

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MARCH 29, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in special session on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 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
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington (Absent)	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 purpose of the meeting is to have a working session to discuss how to proceed with regulations or stipulations as to how B & H Recycling would operate their business if approval was granted. The Mayor provided Council with a packet that included a map of the aforementioned property, map of industrial park, deeds, licenses, and articles of organization, minutes, and FEMA’S long term recovery plan for the city of Caruthersville.

Counselor Dorroh stated that the vote on B & H Recycling had been tabled, and the Council was in the position to implement conditions that would protect the neighborhood if the license was granted. Councilperson Cartee asked if Mr. Prater had gotten any more information regarding the cleanup of McCoy’s. He stated that they’re working out the details of the cleanup and should have something for the next meeting. Mr. Prater stated that most of the traffic that comes to his business travels down 7th St., Maple, and to 9th St. Councilperson Merideth asked if there was a truck route. Terry Rushing stated that there is one on 15th St., and could go on around to 7th St. because there’s no sign stating where the truck route ends. Mr. Prater stated that there was very little movement between McCoy’s and B & H. He stated that the majority of items were tires, about 1000 of them. There’s a small amount of steel, 15 to 20 roll off boxes of trash, and there’s an aluminum smelter that has asbestos.

Councilperson Rodgers stated that the majority of the traffic travels from 9th St. or Belle from 7th St. to the place of business. Ms. Rodgers read from the Long Term Recovery plan that was presented in 2006, which included a comprehensive approach to revitalization and recovery. The project focus was aimed at the east side of the community. The damage of the tornado, the condition of structures, the amount of vacant and underutilized land, and inappropriate land uses was why it was chosen. It was stated that improvements in these areas can affect the overall quality of life for all residents and retain

and attract new families to the area. The FEMA Mobile Home Site was looked at for possible new housing construction and the salvage yard on 15th St. /McCoy's would be relocated and redeveloped immediately. Councilperson Rodgers stated that the Council has the opportunity and responsibility not to allow such activities in the community deemed inappropriate by FEMA. Councilperson Rodgers also read a letter from Rev. Jaroslaw Skrzypek, JCL, VF and Sister Darlene Presley GHMS. The letter stated that they were concerned about placing a salvage yard on the eastern side of our city. Since coming to the City they have spent many hours working with the precious children and families in that area. The area is a depressed area, and the park is a beautiful area for the children to play in. They find it distressing to have a salvage yard in view while the children are playing. They ask for the Council to take a moment and imagine looking at broken down structures, over grown lots, and abandoned buildings surrounding the area that the residents look at every day, the hopelessness. They appreciate the work that has been done so far, but don't understand why the Council would place an additional burden on the residents by allowing a salvage yard to take place.

Councilperson Hood stated that the funding that came through this community was based upon the devastation on the east side, but everything beyond the east side got addressed extensively, with the least amount of work occurring on the east side. Mr. Hood stated that he welcomes businesses into town, but allowing something to take place that governing agencies have stated that was unsafe, unproductive, and inappropriate was not right.

Councilperson Merideth stated that his concern is that everything is maintained inside the building and in the fence. If anything is outside of the fence, we would have the authority to tell Mr. Prater that if it's not cleaned up that we can impose a citation. In his opinion the buildings are going to be there regardless, and the City can't afford to fork over \$ 100,000 to have the building moved to another location.

After further discussion Counselor Dorroh stated that we were having a meeting to have a contingency plan if the Council so desire to grant the business a license. We needed to come up with some plans or go in with the minimum restrictions, at this time we have the opportunity to impose further restrictions to provide more protection for the residents.

Councilperson Duckworth asked Mr. Prater if there was a plan for the auto wrecking. He stated that they would be using a mobile unit that would come in and crush the cars, which would be fully contained. Duckworth asked about the tire disposal. Prater stated that you have to pay to get rid of tires. When you allow for them to get out of control that's when you when you run into problems because it can get expensive. Duckworth inquired about the 8ft fence, because he had seen cars in other junk yard stacked beyond the fence. Mr. Prater stated that he wouldn't be stacking cars that high; he has 2 acres with plenty of room.

Councilperson Harmon inquired about the traffic of the tractor trailers coming to Mr. Prater's business. He suggested that all heavy trucks use the 15th St. truck route for entrance and exit to the business for concern for the residential areas. Councilperson Rodgers echoed regulating the traffic to and from the salvage yard because of the bus routes, looking out for the children. Councilperson Rodgers also stated that B & H may have the best of intentions, but have photos of one of the employees cutting up iron outside of the building, which Prater had said wasn't going to happen.

After more discussion Councilperson Cheek asked to get back on track and proceed with the business at hand. Counselor Dorroh stated that he had been taking notes throughout all the discussions. He stated that he would put it in a format and get back with the Council and they could insert any additions between now and the next meeting before the final decision is made. Councilperson Duckworth asked Mr. Prater would there be set operating hours; he was concerned about the possible noise level. Prater stated that he would have set operating hours.

The Mayor asked if there was any further discussion, Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Cheek with all in favor; the meeting adjourning at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

CITY CLERK