

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
Continuation of Public Hearing
September 19, 2017

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at 5:10 p.m., in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Mike McGraw, Tony Jones, Wesley Deere, Jane Ellen Lazenby, Paige Gillock, Melissa McClain, Christina Williams, Jimmy Lemonds, Patty Matthews, Jim Matthews, Lisa Griffin, Cindy House, David House, Luther Robinson, Karen Meeks, Sonya Fuller, Johnny Hood, Sue Grantham, Josh Rittenberry, Matthew Duckworth, Barbara Rodgers, Takella Motton, Lawrence Dorroh.

Mayor McGraw asked for any comments from the public for the 2017 tax rate which would be the same as last year. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues which show to be required from the property tax. Each tax is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

ASSESSED VALUATION	CURRENT TAX YEAR 2017	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2016
Real Estate	\$31,642,230	\$30,857,483
Personal Property	<u>\$12,088,058</u>	<u>\$12,170,131</u>
Total	\$43,730,288	\$43,027,614

The following tax rates are proposed:

	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted	Tax Rate Ceiling (Per \$100)
General Fund	\$ 263,125.14	\$.6017
Special Sewer Tax	89,253.52	.2041
Library Fund	42,287.19	.0967
Public Health	75,172.37	.1719
Cemetery Fund	<u>18,804.02</u>	<u>.0430</u>
TOTAL	\$ 488,642.24	\$ 1.1174

With no further input to be brought forward, the hearing closed.

ATTEST:

 City Clerk

 Mayor

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
Special Session
September 19, 2017**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in special session Tuesday September 19, 2017 at 5:12 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Mike McGraw	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington (Absent)	Councilperson
Cartee (Absent)	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Grantham	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 September 5, 2017 regular session minutes. Councilperson Hood motion to approve after all necessary amendments second by Duckworth which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Grantham	Yes		

Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve the closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Grantham which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Grantham	Yes		

Councilperson Hood motion for the approval of the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Grantham	Yes		

The next order of business was the presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications. A letter was received from the Missouri Department of Economic Development informing the City of the approval of \$222,000 by the Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant is for water improvements, which will be used for the Marlar project.

Mayor's report; There is a potential tenant for the Wal-Mart building who has conversed with Mr. Rosen, and the potential tenant requested information from the Mayor. Jeff Montgomery chairman of the economic team is hopeful of targeting business for the community. The Bootheel Synergy 7 County Area held a meeting in Portageville September 6, 2017. There will be subsequent meetings October 4, 2017, November 1, 2017, December 12, 2017, and March 7, 2017. The insurance adjuster did come August 16, 2017 to assess the Recreation Center roof, and the report was sent to the Core adjuster. Wesley Deere has been trying to get the results of the report and will continue to make contact to get the results. Mayor McGraw asked for any recommendations for a price on the multiple lots that had been previously recommended by him to sell for \$1,000 per lot. There will be discussion at a later date. The volunteer cleanup of the South Ward overpass area was held on September 9, 2017. There were over 100 bags of trash that was picked up. Mayor McGraw recommended that the City take bids for maintenance of the I-55 Exit 6 overpass. Councilperson Grantham motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Grantham	Yes		

Mayor McGraw inquired of MODOT about landscaping and lighting for Exit 6; they will be following up with him about the matter. The Mayor is also inquiring of Ameren to accelerate the LED lights on the CV poles throughout the City. There was also talk about the lighting on Highway 84 and Exit 4, volunteering for cleanup, and putting up signage for no littering.

Chief Tony Jones reported that he had been on traffic patrol throughout Operation Healthy Delta's deployment in the City. The military team has been very complimentary of the City's hospitality, and they will eventually come back to the City within their 6 counties rotation.

Fire report; Fire calls from September 5, 2017 through September 19, 2017 are as follows: 9/5/17; Vehicle fire on I55 a total loss, 9/11/17; Smoke scare due to malfunction of stove on Beckwith, 9/14/17; Fire alarm sounding on Mooreland, 9/16/17; Structure fire on East 15th St., 9/17/17; Fire alarm sounding on State Hwy D. Fire drills were conducted at all three schools on September 8, 2017. The department has submitted a grant for bunker gear for 50/50 matching funds up to \$6,000 through the Missouri Department of Conservation. Notification of awards will be given by the end of November.

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported that she had sent out 8 letters, with 12 follow ups in the process of abating the nuisance. The document search and copies of all Notices to Abate Nuisance issued by the City for the year requested by Mr. Hoskins was completed; the total being \$94.82. Ms. Fuller met with Mers Goodwill on September 11, 2017, and as of now they don't have any volunteers.

Parks & Recreation; Wesley Deere reported that the Tiger football that consists of 5th and 6th graders had their first game and beat Malden. The flag football had to be scrapped and kickball has

started. Sonic approached Mr. Deere about sponsorship of teams, and giving proceeds towards programs. Papa John's sold pizza in the concession stands during baseball season. Sonic will sell food during the basketball and kickball season.

Paul Shaw reported that all 3 clarifiers are back in operation. They have always been hard pressed in the hauling of the sludge. This time around instead of the 3 weeks for the removal it took 3 days.

Introduction to bills; Mayor McGraw recommended the setting of the tax rate for 2017, Councilperson Grantham motion for approval, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Grantham	Yes		

Councilperson Duckworth motion for the first reading of an ordinance setting the tax rate, second by Councilperson Rodgers as follows:

BILL NO. 2017-12

ORDINANCE 2017-12

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION AND LEVYING THE TAXES AND DECLARING THAT PURPOSE OF WHICH THE SAME SHALL AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THE YEAR 2017

Councilperson Duckworth motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Hood, the question is will Bill No. 2017-12 pass and become known as Ordinance 2017-12, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Grantham	Yes		

Business from the floor; Charles Oliver had a personal complaint towards the Mayor, and left abruptly. Patty Matthews, Jim Matthews, Lisa Griffin, David House, and Cindy House all residents of Brantley Lane had concerns about the mapping of Brantley Lane. No one knows exactly how their property will be affected by the Right of Way the City is proposing. Counselor Dorroh stated that a survey should take place with the properties being flagged. A meeting should also take place with the surveyor, developer, residents, and the City. Mayor McGraw stated that the residents would be notified as to when the meeting will take place. There was also mentioned the lighting on Industrial Drive needing improvement.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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