

CARUTHERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 4, 2015

The Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, May 4, 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
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	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 a proposal made by Tim Nelson, of Vector Disease Control, in regards to mosquito quality control. He mentioned Abatement Programs that would reduce the mosquito population, and that all trucks were ULV and GPS equipped. Councilperson Harmon wanted to know the time frame of the operation, and Tim stated that it was from April 15 to September 15, and sometimes until October. The yearly payment would be \$68,000 which could be spread out in a twelve month period. Tim stated that if we took on the proposal that it could go from May to May. They have two trucks that would be in operation, and aerial three to four times during the period. They could do treatment with no added cost for special events.

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The Operations Supervisor reported that it would cost \$23,805.11, excluding labor and counter frame for the safety glass of windows and doors for the security of City Hall. Councilperson Bullington stated that \$8,600 had already been spent and the budget was for \$25,000. City Counselor Dorroh stated that we were already above threshold and bids would have to be enforced. Councilperson Cartee made motion for the project to be up for bids, seconded by Councilperson Harmon, and motion carried.

Mayor McGraw made recommendation of accepting Takella Motton as City Clerk, effective May 9, 2015 at \$35,000/yr. upon Melinda's ending date of May 8, 2015. Councilperson Rodgers made

motion to approve the recommendation of the Mayor, seconded by Hood. At such time Councilperson Cartee wanted to know the basis of the Pay scale and wanted further discussion. The Mayor based the figure on the entry level salary schedule of the school system, by which Takella was employed as a Substitute Teacher working ten consecutive days at any given period of time. Councilperson Harmon wanted to know the ordinance for the salary schedule, and if the recommended pay rate would be in violation. City Counselor Dorroh stated that it was, but the ordinance could be amended. He stated that from May 4, 2015 to June 1, 2015 the pay scale should be according to the current ordinance, and then an amendment could take place. Councilperson Bullington stated that a ten year increment at \$13.03/hr. should be the standard rate of pay. Councilperson Fike motioned to approve the pay rate and amend the ordinance July 1, 2015, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor McGraw stated the May 4, 2015 was the official kick-off of the cleanup week for the City. Branum had stated their trucks weren't equipped to handle certain pickups. Mayor McGraw suggested that the City hire four part time workers at \$10/hr., 20hr/wk., due to the fact that only two employees were working at the present time. Councilperson Cheek motioned to hire four people part time May through June at \$10/hr. out of the Sanitation Fund. Councilperson Rodgers seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Councilperson Hood reported fire calls from April 3, 2015 to May 4, 2015. April 23, 2015 a structure fire in Kennett occurred with a mutual aid request at 4th and Slicer. April 25, 2015 apartment 16 East Haven had a sounding alarm, which was a vacant apartment. April 28, 2015, a 4.2 vehicle smoke from a wheel barren on two vehicles occurred. April 29, 2015 there was a grass fire out of control on County Rd. 362 Reeves Ranch. April 30, 2015 at 410 E. 15th St there was a smoke scare from lint burning in dryer. May 1, 2015 apt. 18 E. Haven smoke scare, checked electrical outlet, also 1603 Brown had a fire alarm sounding due to smoke from grease. May 3, 2015, 200 Gayosa had an electrical switch from bathroom to short out.

Sergeant at Arms Jones reported that a rash of burglaries has taken place in the city, and the police dept. was able to retrieve property in some of the cases.

The Water/Wastewater Manager reported problems with the motor, at this time only one motor is in operation with no backup, a work order is in process. There was help provided on the weekend for the cleanup.

Street/Sanitation Manager reported pickup of limbs and debris, three building permits was issued, and they start cutting on the Right A ways. An employee injured their leg on the job and sought medical attention. Shingles have been ordered for the Riverfront Enhancement Project for the pavilion, shingles and rafters should be delivered between one to two weeks. The police were able to identify the person who knocked down one of the Decker poles, with their surveillance measures. Utility poles at the airport will be relocated Tuesday, May 5, 2015. A proposal for street repairs for bids, budgeted for

\$25,000, out of the Sales Tax Fund is in need of authorization to put out for bids. Councilperson Bullington stated that \$407,000 of the estimated budget had been spent already out of the Sales Tax Fund, with revenues budgeted at \$500,000, the Sales Tax Fund having a balance of \$1.5 million. The budget has to be amended since the repairs were not in the budget, and once the bid is accepted the amendment can take place. Councilperson Cartee motioned to put street repairs out for bids, seconded by Councilperson Rodgers, and carried. Terry made mention of M&M tree service removal of tree in the back of Safety building at no cost to the City.

From the floor, Rita Gorman was concerned about the Church at 12th St., with the loud music and trashing on the church steps. She wanted to know if the parents could be held responsible for the behavior of the youth with some kind of fine. Counselor Lawrence stated that Notices would have to be posted, and that the ordinance itself dealt with the curfew law. The Mayor recommended the enforcement of the ordinance with an amendment to the ordinance would be the way to go.

Mayor McGraw inquired about a \$250 ad being posted in the Democrat Argus for the seniors' graduation. He also inquired about the advertising for the qualifications for City engineers in the Caruthersville paper, would be looking for experience, best qualified, the knowledge of availability. Councilperson Fike motioned to seek qualifications of engineers in the local paper, seconded by Councilperson Harmon, and motion carried.

Councilperson Cheek reported that the Buckin in the Bootheel raised \$10,000, and that the rodeo for September 11 and 12, 2015 will be filmed and televised. Cheek wants the City to embrace the organization, suggests that the Chamber of Commerce start promoting the event.

Councilperson Meredith reported that Eddie Brooks wanted to know if the City could do anything about Bungie not having sewer running to the facility. It was discussed that there were other places in town that didn't have sewer, and the Port Authority and Trinity had its' own pumping stations.

Councilperson Cartee wanted to know the plan for mosquito control in existence. Terry stated that there was \$7,500 in budget, which all would go towards chemicals. The other cost would be whatever the hourly wage and overtime, the trucks would run three nights a week. The Mayor suggested calling the towns that Vector Disease serviced to inquire about the effectiveness and report to the Finance Committee.

Councilperson Bullington reported concern of citizens about speeders on Mooreland Dr. There's a need for signs of Slow Down/Child at Play. Councilperson Cartee stated that Tony has the names of the streets and signs to be put up, and it was mentioned that he has the authority to do so without the Council's approval. Councilperson Bullington also reported a complaint of a backyard on Stonewall Dr.

From the floor, Betty Toles stated that Lincoln University Extension Center did not have a mailing address. The Mayor got the address of the Church on 16th Street from the Water Dept. and told Lincoln they could use the other side of the street as an address.

Councilperson Cartee made motion to go into closed session, seconded by Rodgers, and carried. There was a vote to go back in open session with a roll call:

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

After reconvening into regular sessions Mayor McGraw reported committee appointments.

Library Board	Paige Gillock, Beverly Tipton, Gwen McDowell
Park & Recreation	Jamie Young, Trina Holloman, Doug Boyd, (2016) Stephen Rodgers (2016)
Planning & Zoning	Carolyn Robinson, Lisa Curtis
Board of Adjustment	Crystal Fugate
Tree Board	Cathy Clark
Cemetery Board	Kathryn Parkinson, Sandra Hooker, Nancy Luber, Elizabeth Cutler, Polly Lunceford
Airport Board	Glen Haynes, Michael Tipton, Jack Tipton, Dick Reed, Denny Callen

Councilperson Harmon motioned to accept the appointments, Councilperson Hood seconded, and Councilperson Rodgers abstained.

Councilperson Cartee made motion for City Clark Takella to sign checks for various departments, seconded by Councilperson Fike and carried.

Counselor Dorroh discussed section 110.160 of the Code with Council participation in other departments in the City. There was a recommendation from the Fire Committee to repeal the ordinance in regards to Councilperson Merideth appointment to the Fire Department. A bill has been prepared with adoption that would repeal Section 110.160 of the Code, and there was a first reading of the ordinance.

Councilperson Fike made motion to repeal the ordinance, Councilperson Harmon seconded, and carried.

Councilperson Bullington made motion for the second reading of the ordinance, Councilperson Harmon seconded, and carried.

Counselor Dorroh proposed that if this ordinance pass and becomes law it will repeal 110.160 Section of the Code. There was a roll call to repeal the ordinance as follows:

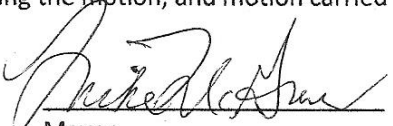
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Fike	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Abstain	Harmon	Yes

Mayor McGraw signed the ordinance after the vote.

Councilperson Fike made motion for the approval of the bid for repair of the gym floor, at the Recreation Center seconded by Councilperson Bullington, and motion carried.

Mayor McGraw made mention of the Financial Disclosure Form need to be on file in office with the city clerk.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Fike made motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., with Councilperson Cartee seconding the motion, and motion carried unanimously.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk