

**PUBLIC HEARING  
City of Caruthersville**

The City of Caruthersville conducted a Public Hearing Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present: Teresa Tidwell, Paige Gillock, Anna Mitchell, Barry Gilmore, Tony Jones, Lamonte Bell, Charlie Jones, Teddy Cheek, Paul Glass, Takella Motton, Sue Grantham, Lawrence Dorroh, and J J Bullington.

The purpose of the hearing was to inform the public and ask for any input that they may have regarding the grant application for the Police and Fire department request for funding for equipment. Mitzi Dell via phone explained that she wrote the grant on behalf of the City, which is \$103,142.00. The eligibility for the grant is 35 percent which is \$36,100.00 and the City's portion is 65 percent which is \$67,042.00. The grant itself would fall under the next fiscal year. With there not being any questions from the public the hearing was closed. There was not a regular session meeting because there was not a quorum. Therefore, the execution of the documents by the Mayor would have to occur Wednesday, October 20, 2021 if there's a quorum.

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
October, 20, 2021**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

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| Sue Grantham    | Mayor            |
| Takella Motton  | City Clerk       |
| Lawrence Dorroh | City Counselor   |
| Tony Jones      | Sergeant at Arms |
| Glass           | Councilperson    |
| Bullington      | Councilperson    |
| Lyons           | Councilperson    |
| Cheek           | Councilperson    |
| Grable (Absent) | Councilperson    |
| Hood (Absent)   | Councilperson    |
| Spence (Absent) | Councilperson    |
| Rodgers         | 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 October 4, 2021. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons with all in favor.

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

The next item for business was the authorization of the execution of documents discussed in the Public Hearing to be done by the Mayor for the grant application through the USDA. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Glass   | Yes | Bullington | Yes |
| Lyons   | Yes | Cheek      | Yes |
| Rodgers | Yes |            |     |

The bid tabulation for the relocations of the systems for the new flood wall low bid was from Josh Tinnin Construction LLC for \$1,093,146.50. Councilperson Bullington made motion to accept contingent upon the Corps of Engineers' modification for added cost and the acquisition of the required easements. The motion was second by Councilperson Cheek, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Glass   | Yes | Bullington | Yes |
| Lyons   | Yes | Cheek      | Yes |
| Rodgers | Yes |            |     |

The bid tabulation for the sewer collection system improvements low bid was from Visu-Sewer of Missouri LLC for \$1,622,096.30. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval to accept the low bid, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Glass   | Yes | Bullington | Yes |
| Lyons   | Yes | Cheek      | Yes |
| Rodgers | Yes |            |     |

Police report; Tony Jones made the Council aware that the police side of the Public Safety Building needs painting, and the base boards need replacing, which will have to go out for bids.

Public Works; Paul Shaw reported that among the normal duties the crews have worked on the following: Water tap on Stonewall Dr. and Third St., they changed out five copper setters, the well line has been replaced from the old well, paving has started, and both plants are in operation.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported moving forward on the Tiger Hut. There will be three buildings coming down by November 16, 2021. The title search was received on the McCoy's property, which shows the Water Tower is not on the McCoy's property. A survey may have to take place in order to get a legal description. Mayor Grantham made mention that there was an interest in the sale of the McCoy's property. The interested party would want to clean up the property, and have a salvage yard. Barry Gilmore stated that the interested party would have to wait until the next tax sale in August of 2022, and then wait another year before a title could be obtained. The only other way would be to purchase from the McCoy's and pay the back taxes.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reminded everyone of the Halloween Storytime Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., and asked for costumes to be worn. The first lunch and learn post pandemic was held today, in which the circulatory and lymphatic systems were explored by massages on the arms. There are two exercise classes being conducted at the Library, Geri-fit/Gentle yoga that meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10.00 a.m., and Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Budget report; Councilperson Lyons reported that the Finance Committee would be conducting another meeting, and a budget would be prepared by the next meeting.

Economic report; Jana Merideth reported that last week BLP had the Cleanup Committee meeting, and the goal was to have 25% of the blight to be cleaned up. Thanks to Barry Gilmore the goal was achieved. The committee is now looking at other goals to work on and go forward with. Teresa Tidwell has taken the place of Mary Matheson while she recovers, and Workforce Development continues to work with DAEOC focusing on fossil fuel for potential employees. Downtown Tourism will meet Thursday, October 21, 2021. Value Added Ag is preparing for a Farmer’s Brunch at the Library November 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The CAAC is asking for support to become a member or renew membership for another year. The Arts Council will be sponsoring their first event post pandemic by having the Funky Butt Brass Band performance at the Armory Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at the Library or from any CAAC member. Gary Lucy will be working on the Muriel on the north wall of the Exchange Building soon. Doug White’s Pemiscot County Career Needs Survey deadline is Friday, October 22, 2021. The River Lights lighting will take place Wednesday, November 24, 2021. Beth Warmath will be contacting food truck vendors to see if they’re interested in setting up outside of the park.

New Business; With Halloween being Sunday, October 31, 2021, everyone wants to know when it would be celebrated. The Halloween parade is Friday, October 29, 2021 at 4:30 p.m., and Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 30, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Council thought it was a good idea to have it immediately following the parade on Friday until 7:00 p.m. while the costumes were being worn. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Cheek, which resulted in the following vote:

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|---------|-----|------------|-----|
| Glass   | Yes | Bullington | Yes |
| Lyons   | Yes | Cheek      | Yes |
| Rodgers | Yes |            |     |

Mayor Grantham reported that the automated draft for payroll was available, and asked if Council would approve. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Rodgers which resulted in the following vote:

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|---------|-----|------------|-----|
| Glass   | Yes | Bullington | Yes |
| Lyons   | Yes | Cheek      | Yes |
| Rodgers | Yes |            |     |

Chief Tony Jones introduced Anna Mitchell the new officer. Officer Mitchell stated that she was originally from Dyersburg TN. When she got out of the academy she went to Kennett MO, and came to Caruthersville for the opportunity of growth, and resides here in Caruthersville.

The Airport grant contract has a second amendment for an additional sum not to exceed \$23,152.00 with the City’s match being \$2,572.00 for Crack, Seal, Seal Coat, and Remark Airport

Pavements. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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|---------|-----|------------|-----|
| Glass   | Yes | Bullington | Yes |
| Lyons   | Yes | Cheek      | Yes |
| Rodgers | Yes |            |     |

Introduction to Bills; Counselor Dorroh introduced a bill establishing an ordinance for a school zone speed limit. Councilperson Lyons motion for the first reading as follows:

**BILL NO. 2021- 05** **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05**  
**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT ON SPECIFIED STREETS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby established a speed limit of 15 miles from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on all days during which school is in session for the streets described in section 2 below.

Section 2. Schedule III of Title III of the Code of Ordinances of the City is hereby amended by the addition of the following school zone speed limits:

| <i>Location</i>   | <i>Maximum Speed Limit</i> |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Henrietta St. between Truman Blvd, and Madison Ave.  | 15 m.p.h.                  |
| 2. Madison Avenue between Henrietta St. and Locust St.  | 15 m.p.h.                  |
| 3. Locust St. between Truman Blvd, and Madison Ave.   | 15 m.p.h.                  |
| 4. Washington Ave. between Henrietta St. and Locust St. All of the above from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for all days in which school is in session. On all other days and times the speed limit on such streets shall be 25 m.p.h. | 15 m.p.h.                  |

Section 3. The City Traffic Engineer shall place and maintain signs as required by Section 330.010 of the Code.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in excess of the speed specified in section 2 above.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after its passage and approval.

READ TWO TIMES, PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of 2021.

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 Sue Grantham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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 Takella Motion, City Clerk

Councilperson Lyons motion for the second reading by title only, second by Councilperson Cheek, with all in favor. The question is will Bill No. 2021-05 pass and become known as Ordinance 2021-05.

Councilperson Lyons motion for passage, second by Councilperson Glass resulting in the following vote:

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|---------|-----|------------|-----|
| Glass   | Yes | Bullington | Yes |
| Lyons   | Yes | Cheek      | Yes |
| Rodgers | Yes |            |     |

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

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|---------|-----|------------|-----|
| Glass   | Yes | Bullington | Yes |
| Lyons   | Yes | Cheek      | Yes |
| Rodgers | Yes |            |     |

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

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk