

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
April 18, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Mike McGraw	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor called the meeting to order and announced the meeting was in session for the transaction of business.

The first order of business was the approval of the April 4, 2016 regular minutes. Councilperson Merideth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Councilperson Bullington motion to approve the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Harmon which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

The next order of business was the certification of the election and the commissioning of the oath of office. Mayor McGraw read the election results from Pam Treece, Pemiscot County Clerk, which is included on the next page. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the certification as presented, second by Councilperson Cartee, and the motion carried unanimously. The oath of office was administered by the City Clerk.



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April 11, 2016

City of Caruthersville  
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RE: APRIL 5, 2016 ELECTION RESULTS

This letter is the Certified Results of the April 5, 2016 General Municipal Election for your City.  
The results are as follows:

<b>COLLECTOR - 2 YR</b>	KIM LEE	190
	REBECCA MORGAN	416
<b>TREASURER - 2 YR</b>	PATSY A. FERRELL	499
<b>COUNCIL WARD 1 - 2 YR</b>	BARBARA RODGERS	46
<b>COUNCIL WARD 2 - 2 YR</b>	MATTHEW DUCKWORTH	101
<b>COUNCIL WARD 3 - 2 YR</b>	J.J. BULLINGTON	159
<b>COUNCIL WARD 4 - 2 YR</b>	NICK CARTEE	159
<b>COUNCIL WARD 4 - 1 YR</b>	RICK BRANDON	82
	B.T. MERIDETH, JR.	136
<b>PROPOSITION</b>	YES	246
	NO	322

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF PEMISCOT)

I, Pam Treece, Clerk of the County Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct return of the election held on April 5, 2016.

Pam Treece  
County Clerk

Unfinished Business; Councilperson Harmon inquired of the findings of the audit. He wanted to know if there had been a response to the findings showing that the City was in compliance. The Mayor stated that action had been taken to address the issues, but no formal response had been sent. The Mayor stated that a formal response would be sent and Council would get a copy.

Councilperson Bullington asked for clarification for the budget amendment for the Drainage Project, it was decided the budget would be amended for \$14,800 out of the Sales Tax Fund. Councilperson Bullington motion for the amendment, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Mayor’s Report; The Mayor stated that an ordinance need to be developed even though the City does not have a contract with Republic at the present time. The ad that was posted in the paper for the RFQ for architectural and engineering services will be opened this week for review. A revised subdivision plan has been submitted to John Chittenden, Water and Associates for review. The Mayor is looking at providing Council copies of the personnel manual for Hannibal, MO for review as a guide for the City’s revision of its’ personnel manual.

The Brownsfield application process is on hold for now; it can’t be determined whether or not the property is actually abandoned. Counselor Dorroh stated that initially the process of seeing if there’s money for the venture through a grant, and then receiving cooperation from the property owner would be first. He stated that an entity could be formed under the City, such as a Community Development Corporation for redevelopment of the property. There are provisions in state laws for land clearance for redevelopment authorities to be formed to handle such matters. Counselor also stated that the potential for liability has to also be explored for such undertakings, but forming a separate organization to address the situation could possibly eliminate liability.

Tony Jones reported that the department had received a letter from the County Commissioner stating there would be an increase for inmate housing. Beginning July 1, 2016 the inmate housing will be \$30 per day from the current \$15 per day, and the budgets will have to be adjusted. Tony asked if everyone would be careful at the construction site on Truman. Highway U will be the next site for the street pavement project.

Nick Cartee reported that there were four fire calls on April 4, 2016 through April 18, 2016. On April 4, on West 10<sup>th</sup> St., there was a call for a gas odor. April 9, a grass fire was out of control on I-55; also on County Rd. 351 a grass fire on bank of ditch. April 10, a grass fire in a field on County Rd. 524. All the ladders on the fire engines were tested and all the engines passed the pump certification.

Richard Lee reported that the paperwork was completed for the Waste Water Grant. The invoice for the bid for the rotors came in asking for 25% down, which is \$15,400. Councilperson Harmon motion for the payment, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Richard Lee also reported that MODOT had been contacted, and the South Ward leak permit application had been made. There was an inspection done on the backhoe with several repairs needed which comes to the amount of \$3,330.51. Councilperson Cartee motion to pay for the repairs out of Equipment Maintenance, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

There were three bids for the Clarifier for the Waste Water Plant. Fab Tech quote was for \$44,700, C/W Fabricators \$52,000 and Vulcan Metals \$63,800. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the quote from Fab Tech, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

With the purchase of the rotors only one catwalk will be needed. Fab Tech bid is \$7,500, C/W Fabricators \$8,400 and Vulcan Metals bid is \$9,200. Councilperson Duckworth motion to accept Fab Tech's bid, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Terry Rushing reported the Street department was continuing running the sweeper. The tractor and bush hog has been in operation. Terry reported that a resident sidewalk was damaged back in 2013. The City had run a water main down Grand which created the damage. The cost of the repairs would be \$3,800. Councilperson Merideth motion for the repairs to be a part of the Street Project, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Terry reported for Code Enforcement that there was one electrical inspection and two building permits issued. One of the buildings that was in question from the last report that was assigned to the county trustee was sold.

Teresa Tidwell reported that the library is steadily preparing for Summer Reading Program. She is encouraging everyone to bring a copy of their favorite book to the next meeting for promotion.

Business from the floor; Charles asked again about the possibilities of a water fountain being installed at French Park. Steve Motton asked about the feasibility of a porta potty. The Mayor stated that he would contact the Park Board about the requests.

Donna Brooks thanked everyone for their support while in office, especially Terry Rushing and Tony Jones.

Betty Toles asked about the sporadic trash pickups that have occurred in some cases. Terry stated that none of the residential routes had been changed; there may be a problem with one of the drivers. He has contacted the supervisor and the problem is being looked into.

Councilperson Bullington had been asked about a resident if the trash would be picked up if it was overfilled or stacked on top. Terry stated that it was not encouraged; the driver would have to get out and make the adjustments. Councilperson Rodgers stated that one of drivers had stated that the trash needed to be placed in a bag before being put into the containers. This would eliminate the trash being strolled onto the streets.

Doug McDowell stated that he has had problems with the dumpster that he shares with Dr. Boyd. The dumpster was being overfilled by outsiders. They tried locks which were broken, and then they were issued another dumpster with a different locking mechanism, which ended up being pried open. He asked if the police could monitor the dumpsters if they saw unusual activity around them.

James Mott asked if there were any laws pertaining to children playing in the middle of the streets. Mr. Mott stated that he asked for an investigation of a stolen battery from his premises. Counselor Dorroh stated that there are ordinances for impeding traffic flow, playing basketball near the street, and riding scooters in the streets. He made mention that when there a juveniles involved you have to go through the juvenile officer, and to call the authorities about such matters. Tony Jones stated that the problem exists all over the city and they are addressing the issues.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motion to go into closed session for personnel issues, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Upon returning from the closed session Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Merideth with all in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk