

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**November 21, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, November 21, 2016 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
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 7, 2016 minutes. Councilperson Harmon motion for approval, second by Councilperson Cheek which resulted in the following vote:

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

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

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

The next order of business was the Mayor's report; a revised demographic proposal was submitted for the Marlar Loop, and Waters Engineering estimates the cost being \$371,600. It was determined that the sewer on the north side of E. 10<sup>th</sup> St. had to remain connected to the south side of the street and routed to the new main. Five houses have to be connected; flags and paint were placed on the ground for Josh Tinnin to complete the connections. A business owner was concerned about the standing water in a ditch on Hwy 84. Relief wells were constructed across from the ditch, and Mayor McGraw will be contacting MODOT about the issue. Potential occupants for the Walmart building have

continued to be forwarded to the owners. The economic team will be comprised of a committee for new development spearheaded by Jeff Montgomery and Jay Ward, and committee for business incubator spearheaded by Christy Mercer and another party of her choosing. The committee for new development will be focusing on Hwy 84 and Truman Blvd. The committee for business incubator will be focusing on the Exchange building on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ward for potential grant money. There will be one more committee that the Mayor is working on that hasn't been established.

City offices will be closed Thursday, November 24, 2016 and Friday, November 25, 2016 in observance of Thanksgiving. Republic trash service will not pick up on Thursday, services will be resuming on Friday and Saturday. The plaques for Reynolds Park still aren't complete, and Councilperson Bullington offered to contact Gary Lucy, if Terry Rushing made sure of the exact resolution that the company wanted to get things moving along.

Whitney Watts and Phyllis Miner of USDA toured the Cupples building, and in the process made recommendations to discuss with Three Rivers. Mayor McGraw met with Dr. Payne Friday, November 18, 2016 and will be drafting a letter to be submitted to the college's board for considerations for the venture. It is more feasible to remove the back section of the building and do the front part of the roof. The Mayor will be contacting Logan Meeks for an estimate.

Fire report; there were 8 fire calls between November 1, 2016 and November 21, 2016 as follows: 11/7/16 pile of debris set afire on E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.; 11/7/16 fire alarm sounding due to cooking on W. Parkview; 11/11/16 shed on fire on outer road, I55, off Rt. U; 11/13/16 smoke scare at Westwood Apts.; 11/14/16 grass fire in ditch on Hwy DD & E PCSD; 11/17/16 fire out of control causing smoke to blow across I55/412; 11/18/16 mutual aid to Hayti for structure fire on N. Walnut St.; 11/19/16 vehicle struck utility pole.

Water & Sewer; Paul Shaw requested for Gena Glass to be put on the Water departments bank accounts in order to sign checks. Councilperson Harmon motion for approval, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Terry Rushing reported doing an electrical inspection on W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., and cleaned the lot acquired through the county on 10<sup>th</sup> and Maple. Assistance was given with a street break on 8<sup>th</sup> and Cotton, 9<sup>th</sup> and Laurant, and with the sewer. The department repaired 2 street breaks on E. 18<sup>th</sup> St., and a manhole. There was debris from the Brown Shoe ditch that was cleaned off, and Christmas lights were put on the decorative poles. Rushing wanted to thank Randall Waldrop for using the bucket truck to put up the upper portion of the lights. The debris at the limb pile has just about burned out. The Street and Sanitation Committee recommends the hiring of Randle Ford as a new hire for the Street department at 15 years of experience. Councilperson Rodgers motion for approval, second by councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Terry Rushing also reported that the outlet ditch at the Waste Water Plant was searched for beaver dams because of the backup, and there weren't any. Rushing contacted Earl Bullington and Charles Davis with Drainage District III. Someone will be in Tuesday, November 22, 2016, and they will possibly be sweeping out one mile of the ditch west of Hwy Y in order to correct the problem. Paul Shaw commended Jack Tipton for flying over to see if there were any beaver dams.

Rebecca Morgan requested for her part time clerical aide position to be extended beyond the four weeks previously voted on. At this time Cathay Fisher is only getting 20 hours a week because she has another job, but was given 40 hours a week for 4 weeks. The Collector is requesting that she work until December 31, 2016. Councilperson Cartee motion for the extension, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following:

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

Teresa Tidwell reported that the library will have Christmas story time starting next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., and for every Tuesday until Christmas. They will be having book give a ways, and guest readers. Mrs. Tidwell is encouraging the public to bring their kids out for the fun activities.

Nick Cartee commended Rick Moyers on setting traps, with the influx of calls coming in. Mr. Moyers stated that he uses 40 to 50 traps a month.

Business from the floor; Earl Bullington stated that he was here in support of Matt Morgan to present a request and give pictures for viewing. Matt Morgan is requesting the trees to be cut down on the corner of Truman and W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. St. He wants to open a car lot and the trees would obstruct the view of the cars from the street. It was mentioned that Mr. Morgan's family donated property to the city. Morgan is proposing to cut the trees down at his expense, and get rid of the debris. Ellen Lazenby chairperson of the Tree Board stated that she was for small business, but that the trees were planted at an expense, and in the event that the trees were cut down, replacement with shrubs to hold the soil would need to take place. Mrs. Lazenby will make the suggestion to the Tree Board to cut down trees and the replacement of the bushes to be based on the Tree Board recommendation. Councilperson Harmon motion for the cutting down of the trees at Matt Morgan's expense, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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



Councilperson Duckworth motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Merideth resulting in the following vote to wit:

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

The question before the Council is, shall this bill become law, resulting in the following vote on said question to wit:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Duckworth, with all in favor, meeting adjourning at 5:38 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk