

CITY TO CARUTHERSVILLE
July 20, 2015

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 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
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Cartee (Absent)	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson

The number of members 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 minutes motioned by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, and the motion carried. Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve reports and bills, seconded by Councilperson Fike, and the motion carried. Councilperson Fike motioned approval of presentations and letters, seconded by Councilperson Harmon, and the motion carried.

The Mayor made recommendation to support the Caruthersville Tigers football team. Councilperson Harmon motioned for a \$500.00 in radio ads, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, and the motion carried.

The Mayor made mentioned that Brian Mason wanted to purchase a lot owned by the city adjacent to his property; he will be given the opportunity to purchase along with anybody else that is interested in the property.

Jane Ellen Lazenby, Chairman of the Tree Board, reported that it had been proposed to cut the tree down, near the flag pole, at Reynolds Park. Mr. Michie who has the authority to cut the trees down, authorized the City to do so. Councilperson Bullington made motion to cut the tree down, and trim any other trees that were in need of trimming at a reasonable rate. Councilperson Harmon second, and the motion carried.

Tony Jones reported the resignation of Chris Blagg. Amanda Turner will be resigning soon, to attend the Police Academy. There could also be a position in the near future for a resource officer to be placed at the school.

Charlie Jones reported three fire calls from July 9 to July 20, 2015. There were smoke alarms at Collins and East Haven, and a fire alarm sounding at Trinity. There was a drill in June for a full evacuation at the Nursing Home. In July there will be an extrication and tour of the Consolidated Grain Company. The proceeds of the MDA boot road block fundraiser last year were \$1400.00, and looking to exceed that amount this year. The event will take place August 1, 2015 at 7th & Ward and 3rd & Carleton from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Water & Sewer reported that meter reading will start July 21, 2015, and they're looking at getting the bills out sooner. At this time the radio read project has 1,466 radio reads in the system. There are still 811 manual reads, with 811 meters left to be purchased.

Terry Rushing reported the normal everyday operation of the Street Department. The bush hall has been running nonstop, grass has been mowed, and the Right of Ways. The Mosquito Sprayer hasn't run as much this week due to an injury. The Street Sweeper has been running, with training still taking place. There were eleven letters sent out to property owners, and two sent out for dilapidated houses on Davis and Kelly Drive. The property owner of 304 Grand was asked to board up the house and cut the grass. The Airport has completed the asphalt; final inspection will take place next week with MODOT. The Riverfront Project is 90 to 95% complete; the front ramp was not able to be poured due the rise of the river. The picnic tables came in damaged, and has to be reordered. The Mayor's main concern is that the sidewalks be in place for The ADA picnic tables to be accessible for the wheelchairs.

There's a program in place with Ameren for a rebate to convert to LED lights. Upon qualifying for the program, the decorative lights in the city would cost \$20,800.00, the approximate rebate would be \$6,862.80, approximate savings per year \$11,438.00. The air quality unit in the Recreation Center would qualify for the program, which has to be purchased. November 30, 2015 is the end date to have the projects complete, and the Council approved applying for the Ameren Project.

Park & Recreation reported that the Park Board discussed opening back up on Sundays, Keith will be presenting proposals for the next meeting, does not perceive that it will be a problem. The JBR Team is undefeated; if they win tonight they will go to nationals in Minnesota.

Katherine Parkinson has called for the Cemetery Board to have a Public Meeting Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

Teresa Tidwell reported that all the computers have been installed from the grant received in January; they're all up and running serving the community as needed. The lighting has been improved in the conference room, switches were fixed and light bulbs installed, voting will also take place in the conference room. The back conference room will be the community room targeted for people taking online classes and study time. John Drake Robinson will be appearing at the Library Tuesday, July 28, 2015; his humorous presentation is about all roads he has traveled in the state of MO.

The Mayor reported that the Riverfront Project is proceeding with only having eight working days before the Backyard Barbecue. The City has filled pot holes, mosquito control chemicals were ordered from Clarke at \$5,201.52 in lieu of Gill Manufacturing at \$5,732.10. Residents have retained an attorney for de-annexation, and Counselor Dorroh may have to recuse himself from the process. The

Tax rate for 2015 will need to be set; the Consumer Price Index has been certified by the State Commission at 0.8%.

Richard Sojourner & Dale Sanders with Cruising for a Cure for juvenile diabetes were given the yellow wide brimmed hats with "Welcome to Caruthersville" written on the brim. As a fundraiser they began canoeing at Lake Itasca, MN which is the source of the Mississippi River. The green area downtown will be moving forward with the property owner loading our trucks with our dumping. The city used the backhoe to push the debris in a pile to make it more presentable for the Backyard Barbecue. The Finance Committee will be posting a meeting as soon as the financials have been tabulated.

Councilperson Harmon made motion to reconsider the vote that took place at the last Council Meeting for the 3 weeks of vacation given to the Clerks, second by Bullington, which resulted in discussion. Councilperson Rodgers made motion to table, Councilperson Hood second, which resulted in the following vote:

Cheek	Yes	Fike	No
Hood	Yes	Merideth	No
Harmon	No	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	No		

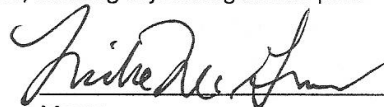
Councilperson Harmon motioned to reconsider seconded by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Cheek	No	Fike	Yes
Hood	No	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	No
Bullington	Yes		

Councilperson Harmon motioned to resend and enforce personnel policy, seconded by Councilperson Fike, which resulted in the following vote:

Cheek	Yes	Fike	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	No
Bullington	Yes		

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Hood, and motion carried, meeting adjourning at 6:15 p.m.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk