

CARUTHERSVILLE CITY CONCIL  
JUNE 1, 2015

The Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, June 1, 2015 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
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	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 first order of business was the approval of the open minutes and bills, upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cartee, seconded by Councilperson Harmon which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Fike	Yes	Hood	Absent

The next order of business was the approval of the resolution to authorize signatories at banking institutions motioned by Councilperson Cartee seconded by Councilperson Rodgers which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Fike	Yes	Hood	Absent

The Mayor will send new ordinances to Sullivan Publications to update ordinances and put on the city's website via the internet. Counselor Dorroh stated that by August, there's a Senate Bill that will affect the City's penalty provision of municipal minor traffic offenses that needed to be incorporated into the codification process.

Tony Jones reported that the police dept. would like to give a \$1,000 to the Ministerial Alliance in support of the community, and asked if it could be taken out of Asset Forfeiture. Councilperson Cartee asked for it to be tabled.

Councilperson Cartee requested the purchase of two special service Tahoe vehicles that had two state bids, for \$31,968 each, the Asset Forfeiture account and the Sales Tax Fund both were used. Cartee motioned for the purchase of the vehicles along with the special equipment needed to be put on the vehicles, seconded by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Fike	Yes	Hood	Absent

Tony Jones requested the authorization for purchase of audio and video equipment budgeted for \$5,000, Councilperson Cartee motioned, seconded by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Fike	Yes	Hood	Absent

Councilperson Cartee reported fire calls between May 20 and May 29, 2015. On the 20<sup>th</sup> fire call at 911 Laurant, from steam coming from roof after it had rain. On the same day, fire call from steam coming from the roof after it had rain at 406 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St; there was a vehicle fire at 525 Truman. May 26, 2015, there was a structure fire at 1109 Truman at a vacant house; there was also a rural fire that occurred.

Water and Sewer reported repair of a hydrant at 7<sup>th</sup> and Belle and repaired leaks at Housing Authority, 10<sup>th</sup> St., 100 block of W.10th, and 100 block of W. 11<sup>th</sup> St.

The Magnolia Project was decided upon to get the specs, bid on the specs, and work with Chittenden to get the project underway. The drainage problems of Bell and Adams are ongoing and the Mavor stated he would talk to Chittenden about it also.

Councilmen had already mentioned that some of the problems could possibly be lack of maintenance. There's a machine that can go 100 to 200 ft. to flush the drainage.

There were no bids on the Safety Glass for City Hall. Ace Glass from Blytheville quoted a price of \$19,900 for the glass and installation, which would take four to six weeks to complete. The budget for the Safety Glass is \$25,000 and if need be, the budget can be amended.

The Riverfront Project is 81% complete; checks were issued for \$9,629.65 for materials and \$11,250 for labor. With the approval for pay request being made, Councilperson Bullington motioned for the approval of the pay request, seconded by Councilperson Harmon and unanimously approved.

Caruthersville School District 18 requested a waiver for a building permit for the Safe Room. The stance being that the construction manager cited instances in other communities where the waiver was in place for such projects. The other being that the Safe Room would be available when school was not in session for the community's use. The Mayor's concern was its legality; Counselor Dorroh cited that the Council had the authority to waive permits. Councilperson Fike motioned to waive the building permit fees for the two buildings, seconded by Cheek which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Mosquito Control is about a third of the cost by using part time in lieu of a full time laborer. The spraying started Memorial Day weekend which is ongoing.

Chief Jones provided the Mayor with a quote of \$1,932 for floor care of the Public Safety Building, which entailed stripping and five coats of wax. The concern was that if it didn't get done professionally that tile replacement would be inherent. The Mayor stated that if it was done professionally that maybe it could be maintained. Counselor Dorroh stated that there would need to be a least two phone bids along with a certificate of insurance. Councilperson Cartee motioned for phone bids up to \$1,932 for floor care of the Public Safety Building, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, and approved unanimously.

MERS/ Goodwill will be providing five individuals between the ages of 19 and 22 June 8 thru Sept 30, 2015 at no cost to the City for employment. The goal is for them to gain work and educational experience. The City will receive a certificate of workman's

The City received information about the Poverty targeting initiative 20/20 program. With the type of project that the City is looking at falls under the Water and Waste program. Since the project would involve fire flow, it would only be able to be funded with loan funds. The city would need to have some bonding authority to cover the loan.

Rushing reported that one of the decorated light posts had been run over. The cost of replacement would be \$3,270 from Electrical Industrial Supply. Councilperson Merideth motioned for the expense to be taken out of the Sales Tax Fund, seconded by Councilperson Cartee, and the motion carried. The Airport Relocation Agreement cost \$11,049.92, which was the requirement of MODOT Aviation in order to get 90% of the cost reimbursed. Councilperson Harmon motioned to ratify the contract, seconded by Bullington, and carried. Rushing also requested for the extension of the Airport project to extend to June 30, 2015 being delayed because of the utility relocation. Councilperson Cartee motioned to extend the project, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, and carried unanimously.

Councilperson Merideth brought to the Council's attention that a curb on Grand that needed to be wheelchair accessible and a place on Ward that the handicap signs needed to be repainted on pavement. Councilperson Rodgers cited that all the sidewalks needed to be looked at particularly the ones in the high traffic areas. Rodgers expressed concern with waiting on grants rather than the City taking care of the matter as it is well equipped to take on the project. Councilperson Merideth motioned for the City to take on the project, seconded by Councilperson Hood, and carried unanimously.

Library reported that 100 people have signed up for the Summer Reading program. The Tuesday game night and Sunday movie day had a good showing.

The Finance Committee will meet after the regular session meeting, and Councilperson Bullington wanted to know if the Mayor or Council had any input as to what direction they wanted the committee to go. The committee would like be apprised of anything that would require a budget amendment, so they could budget and prioritize.

Business from the floor, Eddie Brooks, representing Bunge, stated that Bunge from 1987-2010 has paid \$28,700 for sewer use that they didn't have. In 2007 replaced a septic tank for \$7000 that the City didn't pay for. Over the years Bunge has donated money to the City, and the city on occasion, has had use of Bunge's equipment. At one point there was talk of putting in a grinder pump for \$17,000. Bunge offered to pay for electricity and half of the installation, but the plan didn't come into fruition. The Mayor will contact Brooks as soon as there's a quote from Chittenden.

The Airport Lease Agreement has been approved by the board, and checks have been collected for the deposits of the lease agreement. Councilperson Cartee motioned to

approve the lease agreement, seconded by Councilperson Hood which resulted in the following vote:

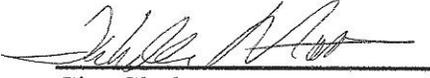
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
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Councilperson Bullington motioned to go into closed session for the hiring and firing, discipline of employees which protect them from disclosure by law, seconded by Councilperson Fike which resulted in the following vote:

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

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Harmon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. with Councilperson Bullington seconding the motion and motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor