

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 2, 2015

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 2015, in the Council Room of the Municipal Building 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
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee (Absent)	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson

The number of members 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 motioned by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Cheek, and the motion passed unanimously. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of the special session minutes, second by Councilperson Merideth, and the motion carried unanimously. Councilperson Harmon motion for the approval of bills, second by Councilperson Hood, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next order of business was the presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications. The letter of resignation of the City Counselor was accepted. Unfinished business consisted of the discussion of Republic's contract with the City. Laura Powers, attorney for Republic, will be revising changes implemented by Counselor Santschi and Terry Rushing. A special meeting will be held to discuss the revisions upon receipt of the contract, and whether or not to approve the acceptance of the contract.

Tony Jones reported that the Animal Shelter as of October 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015 had 14 dogs and 2 cats. There was an intake of 16 dogs and 3 cats, owner's pickup of 1 dog, 7 adoptions of dogs and 2 cats. There was euthanization of 13 dogs and 2 cats. The trapped wildlife was 29 skunks and 7 opossums.

Charlie Jones reported eleven fire calls from October 18, 2015 through November 2, 2015. The new tanker truck has arrived, and full and part time engineers are being trained on the operations of the 2100 gallon unit. There was one fire inspection conducted at the Caruthersville Nursing Center. Fire Prevention Safety presentations were given to Caruthersville Elementary, R-3 schools, and DAEOC students. There were 19 students in attendance for the Basic Grain Engulfment Rescue Course held on

October 10, 2015. The City of Caruthersville would like to thank Eddie Brooks and the Bunge Grain Company for paying for the \$3,500 course. Charlie made mentioned that the Colorado Conference for the Homeland Security Training Course was very informative with actual derailments with oil spills that had to be dealt with.

Paul Shaw reported that the Waste Water evaluations have been done; they have done everything that they applied for. Paul will be seeing what else can be done with the money before going any further. Josh Tinnin, contractor for the Magnolia project, will be here Thursday October 5, 2015 to fix the Water Plant leak. Contracts are ready to be signed for the Magnolia Project, which will be underway soon after.

Terry Rushing reported that the backhoe had arrived and in operation, and the street sweeper is up and running. Councilperson Rodgers stated that there are a lot of complaints about the residence of 14th and Hickory. Terry will be looking into the matter.

Keith Davis reported that the Park Board has made recommendation that the Sports Complex to be renamed after Mayor Davis. "Welcome to the Rick Davis Athletic Field Complex where Sportsmanship is our Motto", would be on a sign paid by private donors. The Park Board also proposed the naming of other fields for any future supporters of the Park and Recreation youth programs. Councilperson Merideth motion for the approval of the renaming of the Sports Complex after Mayor Rick Davis, second by Councilperson Rodgers, and the motion carried unanimously.

Teresa Tidwell reported that they would be meeting Thursday, October 5, 2015 with the Special School District along with the area partnerships of Baby Basics, Missouri Mentoring Partnership and Parents as Teachers in support of the programs. In December there will be four weeks of story time. There's a book at the library from 1905, The Revised Ordinance of the City of Caruthersville.

Mayor McGraw reported that there are contact persons to promote quick responses for any problems associated with Republic's trash pickups or delivery of carts. Branum's have moved all their dumpsters to their E 9th property, and the October 31, 2015 deadline for moving all the outside containers to the inside has been delayed because of rain. Lance Walker and Bobby Khourie have been asked as to how to manage the contents of the Rone Building. The Safety Committee met October 31, 2015 and it was determined that all accidents were non preventable. The Veterans Day event will be held on November 11, 2015. The parade line up will be in front of the High School at 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. with the parade commencing at 1:30 p.m. down Ward Avenue and left on 3rd Street to John Riggs Park. Metheny & Smith began the audit of the City on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 and will be ongoing for one to two more weeks.

Under new business Counselor Santschi stated that the ordinance for a city engineer is up to the Mayor to opt to do so. Santschi also stated that the Council may want to keep him on retainer until the Republic contract is fulfilled, but at any event the new Counselor would have access to all of his notes.

Councilperson Duckworth made motion to close the open session, second by Councilperson Merideth, and the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the council and no close session to be considered at this time, the meeting is considered to be adjourned at the close of the open session.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk