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**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
March 7, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, March 7, 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	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 February 16, 2016 regular minutes. Councilperson Hood motion to approve, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Abstain
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Absent	Cheek	Yes

Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve the closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The next order of business was the approval of reports and bills motioned by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; there will be a Public Hearing March 21, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation of B& H operation of a salvage yard on E. 9th St.

Mayor's report; attorneys are still working on the Republic contract. A draft contract has been presented to Three Rivers with a revision from a monthly lease to an annual. The ROW vegetation clearing has been completed; the contract along with the prevailing wage and bid specifications are being completed for the reroofing of the Cupples building. Adjustments will have to be made to the Barnett subdivision before it's presented to Planning and Zoning. Jason Simpson sent a cost estimate for the cleaning of the drainage system. It has been broken down to two sections. Section A consists of Belle and 10th St. to the 13th St. ditch at \$7,400. Section B consists of 15th St. to the Brown Shoe ditch at \$7,400. The cleanup of the Brown Shoe ditch itself would be \$2,800/day. There will be contact with Mr. Simpson as to how many days are anticipated with the cleanup of the ditch. Councilperson Harmon motion to approve the drainage for the two sections by B & P, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Medic One building is in dire need of updating its' restroom facilities. The director's proposes to section off the toilets, urinal, and shower into individual rooms with four individual doors and privacy locks. The remodel would be at a cost of \$4,246.67. He asked for the monthly lease of \$300 to be waived for a year in lieu of payment for the remodel. Councilperson Bullington motion to approve, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Mayor asked for approval of the water bill adjustments; Councilperson Hood motion to approve the adjustments, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes

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Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

Paul Shaw reported that the water tower on E.15th and Adams is near completion and the tower on W. 3rd St. interior will be painted which is part of the contract. Paul talked with John Chittenden about the Bunge Project and Five Tech was in looking at the catwalks and wells. There are three bids for aerators which were budgeted for which does not include installation. Ressler & Associates quote is \$61,600, Vandevanter \$117,927, and Aeration Industries International \$124,500. Councilperson Cartee motion to approve the \$61,600 bid, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Teresa Tidwell reported that the library usage was up in all areas. PIN will have the use of the building for this month for some presentations.

Business from the floor; Dorthea Cagle was concerned about pedestrians blocking E.13th St. There was discussion of enforcing the City’s ordinance of parents being held accountable of their minor children’s actions. Discussion was also held in regards to property owners being issued citations for abandoned properties where the juveniles congregate. Ella Coleman was concerned about McCoy’s Salvage Yard in regards to it being an eyesore and wanted to know when the cleanup was going to take place. She also was concerned about the old store front on 12th and Adams, an abandoned house on 18th St. across from the Lincoln Extension Center, and the new salvage yard on E. 9th St.

Counselor Dorroh stated that it would take an enormous effort to clean up McCoy’s, and the best way to do it would be through the Brownsfields Program. It’s a grant program which goes through several stages, the first being a study from the Department of Natural Resources. There’s a grant for an environmental assessment, and a grant for restoring properties. There would have to be a discussion with the property owners, fines can be issued, they are currently out of business, but they are allegedly selling off assets. It was also stated that McCoy’s does not have a business license. There was discussion as to why salvage yards weren’t being considered for Industrial Dr. It was stated, fear of contamination of the water supply for Industrial Dr.

Lillie Wilbourn wanted to know if it was true that another junk yard was going to be on the East side of town. There was discussion of Planning and Zoning recommendation of B & H operation of a salvage yard, in which there would have to be final approval by the Council. As far as the business license being issued, it was a mistake, and the zoning laws usurp any mistakes. B & H will not suffer any prosecution at this point for any violations.

Councilperson Bullington inquired of the citizenry as to how they could come together and perhaps form a committee to address what measures to take for the lack of respect some of the children have for authority. Bullington stated that McCoy’s would be a huge endeavor, but a least there could be an effort to start the process. The trailers that are on McCoy’s can be requested for removal. There was mentioned that Young’s Store had been looked into; the property owners want to retrieve some things from the building.

Terry Rushing asked for the approval of the Street Project in the amount of \$240,000, for W. 7th connecting to Ward to Carleton, Carleton to Highland, Highland to Grand and Grand to Truman which has been budgeted for. Terry asked for the budget to be amended for \$89,000 for W. 9th St. connecting to Grand to Truman, Henrietta connecting Laurant to Truman, Locust connecting to Laurant to Truman, and Washington connecting Locust to Henrietta. Councilperson Harmon motion for project to be taken out of the Sales Tax Fund, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Jane Ellen Lazenby expressed concern of Street Project leaving the gutters in to avoid drainage issues that some of the streets have incurred with pavement going up to the curbs. There was discussion of milling Beckwith, Laurant, and W. 7th and Grand to their proper level.

Councilperson Harmon motion to go into closed session, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Upon returning from closed session Councilperson Harmon asked for the meeting to be adjourned, second by Councilperson Duckworth with all in favor, with the meeting adjourning at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk