

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 18, 2019**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, November 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham (Absent)	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Mayor Pro Tem
Reeves	Councilperson
Rodgers (Absent)	Councilperson
Duckworth (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor Pro Tem 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 regular session minutes of November 4, 2019. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Cheek with all in favor.

Councilperson Bullington motion to approve the closed session minutes of November 4, 2019, second by Councilperson Grable, with all in favor.

Councilperson Lyons motion to approve the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Grable, with all in favor.

Petitions, letters, and other communications; Notice To All Political Subdivisions about the April 7, 2020 General Municipal Election was received from the County Clerk. December 17, 2019 is the first day to file declaration of candidacy, January 21, 2020 is the deadline for filing declaration of candidacy, and March 11, 2020 is the last day to register to vote in the April 7, 2020 Election.

The Department of the Army Mississippi River Commission, Corps of Engineers sent a letter to the Mayor thanking her for the testimony that was provided to the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held on August 19, 2019. The commission looks forward to the upcoming construction of the Caruthersville Floodwall.

Unfinished business; Counselor Dorroh checked with the USDA, and was told that the City could award the bid for the Vacuum truck. Councilperson Grable motion to accept the bid from EJ Equipment, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following votes:

Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Reeves	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes

Humane report; For the month of October intake was 32 dogs/puppies and 21 cats/kittens, 1 dog was redeemed, adoptions were 18 dogs/puppies and 15 cats/kittens. Utilizing PetSense for cats and kittens has increased adoptions. A reward has been instituted for information concerning the animal deaths that have been occurring in the City. Chris Thacker and Karol Wilcox attended a meeting for the 16 counties in the region with the Department of Agriculture. Quotes for the heating and cooling for the Humane Shelter are as follows: Two heat pumps for Hill Electric at \$4,247.15 and Do U Right HVAC Construction CO at \$4,400.00. There was also a quote for coil strips from Ark MO Well & Drilling Services at \$2,665.95. After discussion of the heat pumps vs coil strips, and whether not the bid specified heat pumps, the consensus was to gather more information. Councilperson Bullington motion to table the bid for the heating and cooling for the Shelter, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor.

Fire report; Fire calls from November 16, 2019 to November 18, 2019 are as follows: 11/16/19; Mutual aid to Portageville for the Federal Compress, 11/17/19; Mutual aid to Portageville for the Cotton Gin and with heavy damage to the structure, 11/17/19; Dumpster on fire at Taven, 11/18/19; Fire alarm sounding at the Heritage Place & Suites, 11/18/19; Fire alarm sounding at the High School. A fire inspection was conducted at Pentecostal Power Church.

Public Works report; Paul Shaw reported that FEMA had met with City officials last week for the introductory meeting for Project 4451, and will meet again Thursday November 21, 2019 for a Recovery Scoping Meeting.

Parks & Recreation; Wes Deere reported that there are upcoming basketball tournaments. Mr. Deere is resigning from his position as Director of Parks & Recreation, and has nothing but exemplary comments about the leadership and management of the City. His last day will be November 23, 2019.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the Christmas Village is open to the public, and during the Thanksgiving break will open by appointment only if there a guest that want to view. Tuesday, December 3, 2019 is the first Storytime for Christmas. On December 10, 2019 Parker Faulkner will be visiting with his baked ginger bread men that the children will decorate. Mr. & Mrs. Santa will be at the Library December 17, 2019.

Economic Development report; The third and final meeting with Building Local Prosperity will take place Wednesday, November 20, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Caruthersville High School Library. The lighting of the River Lights is Wednesday, November 20, 2019 a 5:30 p.m., there are 100 trees this year. Plans for the Exchange Building will be moving forward on November 21, 2019 with a visit from A2H. The Arts Council presents The Elves & the Shoemaker by the St. Louis Repertory Imaginary Theater for the Caruthersville High School at 1:30 p.m., and performances are open to the public at 6:00 p.m. There will be a meeting in Dexter at the Bootheel Regional Commission December 12, 2019 to begin the process for applying for a grant for an Economic Developer and Blight grants.

Business from the floor; Councilperson Hood made mention of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing

starting November 30, 2019, and thanked everyone that has pledged to participate. The Ministerial Alliance will have their Community Thanksgiving Services at 1st Assembly of God Church November 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Tony Jones commended the Ministerial Alliance for helping with the homeless with putting them up in hotels during the cold weather.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Bullington, with all in favor.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem

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