

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**April 27, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in special session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at 200 West Third on Monday, April 27, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.. at which time and place the following were present:

Mike McGraw	Mayor
Pamela Peeler	Secretary at meeting
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Jeremy Darnell	Sergeant at Arms
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	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.

Mayor McGraw advised the Council the purpose of the meeting was to vote on the health insurance coverage plan.

Councilperson Cartee was concerned about having a local agent available for questions that employees may have. Mayor McGraw stated that Mike Deren, representative of Group Benefit Services would be available for any questions.

Councilperson Bullington asked if there was a local agent that would benefit from this insurance plan. Councilperson Harmon voiced concern of the perception of insurance plan being with Bernard Insurance.

City Counselor Dorroh will call Mike Deren about an available local agent. Mayor suggested matter be referred to the Insurance Committee Chairman. Councilperson Harmon made the motion to accept plan and the employee contribution of \$6.00 monthly. Councilperson Cartee seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Fike	Yes
Merideth	Yes		

Next item of business was the resolution of new signature cards at all banking facilities. Councilperson Fike made motion to approve and Councilperson Harmon seconding and roll call was asked for which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Fike	Yes
Merideth	Yes		

Mayor McGraw stated that bids needed to be open for workers compensation insurance, anything greater than \$500.00 monthly or \$5000.00 yearly would have to be put up for bid. The present workers compensation plan will expire June 30, 2015. Packet information will contain personal information and an agreement must be signed to comply with HIPPA Law. Councilperson Bullington made the motion, Councilperson Merideth seconding and motion carried unanimously.

Election of President Pro Tem being the next item on agenda, Councilperson Cartee nominates Councilperson Fike with Councilperson Merideth seconding and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Fike	Yes
Merideth	Yes		

Mayor McGraw made recommendation for appointment of Council Committees, Councilperson Harmon request that he be removed as chairperson of the Finance Committee and replaced with Councilperson Bullington and he being placed as chairperson of the Fire and Police Committee. Recommendation carried unanimously.

Finance	Bullington, Hood, Merideth, Cartee
Street & Alley	Rodgers, Merideth, Cartee, Bullington
Insurance Committee	Cheek, Fike, Harmon, Rodgers
Fire & Police	Harmon, Cartee, Rodgers, Merideth
Water & Sewer	Hood, Fike, Bullington, Cheek

Councilperson Harmon motioned to hold closed session, with Councilperson Fike seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Fike	Yes
Merideth	Yes		

Upon reconvening into regular session, the matter of a consulting agreement between the City and Melinda Scifres came on for consideration. Councilperson Harmon introduced Bill No. , being an Ordinance entitled as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENTRANCE INTO A CONSULTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE AND MELINDA SCIFRES**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Bill was placed on its first reading and was read by title, considered and discussed.

On motion duly made and seconded, the Bill was placed on its second reading and final passage and was read by title, considered and discussed. Thereupon, the question was put to roll call vote, and the vote, and the vote thereon was as follows:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Fike	Yes
Merideth	Yes		

The Mayor declared said bill duly passed and the Bill was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 1, and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the Secretary at meeting.

Councilperson B.T. Merideth makes a statement concerning the ordinance of being an elected official as well as being appointed to a position, and not being able to serve as a volunteer on the Caruthersville Fire Dept. After discussion from all councilpersons, it was decided to suspend Councilperson Merideth from the CFD for the remainder of his term as councilperson. The suspension will keep his position open at the CFD until his term is complete from the city council. No vote was taken and matter was referred to Police and Fire Committee.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm, and motion carried unanimously.

  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Secretary at Meeting