

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
May 1, 2017**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, May 1, 2017 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
Jeremy Darnell	Sergeant at Arms
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	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 April 17, 2017 minutes. Councilperson Merideth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Abstain
Bullington	Abstain	Cartee	Yes

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

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Abstain
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Abstain
Bullington	Abstain	Cartee	Yes

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

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

Mayor's report; the flood stage is 32 feet, and the river is expected to be at 38.5 feet by Monday, May 8, 2017. For safety reasons the gate or road blocks may be enforced before it gets to the second road. There will be a meeting May 18, 2017 in regards to the Marlar Loop. The courtesy car for the airport is still being looked at; Glenn Sain will let Councilperson Cartee know something soon. There will be a meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2017 with Mayor McGraw, Jeff Montgomery, and Counselor Dorroh to discuss possible business ventures. The Cupples roof repairs have begun; there has been \$6,000 in materials that have been ordered and \$1,200 in labor within 3 days. Ameren has a work order for moving a light to Walker after recovery from the recent storms. Lady Luck casino 22 year anniversary was April 25, 2017, and the Missouri Gaming approved the licensure of Eldorado Resorts on April 26, 2017, with the sale being finalized on May 1, 2017. It has been brought to the City's attention that some of the citizenry cannot hear the tornado sirens which is believed to be encumbered by the blowing of the wind. The police patrolled areas alerting citizenry to the tornado warning. The City opened the doors of the Armory for the Red Cross to offer shelter to guests from Hayti and the surrounding areas. The City wishes to express our deepest appreciation for the 50 plus volunteers serving on the community boards and commissions. Those leaving service this year in the 20 year plus club are Wayne Smith, Park and Recreation, and John Sellars, Board of Adjustments.

Planning and Zoning will be meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of Eric Peterson's request for a portion of S. Ward to be rezoned and Wendell Hoskins' request for a conditional use permit for a professional business on Carleton.

Police & Fire; Fire calls from April 19, 2017 through May 1, 2017 are as follows: 4/19/17; False alarm on Gayosa, 4/19/17; Vacant house afire on County Rd. 524 & 503, 4/20/17; ATV on fire on Adams, 4/22/17; Dilapidated shed on fire on Jefferson, 4/26/2017; Vehicle extrication on State Hwy D, 4/26/17; Three 18 wheelers overturned in the median on I-55 southbound, 4/26/17; Shed was smoking on Laurant, 4/26/17; Fire alarm sounding at Caruthersville Cotton Warehouse, 4/29/17; Lightning struck a tree igniting the top on State Hwy U, 4/30/17; Fire alarm sounding at Community Center, 4/30/17; False alarm at Prime Time Rental. The training for March was a Pre-plan for the Eastwood Memorial Methodist Church. A Vehicle Fire Fighting course will be held May 6, 2017 at the fire station. There were two fire inspections conducted, Medic One and Grace Family Medical Clinic. Chief Charlie Jones also reported that a close eye is being kept on the river stages. Reports come in daily from the National Weather Service. Attention is directed at the river in Cairo, if more rain occurs the river stage will be at 40 or above by Thursday, May 11, 2017.

Jeremy Darnell reported that the animal shelter was in need of a HVAC system. There were 3 bids; Guy's Refrigeration at \$4,600 for a 3 ton, Hill Electric at \$4,256 for a 3 ton, and Chris Peeler & Sons Electric at \$3,600 for a 3 ton. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the lower bid to be taken out of Equipment Maintenance/Animal Shelter contingent upon the company having the necessary insurance requirements by the City. Councilperson Hood second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

Terry Rushing reported that several things were in the works before the storms occurred, but were put aside to tend to the matters at hand. The limb pile has been pushed up, but can't light until everything dries out.

Keith Davis reported that baseball was ongoing, and within the last two weeks two life guard classes had been held and hopefully there will be some life guards pooled from them. There will be six or seven life guards leaving. Summer hours will be instituted if the life guards aren't in place. As of now the life guards that are in place are shared with a couple of other pools in the City.

Councilperson Bullington stated that she would need the department head budgets by May 26, 2017. They would also need to let her know if anything needed to be carried over, but if possible, projects that were budgeted for need to be carried out. At this time the personnel manual is being dealt with by sections dealing with compensation and then time off; the goal is to have the personnel manual completed by July 1, 2017. Councilperson Cartee made motion to add Councilperson Grantham to all the bank accounts that Teddy Cheek is currently on second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

Teresa Tidwell reported that the summer reading program starts May 30, 2017. The program will be broken down weekly to different areas in which guidance will be towards being better citizens. The program will be 3 days a week, story time on Tuesdays, movies on Wednesdays, crafts on Thursdays. There will be advertisement detailing the activities for the summer.

Paul Shaw reported that a technician fixed the water fountain at French park, it came in damaged, and the guts and bolts had to be replaced. The Water department assisted the Street department with the pickup of limbs and debris. Assistance was also given to Wardell with their sewer problem, they will have use of one of the City's pumps until their power is restored.

Mayor McGraw appointments are as follows: Paul Shaw, Water /Wastewater Manager; Richard Lee, Waste Water Superintendent; James Elliot, Water Superintendent; Virginia Glass, Water bookkeeper; Teresa Tidwell, Librarian; Takella Motton, City Clerk; Keith Davis, Park & Recreation Director; Terry Rushing, Street Superintendent; Nyoka Rushing, Court Clerk; Lawrence Dorroh, City Counselor/City Attorney; Charlie Jones, Fire Chief/ Emergency Manager. Councilperson Rodgers motion for approval, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

The Fire department appointments are as follows: Mike Wright, Assistant Chief; Richard Lee, Captain; Lynn Moss, Lieutenant; Kevin Curtis, Lieutenant/Engineer; Charlie Jones, Engineer; Jim Lyons, Engineer; James Rushing, Engineer; Ron Warren, Firefighter II; Randy Guest, Firefighter II; Tony Smith, Fire Fighter II; Ricky Floyd, Firefighter II; Terry Rushing, Firefighter II; Jerry Hudgens, Firefighter II; Tina Cook, Firefighter II; Paul Shaw, Firefighter II; Tommy Halford, Firefighter II; Troy Meales, Firefighter I; Jess Cagle, Firefighter; Terry Privett, Firefighter; Michael Coleman, Firefighter; B. T. Merideth, Firefighter; Thomas Guest, Firefighter; Brian Shelton, Firefighter; Tyler Smith, Firefighter; Jerry Hudgens Jr., Firefighter. Councilperson Cartee motion for approval, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

The Police department appointments are as follows: Jerry Hudgens, Assistant Chief/Major; Terry Privett, Captain/Chief Investigator; Chris Thacker, Lieutenant; Jeremy Darnell, Lieutenant; Paul Meacham, Sergeant/Housing; James Beaver, Corporal; David Ward, Corporal; Corey Vaughn, Corporal; Bryan Lacy, Patrolman; Eric Reno, Patrolman; Aaron Reynolds, Patrolman; Dustin Fitzwater, Patrolman; Jerry Hudgens, Jr., Patrolman; Jesse Johnson, Patrolman; Rodney Jackson, Patrolman; Justin Redden, Patrolman; Jazzma Thompson, Patrolman; Daniel Kinder, Reserve Patrolman. Councilperson Cartee motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

The Council Committee appointments are as follows: Budget/Finance; J. J. Bullington, Johnny Hood, Nick Cartee, and Matt Duckworth. Insurance; Josh Rittenberry, Johnny Hood, Nick Cartee, and J. J. Bullington. Fire/Police; Johnny Hood, B. T. Merideth, Sue Grantham, and Josh Rittenberry. Water/Sewer; Nick Cartee, Sue Grantham, Josh Rittenberry, and Barbara Rodgers. Street/Alley/Sidewalks; Matt Duckworth, Sue Grantham, Barbara Rodgers, and B. T. Merideth. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

The Board and Commission appointments are as follows: Airport; Glen Haynes, Chris Cobb, John Ferguson, Dick Reade, Mike Dale, and Josh Rittenberry/ Exofficio. Board of Adjustments; Harlan Cranyne. Planning & Zoning; John Ferguson, Barry Gilmore, and Johnny Hood/Exofficio . Parks & Recreation; Lemira Parks and Robert Jones. Library; Terri Callen, Wenlan Reno, Sally Fisher, and Betty Toles. Cemetery; Polly Lunceford, Sandra Hooker, Patricia Jones, Katherine Parkinson, and Melissa

McClain. Tree Board; Martha Fowlkes. Councilperson Cartee motion for approval, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

Councilperson Merideth nominated J. J. Bullington for Mayor Pro Tem, second by Councilperson Cartee. Motion was then made to cease nominations, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Abstain	Cartee	Yes

Business from the floor; Charles Cain was concerned about a dead Oak tree on Mooreland Dr. and a Cottonwood tree over hanging on S. Ward. Counselor Dorroh stated that with it not being on City property, the City wasn't responsible, but it would fall under the nuisance ordinance Arro Hayes stated that she was having problems with trash pickup, and that the property owner at 1640 E. 19th was neglecting his property. Terry Rushing stated that he was aware of the neglected property and would be getting the notice out.

Introduction to bills; Bill No. 2017-06 had previously been read, discussed, and tabled. Councilperson Cartee motion for the bill to be removed off the table, and for a final reading, second by Councilperson Hood as follows:

BILL NO. 2017-06

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION 8 OF SECTION 405.630 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE RELATING TO MANUFACTURED HOME PARK REGULATIONS AND TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION OF A MANUFACTURED HOME PARK

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Abstain	Cartee	Yes

There was a lot of discussion as to the property owner being held accountable for adherence to the conditional use permit. The concern was also with how many trailers would actually be placed, and the distance between them. The lack of some kind of business plan made some apprehensive. It was pointed out that money had been invested by the government, and the property was setting idle. Mr. Bullington had been given the choice to let the property stay as is or revert back to farmland. He chose to keep it habitable for mobile homes. There was a question as to seeking developers for subdivisions. Mr. Bullington stated that he had contacted MACO in the past, and that government

funded housing was at a standstill. The question before the Council is now will Bill No. 2017-06 to be known as Ordinance No. 2017-016 pass and become law, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	No	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Abstain	Cartee	No

Councilperson Duckworth motion to go into closed session, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

Upon returning from closed session, Councilperson Cartee stated that he wanted to resign from the Water & Sewer committee. Mayor McGraw stated that the resignation was not acceptable unless he was provided with a better reason. Councilperson Hood stated that he wanted to resign as chairman of the Police & Fire committee. Councilperson Hood would like to serve on the committee, but didn't think his job would allow him time to dedicate to the position. Mayor McGraw stated that he would make a decision as to replacements on the committees at a later date.

With no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Takella Motton

Mayor

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