

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
SPECIAL SESSION, APRIL 20, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in special session in the Council room in the Municipal Building on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
B.T. Merideth	Councilperson
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B. Rodgers	Councilperson
J. Bullington	Councilperson
N. Cartee	Councilperson
T. Cheek	Councilperson
J. Fike	Councilperson
J. Hood	Councilperson

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

The purpose of the meeting was to certify the election and administer the oath of office to the recently elected officials. Counselor Dorroh then read the certification from the Pemiscot County Clerk for the Council, and the certification is included on the next page. Councilperson Cartee motioned to accept the certification as presented, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The oath of office was administered by Circuit Court Judge, Honorable: William Carter, Oath of Office is signed by Honorable: William Carter, and the officials were seated.

Mayor, Mike McGraw then asks for session to be opened by prayer which was led by Richard Lee.

Mayor McGraw, then thanked all councilperson's and audience for their vote of confidence.

In the matter of unfinished business the Council went into the Public Hearing which had been previously set for this date and time.

PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 20, 2015

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 5:00 PM at which the following were present:

Pam Dian, Jennifer Petty, Richard lee, Rickey Bell, Don Parsley, Paul Shaw, Dennis Rodgers, Joe Watkins, T. Lee, Ella Coleman, Dorothy Mitchell, Dorothy McClanahan, Barbara Meales, Teresa Tidwell,

Bob and Jane Lazenbey, Emma Campbell, Barbara Pullam, Christy Mercer, WK Mercer, Shelby Walker, Shirley Figgins, Dorothy Watkins, Catherine Donas, Helena Robinson, Polly Lunceford, B. Grant, Brian Shelton, John Smith, Lillie Willbourn, Barbara Rodgers, Jane Fike, JJ Bullington, Johnny Hood,

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comments regarding a request by a property owner to change the zoning classification of the north 40' of Lot 1 Block 3 of Myrick's addition to the city of Caruthersville located on West 19th and Truman Blvd. from residential to B-1 business district. The Planning and Zoning has recommended the approval of the change as requested, subject to the stipulation that no commercial exit or entrance be allowed on West 19th Street.

Councilperson person Fike presented pictures, given to her by Don Parsley, of the fence that is on said property. Don Parsley and Dorothy Watkins voiced concern over their property value decreasing. Jennifer Pelts expressed she always had to pick up trash on her property that was from The Store. Shelby Walker stated the street was very narrow for much traffic to proceed to the end of the dead end street. Mayor McGraw, thanked the residents for their participation, and asked if there were any other concerns. After discussion from residents of 19th St. it was voted to kill the motion and leave as is. Vote was carried unanimously.

Council moves to regular session of Council meeting with Committee Reports:

Councilperson Cartee reported the Fire Department responded to 6 calls from April 7th through April 20th, 2015. Charlie Jones, Fire Chief reports that the new Tanker fire truck will be delivered in mid-July due to being on back order.

Chief of Police, Tony Jones, reported to the Council about information on the Safe Route to School Grant. He voiced concern as did other citizens about there being no sidewalks in the area of East 11th through East 16th St. and pedestrians walking in the street. Councilperson Hood stated also, that this has been a continuing problem for many years. Christy Mercer told the Council that she had information on the grant and would get the information to the Council.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported that the East 14th St. project had been completed, and 100 new Radio Read meters had been installed.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the replacement for the gym floor at the Diane Sayre Recreational Center has been put out for bid.

Code Enforcement had no reports for the meeting.

Teresa Tidwell reported that the Summer Reading program was getting underway and that new hours had been discussed that would give the Caruthersville Public Library 7-day a week access.

Councilperson, Johnny Hood, stated he had talked to several people from E.11th to Walker about speeding cars. A stop sign or speed bump was discussed to curb this problem. Chief, Tony Jones said that more patrol would be put in the area to help with this problem.

Councilperson, Cartee gave introduction to Brian Shelton, Pemiscot County Conservation Agent to give a report on Skunk control. Mr. Shelton stated that education is the best key to prevention. He stated tall grass, wild brush, openings under houses, and holes in foundations are methods used to

control breeding of skunks. Each Councilperson was given a pamphlet, Managing Skunk Problems in Missouri. This pamphlet is available at muextension.missouri.edu/xplor/

Bill Mercer asked if there was something that could be done about the garbage being dumped at the corner of 5th and Ferguson. Chief, Tony Jones, stated this matter would be looked into.


Under the item of New Business: Mosquito spray was discussed as to starting date and if it could be looked into for aerial spraying. City Counselor, Lawrence Dorroh will check with Hayti, Mo. to see who does Mosquito spraying for their city.

Operations Supervisor, Terry Rushing, stated he needed a verbal commitment for funding so the city engineer can proceed to move forward with the gravity fed sewer main behind Magnolia Ave. to Playground Rd. Councilperson Cartee, made motion to go forward with project. B.T. Merideth, seconds the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Operations Supervisor, Terry Rushing, ask that Waters Engineering be paid \$6,000 to survey Adams St. for drainage and maintenance problems that has water standing in street and drains. Councilperson, Harmon makes motion to go forward with survey. Councilperson Fike seconds motion. Motion is carried unanimously.

Dorothy Mitchell addressed the Council about a noise ordinance sign being put up on East 11th street. Chief, Tony Jones stated there is a noise ordinance in place for 30 feet outside of vehicle.

With no bills to discuss or closed session scheduled, motion to adjourn is made by Councilperson Cartee and Councilperson Rodgers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



Mike Fike
Mayor

ATTEST