

CITY OF CARUHERSVILLE
June 15, 2015

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 2015, 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike (Absent)	Councilperson

The number of members 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 with Councilperson Cartee clarifying that the Magnolia project included both plans aforementioned in prior meetings. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cartee, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Councilperson Hood motioned to approve reports, seconded by Councilperson Rodgers, and the motion carried.

Doug McDowell of McDowell and Middleton accounting firm presented his Accountant's Compilation Report. McDowell's main purpose was to give the proposed budget amendments for the end of the year. McDowell stressed the importance of staying in compliance with the budget law; you can't spend more than your budget and you can't have funds with negative balances. McDowell requested authorization to transfer funds sufficient to zero out those balances as of June 30, 2015, and for the Council to approve budget amendments. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the budget amendments and zero out the funds that have negative balances, seconded by Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes

Petitions and Letters, the Mayor received a letter for FEMA inquiring as to who would be the issuer of the insurance certificates for flood insurance. Councilperson Cartee motioned for the approval of Terry Rushing as the Flood Administrator, seconded by Councilperson Rodgers and the motion carried unanimously.

The Exchange building is reported to have termites; the cost for treatment would be \$1057.00 for a 12 month period which includes initial treatment and retreatment. Councilperson Hood motioned to contract with United Termite for the treatment, seconded by Harmon which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes

There were phone bids for the floor care for the Public Safety Building. A T Floor Care presented the original proposal which was \$600.00 cheaper and offering five coats of wax rather than three. Councilperson Cartee motioned to accept the original proposal, seconded by Harmon which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes

Liberty Utilities will be meeting with the Mayor Wednesday, June 17, 2015 to discuss billing methods and hopefully to come to some consensus as to what needs to occur for a better working relationship.

The Police reported the purchases of the two Tahoes and the possibility of amending the budget if the required additional equipment goes over the budget.

Cartee reported for Fire committee fire calls are as follows: 5/30/15, I 55 Southbound Lane, extrication requested, 6/3/15 801W. 8th St., structure fire. There have been 64 members renewed through the Rural Fire Subscription to date. The 4th of July fireworks display will be held Saturday at 9:00 p.m. on the Bunge Grain Co property.

Water and sewer, Paul Shaw will be doing temporary meters again, which involves a lot of paperwork, will be calling other communities to see how they carry out those duties.

Street/Code Enforcement, Terry Rushing reported the repair of the massive pothole in the 200 block of E.7th St., mowing is ongoing. The waste was cleared out of the field behind the

houses on South Ward. The property owners were asked to pick up the debris whether left by lawn contractors or residents, and that it was illegal dumping. They were told that the City would be more than willing to pick up the debris if it was bagged and placed in the front of their residence. Retroreflectivity signage is continually being placed throughout the city. The community workers have been weed eating, picking up trash, cleaning City Hall and the Public Safety building. Councilperson Rodgers expressed concern about community workers having grabbers for their protection. The property owner, at 209 E. 5th St., gave the right of entry in order to demolish and cleanup the burned structure. The property owner will be paying the dump fees.

Park & Recreation reported that the bike riders will be arriving Tuesday, June 16, 2015, approximately 235 will be camped out for the night. They will have breakfast at the American Legion Wednesday morning and leaving out around 10:00 a.m. crossing the bridge heading to Tiptonville TN.

The Library reported the minutes of their non-board meeting in May they didn't have a quorum and in their June newsletter the Summer Reading Program is listed as being on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m.

The Mayor's report included the cleanup campaign, which has another two weeks; residents need to make sure limbs and debris are separated. Safety Glass will hopefully be installed by June 26, 2015. The mosquito truck is trying to get down as many alley ways as possible. The Mers Goodwill summer hires have begun to work in different areas of the City. The Riverside Project is ongoing, and they were issued \$9823.61 for labor. There's a potential downtown green area in the planning stages for a minimal cost for public use. The Rotary Club is donating \$600 for a bench in the memory of Rick Davis; Don Smith will design the bench.

There will be a Finance Committee June 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building to discuss the budget. Councilperson Cartee motioned for a Special Meeting June 29, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. to review the budget, seconded by Councilperson Bullington and the motion carried.

Acting Mayor Pro Temp Johnny Harmon conducted the reviewing of the workman's comp bid. Bernard Insurance was the sole agent that bid; the bid amount was \$141,414.00. Harmon asked if there was any concern about the bid being accepted or discussion. Councilperson Rodgers motioned for the acceptance of the bid with Bernard Insurance, seconded by Councilperson Hood which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Abstain
Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Abstain
Cheek	Abstain

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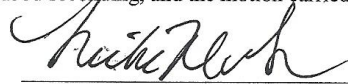
Councilperson Cartee requested and motioned three weeks of vacation to be issued to an employee hired September, 2014 that had experience in the area in which they had been employed, seconded by Councilperson Rodgers. In the fairness of all employees it was decided to review the personnel manual and possibly a clause would have to be put in for related experience. The personnel manual would either have to be adhered to or amended in all fairness. Councilperson Cartee withdrew his motion until the next meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce had their luncheon June 12, 2015 and Mayor McGraw was the speaker. The Chamber would like to get other organizations involvement in the cleanup process of the community. Perhaps set one day aside monthly for all the organizations on that particular day to go out for a strategic cleanup.

Councilperson Rodgers noted that the Safety for Children signage that has been placed has been well received by the community and there has been a difference in the speeding.


Counselor Dorroh passed out a draft of ordinances for review which dealt with parental responsibility and sagging pants.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Cartee motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and the motion carried.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk