

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
December 7, 2015

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 5:00 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
Jim DeReign	Special Counselor
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	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 November 16, 2015 minutes, motioned by Councilperson Hood and seconded by Councilperson Duckworth which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Abstain
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

The next order of business was the approval of the close session minutes, Councilperson Harmon motion to table the special session minutes, second by Councilperson Merideth which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

Councilperson Cartee made motion to approve reports and bills, second by Councilperson Hood which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

Mayor McGraw reviewed the bid for street and alley vegetation removal. There was one bid from Delta Tree Service for the streets in the amount of \$1,100 per day with an estimated 200 man hours, and the maximum would be at \$24,750. The alleys \$1,100 per day, 80 hours in man hours, and the maximum amount would be \$10,000. Councilperson Hood made motion to accept the bid for the street and alley vegetation removal, second by Councilperson Duckworth which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Duckworth made motion to amend the budget and finance the street and alley vegetation removal bid out of the Sales Tax Fund. Councilperson Hood second the motion which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes, with the motion passing. Councilperson Harmon wanted to know how the job was going to be prioritized. Belton, representing Delta Tree Services stated that he had a map of the city, and would be consulting with Terry Rushing with a list. Councilperson Rodgers cited the high crime areas being a priority aforementioned.

The Mayor's report, the street sweeper had a mishap with a broken curb. Republic offered a contract that was not acceptable, and the Mayor requested the same contract as Hayti with a couple of revisions.

The City has not provided services for the de-annexation of South Ward. Councilperson Cartee made motion for the acceptance of the de-annexation of South Ward, second by Councilperson Bullington which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Abstain
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

On December 10, 2015, wreaths are to be placed at Veterans Park on Truman, in observance of Wreaths Across America. The last payment was made on the Library, December 4, 2015. The principal amount was \$1,250,000; interest \$630,158 on a 15 year note.

The Magnolia Project is underway and an additional manhole is needed in the amount of \$3000 with the change order being \$6,400. Councilperson Harmon made motion to add the additional manhole, second by Councilperson Cartee which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

The April 5, 2016 election filing begins December 9, 2015 15 and it ends January 19, 2016.

Jim Morgan donated land to the City at Truman and West Third valued at \$6,000. The Morgan's propose the City to remove five trees obscuring adjacent property for a business venture.

Councilperson Harmon motion to table cutting down the trees, second by Councilperson Cartee which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Abstain
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

Teresa Tidwell reported that Christmas story time would be every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Tiffany Ashford will be conducting exercise classes after the first of the year.

Nick Cartee reported 4 fire calls from November 25, 2015 through December 7, 2015. On November 25 a smoke scare at Taven Apt., and a smoke scare on Davis; November 28, a vehicle fire on Collins; November 29 there was a structure fire on Collins.

Paul Shaw reported that Missouri Rural Water was able to find which valve was leaking, but unable to shut off completely. The water tower on 15th and Adams is being painted. There's a position in the Water department that will be advertised.

Terry Rushing made recommendation to accept KYFAB bid for snow removal. Two bids were received. Councilperson Harmon made motion to accept the bid of KYFAB, second by Councilperson Merideth which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

Mayor McGraw left the room for the insurance bids. Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Harmon conducted the remaining of the meeting. Teddy Cheek Chairman of the Insurance Committee reported that there were 2 bids and one letter. Bernard Insurance Bids \$156,279 and Ellington Insurance bid was \$153,719. Deborah McGraw representing Bernard Insurance stated that Ellington's earthquake and flood

insurance was not included in their bid. Mark Gibbins representing Ellington stated whether or not they were selected that they recommended that the City purchase their supplemental earthquake insurance separately. After much deliberation, Councilperson Cartee motion to table the insurance bid, second by Councilperson Duckworth which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motion to close, second by Councilperson Duckworth and were in favor with the meeting adjourning a 6:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem