

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
SPECIAL SESSION, AUGUST 21, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in special session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Friday, August 21, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Mike McGraw	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Michael Santschi	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	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 was to review bids for Solid Waste Collection, award a bid, and discuss termination of current Solid Waste contractor's agreement. There were three bids, Republic's bid was \$9.00 for residential, Rid River \$12.50, and ECM \$16.00. Councilperson Cartee made motion to accept the bid from Republic, second by Councilperson Cheek, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Hood	Yes

The Mayor made recommendation to consider termination of Branum's contractual agreement with a future date. Councilperson Harmon motion to terminate Branum's contract effective September 30, 2015, second by Councilperson Cheek, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Hood	Yes

Councilperson Rodgers wanted to know the contingency plan if there wasn't a smooth transition from Branum's contractual agreement. Republic assured the Council that they would do whatever was necessary to take care of the needs of the City. Republic services Clarkton, Gideon, Holcomb, Poplar Bluff, New Madrid, Charleston, and East Prairie. Jimmy Tate stated that once they take over they would do the best job possible, that they would have to learn the routes, and probably would have a few hiccups. Doug McFarland, General Manager stated that they were getting prepared and would be pulling from other areas if need be to make this a smooth transition. Republic made mention that they noticed that in some instances that they saw four two yard dumpsters, and they would have

just one eight yard dumpster , which would be cheaper, and more sanitary for less spillage. The landfills are located at Dexter and Union City with life expectancy being 40 and 50 years respectfully. Councilperson Rodgers inquired about households needing more than one cart. Republic's reply was that any additional carts would be two thirds the cost of the initial cart.

The Mayor inquired about leaks from garbage trucks, Republic stated that there should not be leaks to the point that it's gushing out. Every truck should have an underbelly that's emptied every so often. They stated that they had pre and post inspections that would detect a leak, which happens if the seal breaks, but even with that, there shouldn't be a substantial leak. There was a question about pickups that may not have the correct size dumpster. Republic stated that they wouldn't deny any pickup for that reason, but would address any problems at a later date if need be. Republic's main concern at this time is to service the community and the cosmetics will be addressed later.

Councilperson Cartee motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, and the motion carried unanimously with the meeting adjourning at 5:23 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk