

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 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
Michael Santschi	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Cheek (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	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 of order of business was the approval of minutes motioned by Councilperson Harmon, seconded by Councilperson Cartee, and the motion carried. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve reports and bills seconded by Councilperson Cartee, and the motion carried.

The next order of business was presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications. Counselor Santschi addressed the letter sent by Dorroh concerning Missouri Senate Bill No. 5. Certification has to take place to be in compliance with the reduction in revenue for minor traffic violations. The maximum for a traffic violation in the state of Missouri was \$500 which will be reduced to \$300. Most of the cities revenues for fines were at 30%, which will drop to 20%. Caruthersville was at 10% well below the previous or present percentages. There was a letter from Jim DeReign in reference to the fence and entry ways during the St. Jude's rodeo event. There was an issue as to what was the Housing Authority and the American Legions right of points of entry. It was established that Gayoso is a private street. Councilperson Cartee noted that the event brought a lot of business to the City, and hope that some kind of resolution would take place in the future.

Bids are being accepted for the Magnolia Project which has to be in by October 7, 2015, and the Drainage Inspection contract has been signed. The leak at the

water treatment plant cannot be addressed until the valve has arrived. The estimated arrival time is less than a month.

Councilperson Cartee reported for the Fire department three fire calls from September 14th through September 22, 2015. On the 14th there was burning debris behind a structure at State Highway D. On the 16th, there was a structure fire on Franklin. On the 19th there was debris on fire at the river front just off Walker. The Bootheel Local Emergency Planning Committee placed a trailer at the Public Safety building for the purpose of responding to hazardous waste material. Marquis Oil Company donated 250 gallons of firefighting foam which brought the total to 550 gallons. The new tanker truck will be ready for delivery on October 26, 2015.

Paul Shaw reported that the City has 1507 radio reads with less than 800 yet to be installed. It is expected to be two years before the entire City is equipped with radio reads. Councilperson Cartee made motion to purchase more meters in the amount of \$17,500, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following votes:

Hood	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes		

Terry Rushing reported that the street sweeper will be in operation by September 22, 2015. The use of the current backhoe is being limited until the new one arrives. The parking lot across from the Post Office has been sealed and ready to be striped. Striping will be occurring on Ward Avenue from 7th Street to the sea wall.

Keith Davis reported that Coach Royer held a meet on the weekend for the Racers, and there will be at least three more home games.

Jamie Jones made a proposal to participate with Parks and Recreation with the development of a program to reach the youth to participate in a football program geared toward 2nd through 6th graders. This would include flag and tackle football; he wants the use of Park and Recreation football equipment, while working in some capacity with the City. All sports programs under the City are covered by insurance, and there was a question about liability. The Council is looking forward to next year with some collaborative effort between Jamie Jones and Parks and Recreation to come up with a plan to work with the youth, being there's no liability issue to contend with.

Teresa Tidwell reported that she recently addressed DAR about the presidential books and history of the library. The Library is part of a mentoring program with Parents as Teachers/Baby Basics. The new programs for the fall include Homeschool Networking, Retired Adults Q&A, Lego League, Story Times, and the Caruthersville Area Arts Council Book Group.

Ms. Tidwell asked the City to rectify the oversight of her pay rate and award her the status of department head, with the salary that the Library Board determined was fair in November of 2014, along with any back pay. Ms. Tidwell's pay is currently \$11.00/hr. and the Board agreed to \$32,000/yr. Counselor Santschi noted that her pay could be elevated or the Council could decide on another course of action. Councilperson Harmon stated that the City's salary schedule would need to be adhered to, and the salary schedule for the Director of the Library would have to be decided upon, with it not being listed on the salary schedule.

The Mayor reported that the Riverfront project has been abandoned; the City will complete the project with the grant money, and will be looking into going back on the bond. The City has had to pick up Residential trash, and has been assisted by our contract labor to empty dumpsters. Flyers are going out to commercial customers with Republic's information. Initially residential pickups will be the same weekly routes, the 96 gallon totes will come at a later date. The Rone building will be appraised, with the first option given to bid by the adjacent property owners. The Mayor met with members of the Department of Natural Resources. They expressed that leaks are very costly, and that MRW has a grant program that will find leaks. They also stated that it was imperative to have a calibrated meter to make sure the meters are working properly. The City will have to put out bids for the clearing of vegetation of streets and alley ways. Terry Rushing made mention that he would contact Phyllis Miner about a low interest loan to address the Taven Loop issue.

Councilperson Harmon was elected as Mayor Pro Tem by acclamation motioned by Councilperson Rodgers, second by Councilperson Hood. Councilperson Bullington made motion to close the open session, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following votes:

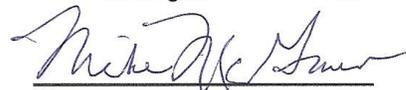
Hood	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes		

Upon reconvening from the Close session, and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following votes:

Hood	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes		

ATTEST: 

City Clerk



Mayor