

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
August 6, 2018

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday August 6, 2018 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
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	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 Public Hearing minutes. Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Grable which resulted in the following vote with all in favor.

Councilperson Merideth motion for approval of the regular session minutes of July 16, 2018 second by Councilperson Rittenberry with all in favor.

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

The next order of business was the presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; A motion was entertained for the proposed budget amendments from McDowell & Middleton as follows:

General Fund	Administration	\$33,000
	Police	\$50,000
	Recreation Center	\$45,000
	Transfers to Summer Food	(\$2,600)
	Transfers to Library	(\$88,539.18)
	Transfers to Street Dept.	(\$24,000.00)
	Transfer to Economic Development	(\$10,860.40)
	Transfer from Asset Forfeiture	\$32,551.88

Street Fund	\$24,000	Cemetery Fund		\$19,450
Library Fund	\$47,000	Economic Development		\$11,060.40
Summer Food	\$ 2,600	Sales Tax Capital Improvement	Revenues	\$317,000
			Expenses	\$329,107
Water Fund				
Transfers to Sewer Fund		(\$78,911)	Authorized Cash Transfers	
Sewer Fund	\$78,911		General to Payroll	\$ 2,920.62
			General to Airport	\$ 233.27
			Sales Tax Capital to General	\$59,134.65
			Asset Forfeiture to General	\$34,063.15

Councilperson Bullington also entertained a motion for the land sale at the Industrial Park for \$25,200 that went into the Community Revitalization Fund to go into the Economic Development Fund, which had a deficit of \$23,927.21 covered by the General Fund. Councilperson Duckworth made motion to accept the budget amendments, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion for a letter of engagement from McDowell and Middleton for their services for the fiscal year 2018-2019. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that the Police K-9 was in service, and Matthew Vincent is the K-9 officer. As of now they're waiting on the temperature monitor and caution stickers to put on the windows of the 2015 Tahoe, and then Eto will be placed in his cage.

Fire report; Fire calls from July 17, 2018 through August 6, 2018 are as follows: 7/17/18; Fire alarm sounding on E 3rd St., 7/17/18; Smoke scare on Cotton, 7/18/18; Mattress set on fire in trash pile on 12th and Laurant, 7/20/18; Mutual aid requested by Kennett for structure fire, 7/21/18; Grass fire reported on I55/412, 7/24/18; Minor damage to the side of a structure on Jefferson, 7/26/18; Structure fire at a controlled burn on State Hwy D & 164, 7/29/18; Report of gas order at West Haven, 8/4/18; Structure fire with moderate damage at Walker Terrace. Fire inspections were conducted at Caruthersville High, Middle, and Elementary schools, along with the Maintenance and Bus Barn, and the Caruthersville Clinic. The training for the month was a presentation from Paul Shaw explaining the water flow at Taven apartments with the installation of the new fire hydrants.

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported that the handing out of door hangers has been a success. There have been a lot of calls, and the dumpster at the Maintenance yard has had to be dumped more often. The bush hog has not been repaired as of yet, and Ms. Fuller will be meeting with a contractor from Dyersburg to get a quote on the mowing. The resident on Highland that has been of concern of abating the nuisance family has gotten involved and is abating the nuisance.

Water & Waste Water report; Paul Shaw reported that the City was wrapping up some in kind work on the Marlar Loop project by redoing the tap on Taven, O'Reilly, Nursing Home, and the Car Wash. Some pavement has to be replaced on Marlar Dr. and everything will be complete. Paul Shaw introduced Jess Cagle and he talked about a network project with the State of Missouri, Department of Public Safety, and the Missouri Interoperability Center. The county has had a tower for years that works within a 15 mile radius. The antennas have had to be turned to enable transmission to Tennessee. The Public Safety Network has been working with the county, but it would be in the distant future before anything materializes. The Public Safety Network wants to put up a tower in Caruthersville. There's a great need to implement a temporary tower that would benefit the city, county, and all public safety agencies enabling network coverage. The tower at 13th and Truman would serve as a good fit. The Public Safety Network puts up the temporary site and works with the City for a year, and if everything pans out, then they would go with a permanent tower. The City would not be out of any money, and the contract would include payment to the City in the amount of \$1,000 per month. Councilperson Lyons motion to move forward with the plans for a temporary tower, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes

Jess Cagle also mentioned AT & T First Net being a viable entity to get connected with; they have established 5 sites in Missouri, and will be implementing more. It gives First Responders the ability to connect to a tower and kick others off in case of an emergency.

Park & Recreation report; Wes Deere reported that flag football would be 1st through 4th graders and tackle football would be 5th and 6th graders, the cost being \$30 per student. The flag football will be dependent upon the signups as far as having a league. The tackle football will be traveling; they'll be playing Portageville, Hayti, Kennett, and looking to hear from New Madrid and Charleston.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the Missouri Conservation Department has given the library new fishing rods and tackle boxes, and they are being checked out rapidly. The Caruthersville library being part of the Edge Initiative has been featured as a cover story as being a small community making efforts to keeping the community abreast of technology.

Budget report; Councilperson Bullington reported that the General, Street, Sanitary, Economic Development, Tourism, Water, and Sewer Funds needs to be paid close attention to. The General having to make transfers to other funds, Tourism being almost nonexistent, Water having to make transfers to Sewer, and deficit spending in all the others. There will have to be a special meeting to

discuss and make decisions as to how to address the City's financial situation. Monday August 13, 2018 will be the special meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Insurance report; Josh Rittenberry stated that he wanted to defer to Counselor Dorroh regarding the unpaid claims reports in the packet. Counselor stated that we're at the 3 month period of the stop loss coverage. The claims are dwindling down, and the consensus was to not to terminate, but hold onto another month to make sure all claims are paid.

Councilperson Bullington inquired about the grant for the Exchange Building. Counselor Dorroh stated that he had received some material, and that the City still has access to the grant; that it was a pretty long term deal.

Economic Chair Jana Merideth reported that registration had taken place for the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative in Davenport, IA in September. The Director Colin Wallenkamp was driving through on his way to St. Louis, and asked to meet with the Mayor. They had dinner along with others and talked about ways to get grant money for different projects. Mr. Wallenkamp was given a tour of the city, and he was impressed with what he saw. Ms. Merideth also was at a dinner meeting where Representative Jason Smith was attending, and just so happen, Ms. Merideth set beside his deputy chief of staff, and they exchanged cards. Representative Smith will tentatively be coming to the area sometime in September or October while he's in recess. Last week a conference call with the Regional Economic Development office occurred, and a lot of information was given on ways to bring industry into a community, and things that can be done with existing businesses. They will also be coming down for a visit. Ms. Merideth and the Mayor registered for Missouri Partnerships, they will train in St. Louis for Request for Qualifications packets, and it's free.

Councilperson Bullington asked Counselor Dorroh if the half cent tax would apply to utility bills, and he stated that the City does not have the domestic utility tax that would permit that to happen.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, with all in favor, the meeting adjourning at 5:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor