

CARUTHERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
April 6, 2015

The Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (B. T.)	Councilperson
Merideth (Baughn)	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	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 minutes and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Fike, seconded by Councilperson Cheek, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Councilperson Cartee reported the Fire Department had responded to five fire calls during the period of March 17, 2015 through April 6, 2015. Pipeline Association of Missouri held a training session at the Community Center on March 23. Twelve firefighters attended the class.

Councilperson Cartee reported the Humane Shelter had fifteen dogs and six cats at the shelter. There are 12 dogs and 5 cats available for adoption.

The Council was advised the spring clean-up will be conducted the week of May 4th through May 8th. Items may be put out next to the curb on the day of your regular garbage pick-up that week. The trucks will not pick up tires, batteries, construction material, paint, oil, or appliances. Everyone is encouraged to place items out for pick-up on your garbage day, as the drivers will come through only once.

The Operations Supervisor reported the weather has hindered the repair of the street breaks, but the crews hope to start on the street breaks next week. There has been quite a bit of debris set out already for clean-up.

The Water/Wastewater Manager reported an issue with one of the wells at the Industrial Park water plant. A contractor has been in to look at the problem, and has pulled the motor

ror repair. He then reported on Monday, April 27th, tire hydrants will be flushed in the City. This could cause the water to be yellow, but will clear up quickly.

Approximately 270 children have signed up for the summer baseball league. The weather will not allow tryouts this year, so the coaches will draw for teams. The Pemiscot County Health Center will be holding the annual Health Fair at the Recreation Center on Friday, April 10.

The Council was asked to advertise for bids for the replacement of the gym floor. After discussion, Councilperson Baughn Merideth motioned to approve advertising for the gym floor. Councilperson Cheek seconded the motion, and motion carried. Specifications will be drafted and approved before placing the ads.

Terry Rushing then reported the natural gas company does not accept the pressure test on structures from the City. After discussion, it was decided the City will discontinue performing the test, but will require a copy of the utility company paperwork to ensure the structure passed. The Counselor will draft the necessary documentation to present to the gas company regarding this issue.

Terry Rushing reported the heating units in the pool area at the recreation center caused smoke damage. The unit is old is very corroded. Specifications will be drafted. After discussion, Councilperson B. T. Merideth motioned to approve advertising for bids for the repairs, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried.

The electrical utilities are ready to be split at the Cupples Building so the tenants can have separate meters. Meter bases have been placed for both sections of the building.

The Council was then advised the motor in the backhoe needed to be repaired or replace the backhoe. After discussion, the Operations Supervisor was asked to draft specifications for a backhoe on the same specifications as the current backhoe. Once bids have been received, the Council will determine what option will be taken.

Bootheel Regional Planning Commission has received a grant to pick up electrical items, or anything with a chord. They have asked if the City would like to participate in the grant. The City would only have to supply a place for people to drop off their items, and then Bootheel Regional will send a truck to pick it up. A truck could be placed in one of the bays at the maintenance shed, and an employee could monitor the collections that would be allowed only on Thursday and Friday afternoon. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the City's participation in the grant with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried.

McCoy's Salvage has decided to donate the old caboose to the City for the transportation museum. The caboose would be located at the vegetation site until a better site could be found. The Council asked that a committee be formed to look at the possibility of moving the caboose, repainting, and site location

The survey that had been requested for the area of 19th and Truman had been completed. After reviewing the map, the Operations Supervisor was asked to place flags where a

structure could be placed on the lot if the property is rezoned. The City will then hold another public hearing, and invite the residents of the area, and the owner of the lot to attend the hearing. Councilperson Baughn Merideth motioned to invite the residents, and the owner to a public hearing, after stakes have been placed on the lot showing where construction could be placed if the property is rezoned. Councilperson Cartee seconded the motion, and motion was carried.

The construction of the t-hangars at the airport has been progressing nicely. The progress at the Riverfront has been hindered due to the snow, ice, and flood stage of the river. The river has receded enough, and the contractor is expected back this week. The engineer has ordered the trusses for the pavilion, and architectural shingles will be placed on the structure. The shingles will have a fifty year warranty.

Teresa Tidwell with the Caruthersville Library reported notary services are now offered at the Library, and the fee will be \$2.00. Also, when looking through the storage room, books that have been signed by past presidents were found. The books were signed by Harry Truman, Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Theodore Roosevelt. These have been placed on display at the Library. Everyone is invited to come by and view the books, and learn their history.

Mayor Grantham asked the Council to approve the appointment of Catherine Donald and Pam Gardner to the Housing Authority Board. The appointments will remain on the Board until March 31, 2019. Councilperson Fike motioned to approve the appointments, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Cartee motioned to hold closed session in regards to property, with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Merideth, B.T.	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Baughn Merideth	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Fike	Yes

After reconvening into regular session, the Council discussed the sewer problem on Magnolia. It was determined the engineer needed to be contacted regarding the sewer problem on Magnolia. Hopefully, he will be able to determine the best way to solve the problem in that area. He will, also, check the storm water drainage on West 19th from Edwards to Ward. Reports will be given to the Council regarding the areas in question.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Bullington motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m., with Councilperson Fike seconding the motion, and motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Melinda Acipres

City Clerk