

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
May 4, 2020**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, May 4, 2020 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Reeves	Councilperson
Rodgers (Conference)	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 regular session minutes of April 20, 2020. Councilperson Duckworth motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve closed session of April 20, 2020, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor.

Councilperson Hood motion for approval of reports and bills, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor.

Mayor Grantham presented Charlie Jones with a proclamation for his 50 years of service as a first responder since May 1, 1970. In 1986 Charlie Jones become Chief, and has served in that capacity until now. Chief Jones has served in 4 federal dedicated disasters, and worked at getting the community declared a storm ready community through National Weather Services. This readiness in turn saved countless lives when the tornado of April 2, 2006 occurred.

The Mayor received a letter from Amy Barnhill regarding a proposal submitted to MWWRC for funding to assist with getting water out to Highway 84. The committee will not be extending funding unless other funding sources have been secured and a financing gap has been proven.

Paul Shaw reported that bids were opened April, 8, 2020 for street improvements. The lowest bid was from Apex Paving Company at \$266, 185.33 which met all request and below the pre-bid estimate of \$280,000. The recommendation for award is as follows: Marilyn Dr. \$83,537.38, Carrol St.

\$52,944.94, West 19th St. \$44,586.00, Kelly Drive \$18,040.30, and Vest Ave. \$66,806.71. With the addition of Davis St. from 11th St. to 16th St. estimated at \$90,000. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of the project to be taken out of Sales Tax Capital Improvement. Councilperson Grable second the motion which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Reeves	Yes		

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that the department would be installing speed bumps rather than putting up more stop signs to curtail speeding. The department will let it be known where they will be installing the speed bumps, and they're also planning on getting officers certified for speeding tickets.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox submitted information that the Shelter intake was 62 animals, and 11 in foster care with 73 being in attendance.

Fire report; Chief Charlie Jones reported that there hadn't being any fire calls in two weeks. The Missouri Department of Public Safety as of date data for COVID 19 is as follows: 358 deaths, 8,754 tested positive, 40 cases in Pemiscot County, 19 active, 4 hospitalized, and 3 deaths. Chief Jones expressed the importance of social distancing as being ordered by Governor Parson.

Chief Jones recommendation for appointments to the Caruthersville Fire Department as firefighters are as follows: Lynn Moss/Assistant Chief, Kevin Curtis/Captain, Randy Guest/First Lieutenant, Jerry Hudgens/Second Lieutenant, Charlie Jones/Engineer, Jim Lyons/Engineer, James Rushing/Engineer, Kevin Curtis/Engineer, Ron Warren/Firefighter II, Tony Smith/Firefighter II, Ricky Floyd/Firefighter II, Terry Rushing/Firefighter II, Tina Cook/Firefighter II, Paul Shaw/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, Jerry Hudgens, Jr./Firefighter, Ross Pilcher/Firefighter, Jimmy Lyons/Firefighter. Councilperson Duckworth motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Abstain	Cheek	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Reeves	Yes		

Public Works; Pau Shaw reported that the lift station by Sullivans had been hit by a vehicle. The damage to replace a portion of the panel is \$13,000 not including installation.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the building on 6th and Ward outside wall was torn down for safety prevention. Danny Howell aided with the assessment; any further demolition is unknown. There have been 103 notices sent out, and Mr. Gilmore is looking at tearing down another house on 3rd and Eastwood, with two more coming soon. He's also looking at getting rid of six trailers; two have been taken care of.

