

**TOWN OF CARTHAGE
APPEARANCE COMMITTEE—SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2026
5:30 P.M.**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Members of the committee may add or remove items on the agenda. A majority vote or unanimous consent is required before proceeding with the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. REPORTS

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Holiday Decorations Discussion

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Continue discussion on request to install a planter and bench in front of the Tyson Sinclair building.

7. FINAL COMMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Meetings are held in the Board Room inside the McDonald Building
located at 207 McReynolds Street.**

MEMORANDUM TO THE APPEARANCE COMMITTEE

FROM: Emily Yopp, Town Manager

DATE: October 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Request to Install a Replacement Planter and Bench In Front of Tyson Sinclair Building



This is a follow-up to the discussion held at the August 10 and September 29th 2026, APC meeting.

Two motions were made at the August meeting on this matter:

- 1. That the committee price out some benches to replace the one that was damaged and vote on the matter at the September meeting.*
- 2. That a concrete planter would be installed in the area and planted by the committee around the September/October timeframe to avoid summer heat.*

To the left is an image of the bench design that was selected for the downtown revitalization effort for the

committee's consideration if they would like to keep inline with the anticipated design of the downtown area upon completion. Manufactured by DuMor, this bench would need to be ordered from a dealer of DuMor products. Estimated cost is \$1,000+.

The committee should revisit this matter and discuss next steps.

Update from September 29, 2026 Meeting:

Committee members in attendance discussed this item again. There were concerns expressed about other requests for benches in front of businesses if this request is honored. Ashley Coates is supportive of the bench and thinks a small plaque showing that it was purchased by the Appearance Committee would be helpful to bring attention to the APC and show that it is town-owned. Commercial quality benches are anywhere from \$500-\$1,000 each. There are plans in the Carthage Downtown Revitalization plan to put benches and seating walls around downtown so this bench may need to be relocated in the future. After discussion, Ashley Coates motioned to table the matter to the next meeting. Pam O'Connor seconded the motion. All ayes, 3-0. Item will be discussed at October 6, 2026, committee meeting.



Lee Chriscoe, owner of City Barbershop, has asked town staff if a small black freestanding planter and metal bench that was damaged during a vehicle accident in early June will be replaced by the Town. It is unclear whether or not the items were owned by the Town.

We have a few large concrete planters in storage that could be used if the committee wishes to plant them up.

We do not have any benches in our inventory.

Options for replacement the committee may consider are:

- Request the Board of Commissioner's consideration to purchase a bench using Appearance Committee funding.
- Defer the request to next budget year (FY 2027-2028) and request dedicated funding from the Board. Discussions will begin early 2027.
- Wait until the Downtown Revitalization plan addresses that area in Phase 8.