

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
AUGUST 17, 2015**

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BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, August 17, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Mike McGraw	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh (Absent)	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington (Absent)	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 to come before the Council was the approval of the minutes from the regular session of August 3, 2015, motioned by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, and the motion carried. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the closed session, seconded by Hood, and the motion carried. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the August 10, 2015, regular session special meeting, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, and the motion carried. It was decided to hold off on the closed session special meeting minutes until next close session meeting.

The next order of business was the approval of reports of bills. Councilperson Merideth made motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, and the motion carried.

Presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; the Mayor authorized the purchase of cemetery software for \$1,790 plus installation for mapping purposes. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to purchase the software, seconded by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	No

Lawrence Dorroh turned in a letter of resignation for the office of City Counselor effective August 20, 2015, but will still hold the office of City Attorney. Jane Fike turned in a letter of resignation for the office of City Council in Ward 4 effective August 10, 2015.

Unfinished business consisted of a recommendation to enter into a contractual agreement with Waters & Associates concerning the Magnolia Project and Drainage Inspection. Councilperson Cartee made motion to authorize the signing of said agreement, second by Merideth, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Councilperson Merideth motioned to authorize the signing of the contract for the Drainage Inspection, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Tony Jones reported that there were state and federal warrants issued for drugs, and stolen firearms for a resident. There was a large sum of cash and narcotics recovered, and the department pledges to keep the City safe from such criminal activity.

Councilperson Cartee reported six fire calls from August 3, 2015 through August 17, 2015. On August 3, mutual aid to Kennett with standby at station 2; August 4, mutual aid to Portageville at an explosion at Noranda with standby at their station; August 7, a vacant structure set on fire, also a shed spreading to a structure; August 9, a trash pile was on fire at Carmean's, also a laundry room in the jail division. The Missouri Department of Conservation reimbursed the City \$3,000 for their half of a matching grant for 20 pairs of leather boots. Training for August will be on the 24th at the Marquis Missouri Terminal, which will entail regulations that apply to the handling of crude oil by rail. The tanker has another delay due to a recall on the drive shaft.

The Water & Sewer Committee had a meeting before the regular session and reported they would give the Council a report at the next meeting.

Terry Rushing reported that the sweeper was in need of repairing, conveyor belt, bearings, and rotors were needed to be replaced. The estimated cost would be between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Councilperson Harmon made motion for the repairing of the street sweeper authorizing up to \$10,000, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

There's a manhole cover and concrete slab that needs replacing on 3rd and Bushy with an estimated cost of \$1,500. Councilperson Cartee made motion to authorize the sum of \$1,500 to replace the manhole cover and concrete slab, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Terry also reported that another decorative light had been hit. It would cost \$3,500 to replace the light and \$500 for the concrete. Councilperson Harmon made motion for \$4,000 for the replacement of the decorative light, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Terry will be checking to see if the backhoe bids will be honored that we already have, and look at seeking bids for a smaller bush haul tractor with an air conditioned cab 50/60 horse power. The bush haul would have to be purchased for the back of the tractor also. There is the continuation of the pickup of limbs, leaves, and debris. Potholes have been filled and lots have been mowed, 20 for today alone. Terry also made mention of that he would be purchasing cold pack for \$1,000 and 1" base rock for \$1,500 for the potholes. Councilperson Cartee inquired about the mowing of the Brown Shoe ditch. Terry stated that the 15th St. side had been mowed and was time for it to be mowed again, but the middle of the ditch wasn't possible to get to. At this time the City has five active building permits.

Park & Recreation reported that the Park Board had met and decided to table the possibility of opening back up on Sundays, it will be reviewed at a later date. Councilperson Rodgers asked Keith about the Park and DAEOC's collaborated effort to put an ADA picnic table in French Park. Keith stated he would ask the Board about going ahead with the project even if DAEOC doesn't follow through. Rodgers also inquired about looking at the cost of having Health Exercise Stations within the community, perhaps in some of the green areas being proposed.

Teresa Tidwell reported that after having a very successful summer reading program the library is planning for their fall and winter programs.

The Mayor reported on the continuation of the mosquito control, Betty Toles inquired about the possible harmful effects on humans. Terry stated that the chemical used was regulated, but that he would inquire about the possible harmful side effects of the chemical being used. Today three bids were opened and documented from Republic, Red River, and EMC. The Mayor gave the bidders 48 hours to respond to some additional questions. The Street and Sanitation Committee plans on meeting Friday at 5:00 p.m. Councilperson Cartee made motion to have the next meeting Tuesday September 8, 2015 after Labor Day, second by Councilperson Cheek, and the motion carried.

The Mayor made recommendation for the appointment of Michael Santschi as City Counselor effective August 20, 2015. Councilperson Hood motion to accept the appointment of Santschi, second by Councilperson Cheek which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	No	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

The Mayor's budget report weighed the option of having an automatic 1.5% pay raise vs \$.50/hr. to \$1.00/hr. pay raise. Percentage raises widens the gap between the top and bottom of the pay scale. The Mayor recommends that Pam Peeler be paid \$15.00/hr., same as the Water Clerk that's on FMLA. The recommendation is that she be paid the difference through the pay period ending August 12, 2015, which would be a gross of \$485.76. He recommends the City Clerk hourly rate to be raised to \$16.00/hr. plus \$1.00 from the Cemetery Fund. Overtime would be limited to the actually meeting plus

one hour each meeting per month. Councilperson Merideth suggested that the information be taken to the Finance Committee for review.

Business from the floor, John Hutchinson expressed his concern for the council members that signed for the special meeting that take place and not having sufficient information about why the meeting was called. Shelby Walker commended the Police Department for handling their job in such a professional manner, with her being directly in the path of the sting.

Introduction to bills, Councilperson Cartee made motion for the first reading of **AN ORDINANCE OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS**, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Councilperson Cartee made motion for the second read of said ordinance, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

The next bill was **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 215.380 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**, Councilperson Cartee made motion for the reading of the said ordinance, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Councilperson Merideth made motion for the second reading of said ordinance, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Cartee, and the motioned carried unanimously with the meeting adjourning at 6:17 p.m.

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Mayor

City of Caruthersville

200 West Third Street
Caruthersville, MO 63830



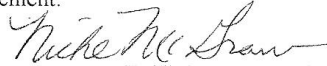
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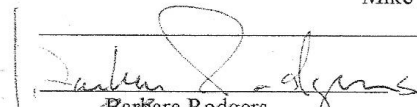
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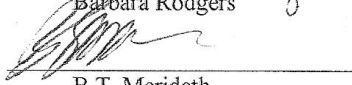
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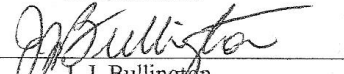
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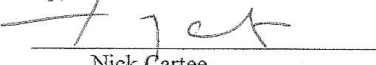
I, Mike McGraw, Mayor of the City of Caruthersville, do hereby call a Special Meeting for Friday, August 21, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at 200 West Third Street Caruthersville, MO. The purpose of the meeting is to review bids for Solid Waste Collection, Award Bid, and discuss termination of current Solid Waste contractor's agreement.


Mike McGraw, Mayor

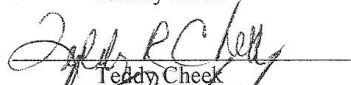

Barbara Rodgers

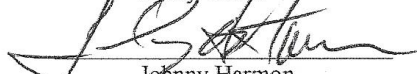

B. T. Merideth


J. J. Bullington

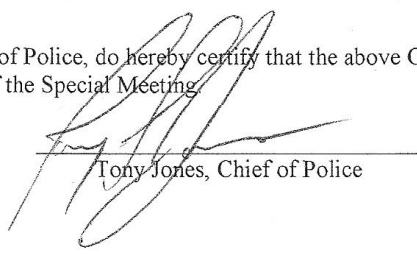

Nick Cartee

Left at residence w/wife
Johnny Hood


Teddy Cheek


Johnny Harmon

I, Tony Jones, Chief of Police, do hereby certify that the above Council members have been notified of the Special Meeting.


Tony Jones, Chief of Police