

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
February 22, 2021

Be it remembered due to inclement weather Tuesday February 16, 2021, the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday February 22, 2021 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 (Absent)	Sergeant at Arms
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Grable	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 for February 1, 2021. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons with all in favor.

Councilperson Grable motion for approval of the closed session minutes for February 1, 2021, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

The next order of business was the approval of reports and bills, Councilperson Lyons made motion, second by Councilperson Glass with all in favor.

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion for the approval of a \$9,000 MODOT block grant for non-construction at 90 percent federal funding for the airport in which 10 percent would be paid by the City. Councilperson Lyons made the motion, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

Mayor Grantham received a letter about litigation which Counselor Dorroh will forward to MOPERM.

Fire report; Fire calls from February 9, 2021 through February 22, 2021 are as follows: 2/9/21; Trash barrel exploded on County Rd 337, 2/13/21; Smoke scare from furnace on Ferguson, 2/14/21; Smoke was thought to be coming from dryer vent on Collins, 2/15/21; Structure fire at Medic One with moderate smoke and water damage, 2/15/21; Smoke scare from exhaust fan in bathroom on Grand, 2/16/21; Stove on fire on Bushey extinguished upon arrival, 2/17/21; Fire alarm due to cooking on South Ward, 2/18/21; Short in electrical line in shed on Highway D, 2/21/21; Vehicle fire on Truman Blvd, 2/21/21; Fire alarm sounding due to batteries being changed on West 19th St. Training for the month of February was Water Supply Operations.

Public Works; Paul Shaw reported that Key Equipment quoted price to fix the street sweeper was \$15,651.57; a new street sweeper would cost over \$200, 000. Councilperson Bullington motion to approve the fix, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Grable	Yes

There was a question about the leaks around town during the winter storm. Mr. Shaw reported that the big leaks were easy to find, but the smaller ones could be ongoing. City crews have worked for the past two weeks non-stop clearing the roads and keeping the flow of water going. With the extreme cold temperatures it caused the heaters on the concrete pits in the towers to malfunction disabling the alarm to signal the drop in the towers. A breaker also failed on the well causing another drop in the towers, crews worked until morning to get the plant running. At times the water usage exceeded what the plant could produce, in which the plant was staffed around the clock for a week. At this time the towers are at 92 feet; on a normal day of operation the towers are between 118-123 feet. The following are a list of the large leaks during the cold snap which hampered the towers dropping so low along with people running their faucets to keep their lines from freezing: Taven/ three times a 2 inch line busted, Ag Distributors/3 inch line blew apart, Middle School/2 inch line separated, Cupples Building/8-10 inch fire suppression line blew apart an elbow, Mooreland Dr./ 2 inch line damaged, 3rd St. Chlorine room/ 2 inch line busted, Fema Trailer Park/ ¾ inch line blew apart, 1100 East 13th St./along with numerous other houses had leaks, Historic Water Tower/ valve froze and busted 8 inch ductile valve cracked and was spraying after being shut off in the 60's. Barry Gilmore, Jess Cagle, and Terry Privett got the department through the weekend. The police department was a big help, Council members called with support, and Waters Engineering and A2H Engineering gave assistance and advice. John Ferguson helped with the roads, and Terry Rushing helped with leaks. Members of the Fire department also came and helped out.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that Waste Pro had picked up trash the weekend, and continuing Monday with anything that had been missed, with Tuesday resuming the normal pickup. The Juliet houses are on track; an ordinance would have to be amended for an electrical substation.

Library report; The reception for Vickie DeReign turned out well, and the quilt will remain on display through Thursday. The 4H quilt that the kids made of Missouri will be on display along with the State's bicentennial quilt. The Library's anniversary date is February 18, 2022. In 1903 there was a proposal for the Carnegie library for Caruthersville, it didn't pass but a library was erected 20 years later.

Economic Development; Jana Merideth reported via text that the Value Added Ag breakfast workshop would be some time in the fall which will be geared towards farmers about new technology. Ideas for the Clean Up Project are being explored, Workforce Development soft skill workshop will take place weekly in March, and LLT will have a Town Hall meeting in spring to tell about BLP and its goals.

CAAC is continually working on plans for the Exchange Building; plans are underway for the Muriel on the north side of the building. Caruthersville BLP won first place in the Missouri Association of Community Economic Development Extension Professions statewide for excellency in community development.

Paul Shaw made mention of an accident that occurred on South Ward with Medic One being 10 minutes out. The Police department in their four wheel drives was able to transport the victim to Hayti which was life saving.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor, the meeting adjourning at 5:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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