used police vehicle**. He is using this as his squad car.*

Fire Department

The Mayor explained a request for benefit time pay for James Lawson who wants to be paid for two additional weeks of his vacation.

Motion 10: Emery moved and Ingram seconded to allow payment of ***three total weeks of vacation pay (120 hours) for James Lawson***. All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Chief Ron Rains explained the **monthly report.** In April there were **106** EMS calls and **11** Fire Calls for a monthly total of **130**. Total calls to date are 617 as of 5/8/23.*

Chief Rains asked about the replacement of five ***garage door openers*** *at a cost of approximately $1,700 per door. Bay doors 4-8 need to be upgraded.*

Motion 11: Oetjen moved and Allsopp seconded to approve up to $9,000.00 for ***replacement of five garage door openers*** at the Fire Station. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Chief Rains explained a proposal to ***repurpose Unit 902****. The improvements to this truck will cost approximately $20,000.00 for the electronic controls on the ladder (we are not allowed by OSHA to let anyone access the ladder on this truck). This could be kept as a reserve engine but we will have to remove the boom to use it as an engine. The existing reserve engine is a 1987 and can only facilitate two firefighters.*

Motion 12: Edwards moved and Emery seconded to authorize the Fire Department to ***repurpose Aerial 902*** by removing the boom and converting to an engine. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Chief Rains mentioned ***Morgan Gamble*** completed his Paramedic Training and ***Brandon Roland*** is attending Rapid Intervention Training. He also stated local Fire Departments are having a ***Chief's meeting*** monthly, and he is participating.

Cemetery

There is nothing on the agenda for the cemetery, but in case there are questions, we have had a problem with the mowing and reclamation at the cemetery. There were over 30 graves that were leveled, seeded, netted, strawed, etc. that were destroyed by the mowers. The Mayor will address this issue with Mr. Hicks in the morning.

Codes Enforcement/Building Inspector – No Updates

Motion 13: Oetjen moved and Emery seconded to table a decision on the ***façade improvement for 114/116 S. Division.*** All present voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The subject of outdoor ***power installation*** *on the northwest corner of the* ***Pantry Building*** *to service the empty lot (Create-A-Smile demolition) was discussed. We have an estimate for this installation from Pulley Electric at a cost of $1,378.00.*

Motion 14: Oetjen moved and Emery seconded to approve ***the outdoor power installation at the northwest corner of the pantry building*** (with confirmation of exterior breaker access). 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 for reappointment of ***Khristina Hollister to the Fire Pension Board***. All present voted yea, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced the ***annual REDCO pledge****. The annual pledge is the result of the initial borrowed investment for the REDCO Industrial Park of $1.2 million. The recent sale of property to AISIN for $990,000.00 will be used to reduce the principle. Payoff time moved from 20 years to 3 years on this loan.*

Motion 16: Emery moved and Sievers seconded to pay the ***annual pledge to REDCO*** in the amount of $8,500.00. Roll call vote: Sievers, yea; Oetjen, no; Miller, yea; Claunch, yea; Emery, yea; Edwards, no; Ingram, yea; Allsopp, yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced the proposal and ordinance for an ***increase in the Water and Garbage rates****. There were annual changes in the Rend Lake Intercity Water System billing and we were asked to allow a yearly contract. However, the Board refused to do this. We are still on a five-year contract and their increase is $0.11 per 1,000 gallons of water. The Republic contract is increasing again and we are asking for an increase of 80% of that Republic increase.*

Motion 17: Oetjen moved and Allsopp seconded to approve ***ORDINANCE NO. 1561-23, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PRIOR ORDINANCE NO. 1548-22 AND REVISING ESTABLSIED WATER RATES, SEWER RATES AND GARBAGE RATES.*** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced the two tax abatement ordinances for ***General Obligation Bonds 2015*** *(Water/Sewer Bonds paid with revenue) and the* ***2015A Bonds*** *(City paid by Gas Tax funds).*

Motion 18: Oetjen moved and Edwards seconded to approve ***ORDINANCE NO 1562-23, 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 BONS, 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.

Moton 19: Emery moved and Sievers seconded to approve ***ORDINANCE NO. 1563-23, 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 Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion 20: Allsopp moved and Ingram seconded to move to ***EXECUTIVE SESSION*** for the purpose of discussing possible litigation and possible sale of property. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council left at 8:10 p.m.

Motion 21: Allsopp moved and Claunch seconded to return to ***REGULAR SESSION***. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Motion 22: Edwards moved and Oetjen seconded to move forward on the ***sale of the Downtown Dining property (west half of PIN #05-02-360-017)*** for a verbal offer of $10,000.00. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

- *There were 195* ***delinquent accounts*** *in the amount of $35,176.26 (as of today we had 13 shutoffs and 8 customers are still off).*
- ***Water Loss: April:*** *Sold 11,918,880 gallons / Rend Lake bill not available at time of meeting*
- *The Board approved the purchase of* ***a 2" trash pump*** *for $1,240.71 for decanting the digesters.*
- *The Board approved the purchase of* ***four filter cloths*** *for $11,978.00 to replace cloths on the filter and $5,500.00 to remove the roof of filter room in order to install them.*
- *The Board approved* ***water rate increases***
- *There was a 90-degree slip joint blew apart going to Woodlake near the Golf Course and they were without water until Friday afternoon*
- *Leak Credits: 5 for $181.70 and 7 Pool Credit for $269.47*

REMINDERS:

City-Wide Cleanup *– North (May 17-18) South (May 24-25)*
Downtown Sunset Concert Series – 2nd and 4th Thursdays June through October
Food Drive – Cannon Park – Friday, May 12th

Motion 23: Sievers moved and Ingram seconded to **adjourn**. All present voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was dismissed at 8:58 p.m.

Khristina Hollister

Khristina D. Hollister, City Clerk

Next Ordinance No. 1564-23

Bradley M. Robinson

Bradley M. Robinson, Mayor

Next Resolution No. R458-23