

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
PUBLIC HEARING**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met for a Public Hearing on Monday September 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Bob Lazenby, Jane Ellen Lazenby, Tony Jones, Paul Shaw, Jimmy Lyons, Teresa Tidwell, Daniel Kinder, Micah Williams, Christina Williams, Anne Jefferies, Don Jefferies, Martha Fowlkes, Charlie Jones, Matthew Duckworth, Don Grable, Sonya Fuller, Jennifer Reeves, Johnny Hood, Takella Motton, Sue Grantham, Lawrence Dorroh, Barbara Merideth.

The purpose of the hearing was to receive comments from the public on zoning districts and regulations for medical marijuana facilities. The Planning & Zoning Board of Commission did recommend passage of a drafted ordinance with the following changes. Keep the standard 1000 ft. for protected places such as churches, daycare centers, and schools for all zoning districts. No medical marijuana facility shall be cited within 200 ft. of any existing residential parcel. The hours of operation were changed to 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ann Jefferies inquired about the 200 ft. clearance in residential areas, and was told that it was the state requirement, but it could be changed. Counselor Dorroh stated that the 200 ft. didn't apply to someone with a medical card, in which the zoning couldn't be regulated. With no further questions from the public the Public Hearing was closed.

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September 16, 2019**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, September 16, 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	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington (Absent)	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek (Absent)	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Reeves	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. The first order of business was the approval of the regular session minutes of September 3, 2019. Councilperson

Duckworth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor.

Councilperson Hood motion for approval of closed session, second by Councilperson Duckworth, with all in favor.

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

Mayor Grantham presented a proclamation to the Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of Constitution Week, which is from September 17, 2019 through September 23, 2019. The bell at the riverfront will toll at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2019 in recognition of Constitution Week.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that Daniel Kinder was retiring November 15, 2019, and that he had worked for the City for over 14 years combined. The Police Clerk position will be advertised and they prefer employing someone with law enforcement experience. They're looking to hire, and train someone by the second week of October.

Fire report; Fire calls from September 3, 2019 to September 16, 2019 are as follows: 9/3/19; Report of a vehicle smoking near the bridge on I55/412, 9/4/19; Mutual aid request to 221 County Rd. 334 to a trailer on fire with moderate damage, 9/6/19; Electrical shorts in outlets at West 13<sup>th</sup> St. contacted Ameren to disconnect power until problem was repaired, 9/7/19; Fire alarm sounding on East 10<sup>th</sup> St. due to food in microwave, 9/15/19; Smoking ceiling fan on Eastwood. Fire prevention week is October 6 through October 12, 2019; materials will be distributed to the schools next week. A fire drill and inspection was conducted at Head Start on September 10, 2019.

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported sending out letters, and City workers conducting 30 mowings with some being done multiple times. If the property owner does not pay for the mowings it will go on their tax bill.

Park & Recreation; Wes Deere reported that both Pee Wee football teams won their games against Charleston Saturday, September 14, 2019. The game scheduled in Kennett next will have to be rescheduled, and signups for kickball has started for K-4. The Life Line screenings will be available at the Recreation Center Tuesday, November 26, 2019. The public will be able to take advantage of some cardiovascular testing for a fraction of the cost it would normally cost. For more information contact the Recreation Center, flyers are being circulated. With the 24 hours rules in place, the pool hours will not change, and Mr. Deere will be getting with Chief Charlie Jones in regards to fire codes enforced by the State.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the State librarian would be at the library Wednesday, September 18, 2019 to present a replica of a check for the Edge Technical Grant that was written by Ms. Tidwell.

Budget report; Councilperson Lyons reported that the revenues in the General Fund were going in the right direction as a whole. Revenues by the City Collector, Gaming, Recreation Center admissions, Court fines, Rural Fire District fees, were up significantly. The total expenditures came in under Budget, but department heads need to adhere to their budgets. Transfer out were down compared to

last year, and the end of the year balance was \$233, 077.62, which was higher than last year. Sales tax was down as expected, but came in over the budgeted amount. The Cemetery Fund is a problem; we'll have to take measures to combat the problem. The Library Fund did not have to have any transfers, it standing on its own. The Airport Fund has to be watched, and the Economic Development Fund is starting to grow. The Water Fund is increasing due to the changes that were made, and the Sewer Fund transfer was much lower, and should stand on its own next year. Total fund balances increased by \$394,572.74, ending the fiscal year with \$4,491,961.43.

Councilperson Lyons made motion for the budget amendments to be adopted, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Absent	Lyons	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Reeves	Yes	Rodgers	Yes

Economic Committee report; Mayor Grantham reported that the Missouri University Extension Building Local Prosperity will hold its first of 3 monthly meetings Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the Library. After the City was formally accepted through the application process a Local Leadership Team was formed with 34 volunteers. Their task was to get additional members to participate, which evolved to 85. The Missouri University Extension will use information gathered from the meetings and will develop a plan solely for Caruthersville. Updates for the City website continues, and will expand to include much more information. Paint the Pump Contest will be in conjunction with the Chili Cookoff Saturday, October 12, 2019. There will be 13 hydrants available to paint; contact Chief Charlie Jones for registration and guidelines.

Introduction to bills; Counselor Dorroh introduced a bill for zoning regulations for medical marijuana in the City of Caruthersville. Councilperson Lyons motion for the first reading by title only, second by Councilperson Hood as follows:

**BILL NO. 2019-06**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 400 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE SO AS TO REGULATE MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

Councilperson Grable motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Lyons. The question before the Council now is, shall bill No. 2019-06 to be known as Ordinance No. 2019-06 pass and become law, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

Duckworth	Absent	Lyons	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Reeves	Yes	Rodgers	Yes

Councilperson Rodgers motion to go into closed session for the purpose of real estate, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Absent	Lyons	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Reeves	Yes	Rodgers	Yes

Upon returning from closed session and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor the meeting adjourning at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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