

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
July 2, 2018**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday July 2, 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
Jeremy Darnell	Sergeant at Arms
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth	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 June 18, 2018 regular session minutes. Councilperson Lyons motion to approve, second by Councilperson Grable which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Abstain	Bullington	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Merideth	Abstain	Rodgers	Yes

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Duckworth, with all in favor.

The next order of business was the presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; Janice Ballard Executive Director of Heart to Heart addressed the Council by giving a little history of Heart to Heart. Ms. Ballard has been with the organization since 2010, and the office will be located next to the PIN office. The organization started off as a response team to disasters all over the world by providing medical aid, training, and education. They are accustomed to going into areas where there's little access to health care. Heart to Heart has worked alongside communities, not making assumptions as to what they think is needed. They have engaged with residents letting the residents tell them what is needed, which has worked very successfully. Heart to Heart want to focus on working within the states rather than the long term initiative that has been focused on in other countries. They want to do something meaningful, and Jefferson City told them that the Bootheel would be a good place to start. They have been gathering information to see what kinds of programs are needed. The task forces are in Dunklin, Pemiscot, New Madrid, and Mississippi counties working along with community

health workers assigned to the areas. They will identify the needs along with the communities and help to prioritize the needs. The launching of actual programs will begin next summer, and hope the City will host a meeting once they get to that point.

Unfinished business; there was discussion of Nixle 360 that is through Everbridge, which is the local emergency system that is set up to alert residents to any disasters that may occur. Payment will be made through Police & Fire, but the billing method needs clarification.

Fire report; Fire calls from June 22,2018 through July 2, 2018 are as follows: 6/22/18; Vacant burned out house set on fire, 6/25/18; Fire alarm sounding due to cooking, 6/28/18; Gas riser struck by lawn mower, 6/30/18; Fire alarm sounding at Heritage Inn, 7/1/18; Fire alarm sounding on South Ward, 7/2/18; Eighteen wheeler reported on fire on I55/412. Training for the month of May was the flushing of fire hydrants there were 18 members present. The Fourth of July fireworks display will be held at Bunge Grain Company behind City Hall at 9:00 p.m. No one will be allowed at the top of the levee, and J & M displays will be conducting the display again this year.

Street & Sanitation report; Terry Rushing reported on the collection of yard waste, and the two dump trucks are down. Mr. Rushing talked with Rick Young to amend a Right of Entry to go onto his property on Adams to remove razor wire, and helped with the cleanup. The crew has been mowing properties in preparation of the holiday. There's a burnt out on East 5th St. that will be taken down when the trucks are operable. Mr. Rushing was called to remove a skunk from a residence, which they have removed 5 skunks and an opossum from the same residence. Mr. Rushing proposed Mooreland Dr. as to having a cul-de-sac enabling sanitation services to have a turnaround rather than having to back up. The cost would be \$32,320, with the total Street project still being under budgeted. Councilperson Duckworth motion for approval, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	No
Lyons	No	Rittenberry	No
Grable	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Rodgers	No		

Mr. Rushing asked for approval to replace the galvanized and copper lines on Mooreland Dr. Councilperson Duckworth motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

There are 6 Sycamore trees busting up the curbs on Mooreland Dr. and Mr. Rushing asked for approval to remove the trees at a cost of \$3,350. Councilperson Merideth motion for approval, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported that she had sent out 14 letters, and had done 5 follow ups. There was a bus on 7th St. that was parked illegally on the side of the resident’s house with expired license plates, and was moved to a car lot.

Water & Waste Water; Paul Shaw gave a presentation of what is needed to support the infrastructure of the Water & Waste Water plants. As was explained at the last meeting a disinfection system is needed, Aerators for the Waste Water is needed, standby power for Waste Water plant, SCADA system for Water plant, Sludge Application vehicle, Boom truck, Vacuum truck, Water well, Force main, restoring plant 1, and lift stations. The work would also include inflow source correction and sewer main repairs. The half cent economic sales tax is imperative to have this work done. Our current tax rate is 8.75 percent and with the increase would bring it to 9.25 per cent which is lower than the surrounding areas in state in and out of state. Richard Lee stated that safety and being compliant are the paramount issues of concern. Doug McDowell made mention that there have been companies the Port Authority have had to tell that our water system could not support their business.

Jana Merideth, Economic Advisory Committee reported that their primary concern at this time was the August 7, 2018 election and getting the half cent economic sales tax passed. The campaign committee is the Essential Water & Sewer Project, which has nothing to do with the City. The Economic Advisory Committee is basically the sound board for the Economic Planning Team. The Economic Development Planning Team is the larger group that went to Jefferson City last year. They will meet quarterly and their first meeting is July 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The Economic team was able to submit 2 buildings in Industrial Park as part of the Restore Project that John Ferguson made them aware of. There will be a meeting July 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Delta Center hosted by the Missouri Department of Economic Development and Representative Don Rone. There will also be members attending the Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative annual meeting in Quad Cities IL, IA September 18-20, 2018.

Park & Recreation; Wes Deere reported that the last swim meet will be this Saturday. The park equipment is in the parks, and the Park Board will meet next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The Fun & Sun for Caruthersville students K-8 is still taking signups; activities are at the Recreation Center.

Library; Teresa Tidwell reported that her meeting in Louisiana consisted of groups of conversation cafes that libraries can host, coming up with ideas and plans for the community. The Democrat Argus is the top 10 of all newspapers the first month on the landing page that has been digitalized. There will be no summer reading this week. Christina will be having a camp from 10:00 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. providing activities and helping with the free lunch.

Budget; Councilperson Bullington made reference to the General Fund looking at the May financials in which the revenues are declining. Ms. Bullington also pointed out projects budgeted out of the Sales Tax Fund that hadn’t been used which will be a carryover to the next budget. Councilperson Bullington made motion to adopt the current budget to carry over to the new fiscal year until adoption of the final budget. Councilperson Duckworth second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday of next week to discuss the budget.

New Business; Jana Merideth made mention of the Believe in Caruthersville Beautification Committee consisting of volunteers. They have not met as of yet, but have received contributions towards their endeavors.

Business from the floor; Steve Motton thanked everyone that participated in the removal of the razor wire and cleaning up the area. His concern is the property adjacent to French Park that's a haven for snakes and they're going into the park. The trailer is also a concern; he has seen kids playing under it. There's more fence down than what is up, which is also a safety issue. Sonya Fuller is working on getting the owner to look at moving the trailer. Counselor Dorroh will be contacting Ed Reeves as to see where the Brownsfield process stands. Councilperson Bullington stated that the property owners should be held accountable. Counselor Dorroh will be doing an investigation and give a report. Steve Motton also made mention of the railing at Anna Mae Smith Park that was put up, and it start bulking and was fixed. He stated a fence could be put up securing the safety of the kids. With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Duckworth motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Merideth with all in favor, the meeting adjourning at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor