

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
September 20, 2021

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, September 20, 2021 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
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Bullington (Absent)	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Grable (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Rodgers (Absent)	Councilperson
Glass	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 regular session minutes for September 7, 2021. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Glass with all in favor.

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval for September 7, 2021 closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Glass with all in favor.

Councilperson Cheek motion for approval of reports and bills, second by Councilperson Glass, with all in favor.

Mayor Grantham reported that the City had received the first payment of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds in the amount of \$539,574.62.

Fire report; Fire calls from September 8, 2021 through September 20, 2021 are as follows: 9/8/21; Smoke scare on West 4th St. with minor smoke damage, 9/11/21; Trash toe set on fire on Adams, 9/12/21; 911 call made about neighbor house being on fire and nothing was detected on Grand, 9/18/; Structure fire with arson being detected followed by an investigation on Zaida. As of September 20, 2021 there have been 106 members of the Rural Fire Subscription that have renewed their membership. There have been thirteen that have not renewed, and there are four new members.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that ASCPA along with other agencies gathered up the multitude of dogs on Grand Thursday, and the house will be torn down. The burnout behind the car wash on Truman has also been cleared for demo. The asbestos tester took samples at the old Tiger Hut, and the results will be in by the end of the week.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the Bootheel Community Theater event was a success, and Ms. Tidwell made mention of the Wall of Distinction coming up this Friday at 1:30 p.m. The soliciting of ads for the birthday calendar has begun. Any business or individual can purchase an ad which pays for the birthday calendars for a years' worth of advertising, and the calendars are free.

City Collector report; Collections from September 1, 2021 through September 20, 2021 are as follows: Real Estate \$2,453.27, Personal Property \$123.75, Miscellaneous \$190.00, Total taxes \$2,035.98, Fees and Interest \$699.31, Total Collections \$2,767.02.

Insurance report; Councilperson Spence reported that she and the Mayor had met with a representative with Cigna, and they were very impressed with what they had to offer. Cigna will meet with the City employees Wednesday, to talk about their insurance plans.

Councilperson Cheek a member of the Lions Club, thanked everyone that came out to help on Saturday to clean up Exit 6. The Lions Club is looking to do a clean up the second Saturday of every quarter, which could be adjusted if need be. There were 57 bags of trash picked up, and the first time it was done there were 180 bags. It appears that people are more conscientious of littering, and people are also talking about cleaning up the community mentioned by the Mayor and Councilperson Hood.

Business From the Floor; Charles Cain reported that there was a pothole on West 11th St. and Ward, and a break in the pavement on Laurant and 13th St. Mayor Grantham made mention that she had a list of potholes within the City, and would add to it if they weren't on it. Mr. Cain wanted to know what the ARPA funds would go towards. The Mayor stated it was already accounted for with the Water and Waste Water projects, and police salary increases, and that the City was very appreciative in receiving the funds.

Counselor Dorroh introduced the Agreement for Relocation of Public Utilities for the Caruthersville Floodwall Project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will appropriate the funds in the sum of \$1,011,550.00 for reimbursement to the City for work performed under the agreement. If the bid comes in over the allocated amount there will be provisions for an amendment to the contract or through their claims process. Councilperson Lyons motion to accept the agreement and for Mayor Grantham to execute the agreement, second by Councilperson Cheek, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Glass	Yes		

Charles Davis with the Levee District made mention that the relocation of the water and sewer lines would have to be relocated before the floodwall is constructed.

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of personnel and real estate. Councilperson Lyons made motion, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
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Hood
Glass

Yes
Yes

Spence

Yes

Upon returning from closed session, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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