

CITY OF CARTERVILLE, MISSOURI

STATED REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

Mayor reads apology letter regarding his interview with KZRG about the State Audit at 5:55pm to citizens and council.

Invocation: Matt McGuirk

- 1) **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – Mayor Alan Griffin calls the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – Dwayne Cupp, Vanessa Summers-Norton, Dalyn Waite, Warren Myers, Devin Keeling, Judy Martin, Cody Franks, Brenda Cupp.
City Attorney – Derek Snyder
City Employees – Jon Cook, JuLinda Deither, Chief Clinton Worley
- 3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4) **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST AGENDA** – Judy Martin makes a motion to accept the amended agenda. Dalyn Waite 2nd the motion with council in agreement.
Motion passed.
- 5) **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES** – Judy Martin makes a motion to accept the council minutes from regular meetings July 14, 2026, and Special meeting July 20, 2026. Vanessa Summers-Norton 2nd the motion with council in agreement.
Motion passed.
- 6) **OLD BUSINESS** —
 - a) **COUNCIL BILL 26-08 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**— Dalyn Waite makes a motion to have the 2nd reading by title only of Council Bill 26-08. Devin Keeling 2nd the motion with Council in agreement. Motion passed.
JuLinda Deither reads Council Bill 26-08 by title only.
Devin Keeling makes a motion to accept Council Bill 26-08. Judy Martin 2nd the motion with Council in agreement.
Motion passed.
 - b) **COUNCIL BILL 26-09 NO PARKING ON POPLAR STREET** –Vanessa Summers-Norton makes a motion to table Council Bill 26-09 until the next meeting so more research can be done on the homes without parking at the front of the property. Dalyn Waite 2nd the motion with Council in agreement.
Motion passed.
 - c) **COUNCIL BILL 26-10 MOVE TO IEBC & IBC 2018 PROVISIONS** – Devin Keeling makes a motion to have the 2nd reading by title only of Council Bill 26-10. Dalyn Waite 2nd the motion with Council in agreement. Motion passed.
JuLinda Deither reads Council Bill 26-10 by title only.
Devin Keeling Makes a motion to accept Council Bill 26-10. Judy Martin 2nd the motion with Council in agreement.
Motion passed.
 - d) **COUNCIL BILL 26-11 PARK COMMITTEE AMENDMENT** – Devin Keeling makes a motion to amend Council Bill 26-11 to include that the Chair must be a resident of the city, change own a business inside the City limits to say own or operate a business from an established commercial location within the City limits and add that members of the committee must not be in arrears on any personal property or real property taxes. Dewayne Cupp 2nd the motion with Council in agreement.
Motion passed.
Devin Keeling makes a motion to have the 2nd reading by title only of amended Council Bill 26-11. Brenda Cupp 2nd the motion with Council in agreement. Motion passed.
JuLinda Deither reads Council Bill 26-11 by title only.

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7) VISITORS –

- a) **LONDA SUMMERS**—Spoke before Council Bill 26-09 No Parking on Poplar Street was discussed. She stated 3 of the properties she built on that street only have parking in back, leaving no spot for a visitor to park.
- b) **STEVE TANDY**—Asked for the resignation of Mayor Griffin, Chief Worley, both Ward 4 Council Members, and the City Attorney.
- c) **TOM PARKS**—Stated that he has been happy with the town for the most part until the State Audit was received. He would like a tally of the missing money and feels like there were a handful of people treating it like their personal finances.
- d) **ANDY MARTIN**—Wants four areas to be focused on. 1. Water and Sewer Fund 2. Spending above budgeted amounts 3. Water Loss 4. City vehicle use.

8) NEW BUSINESS –

- a) **COUNCIL BILL 26-14 OPEN RECORDS POLICY AMENDMENT (SUNSHINE LAW)** – Dalyn Waite makes a motion to have the 1st reading by title only of Council Bill 26-14. Devin Keeling 2nd the motion with Council in agreement. Motion passed. JuLinda Deither reads Council Bill 26-14 by title only. Devin Keeling makes a motion to accept 1st reading of Council Bill 26-14. Warren Myers 2nd the motion with Council in agreement. Motion passed.
- b) **DISCUSSION OF NUISANCE CODE IMPROVEMENTS** – Vanessa Summers-Norton asks how the Council, City Administrator and Chief of Police can work together on improving nuisance codes. Chief Worley explains that the code is vague using words like rubbish without clear definitions. The Mayor suggests Council and staff look at other cities to see how their nuisance codes read and bring ideas to the Work Session.
- c) **JUDY MARTIN LATE PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE** – Judy Martin requests the City reimburse her \$347 for the Missouri Ethics Commission fine for failure to complete her Personal Financial Disclosure on time, stating she feels it was the city staff that should have made sure it was completed by her on time. Vannessa Summers-Norton makes motion to table the request until the next meeting and asks the City Clerk to bring proof of the emails to Judy. Devin Keeling 2nd the motion with Council in agreement. Motion passed.
- d) **DISCUSSION OF WORK SESSION DATE AND TIME** – General consensus was to have a Work Session on September 1st, 2026 at 6 p.m. to discuss nuisance code improvements and possibly other concerns.

- 9) **COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Dalyn Waite presented a PowerPoint presentation to City Council of the finances from the previous month. Cindy Myers spoke of closing the street in front of the park for the Halloween event. Planning and Zoning could not have a formal meeting as City Hall was locked.

- 10) **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Jon presented a PowerPoint presentation to City Council and Citizens of Carterville regarding the State Audit. The presentation showed how the State Auditors arrived at their numbers and why they differed from the Independent Auditors numbers. He also emphasized the need for clear policies and appropriate oversight to prevent these issues from occurring again in the future. “We cannot change the conditions of the records we inherited, but we can control how honestly we address them, how diligently we correct them, and how responsibly we move forward.” Carterville is worth the work.

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- 11) **ADJOURNMENT** – Devin Keeling makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vanessa Summers-Norton 2nd the motion with Council in agreement.

Yeas-8 Nays-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Mayor Alan Griffin

Date:

JuLinda Deither, City Clerk