

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 19, 2018**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday November 19, 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	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 November 19, 2018. Councilperson Merideth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Lyons with all in favor.

Councilperson Grable motion for approval of the closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

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

Police report; Chief Tony Jones stated that the department was aware of the stolen lights off of 3rd & Ward. There will be an announcement concerning the repercussions of stealing the City's Christmas lights.

Fire report; Fire calls from November 8, 2018 through November 19, 2018 are as follows: 11/8/18; Smoke scare on East 7th St., 11/9/18; Smoke scare at Middle School, 11/10/18; Fire alarm sounding due to changing of batteries. Chief Charlie Jones reported that the Medic One's building rear section of their roof was in need of repairs. Councilperson Duckworth motion to seek quotes for the roof repair, second by Councilperson Merideth, with all in favor.

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller sent out 18 letters and delivered 17 door hangers. Furniture was removed at one of the residences' where a letter was sent, but has other issues that have to be

abated. The door hanger nuisances' were abated by a total of 10. There are 2 volunteers working at this time.

Park & Recreation/Armory; Wes Deere reported patching the skylights over the pool area, and the pool heater should arrive by Wednesday. Family Fun Night was November 7, 2018 and there were 42 kids in attendance with a program sponsored by Bootheel Regional Consortium learning about nutrition and participating in activities, with healthy snacks being provided. The Park Board meeting will be held on Wednesday November 21, 2018. The Recreation Center will be open Friday November 23, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation will be hosting Breakfast with Santa December 1, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Children eat free, and adults have to pay \$1.00. The Ladies bathroom is out of commission at the Armory, and there has been attempts to fix the problem, and will be turned over to Street & Sanitation to take care of.

Budget report; There will be a Finance Committee Monday November 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Insurance report; Councilperson Rittenberry reported that the insurance renewal will be up for property and liability January 1, 2018. Councilperson Rodgers motion for approval of the insurance renewal, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Grantham reported that the Economic Summit was successful, and the Economic team will be putting a packet together highlighting the event.

City Collector report; Rebecca Morgan reported that all the delinquent taxes have been entered into the computer, which will never have to be done again, the computer will capture them. There are 3,119 delinquent personal property taxes totaling \$187,560.68 and 3,398 delinquent real estate taxes totaling \$394,070.95.

Public Works; Paul Shaw reported that the departments continued with their normal everyday duties, and had to work with one plow and spreader, because of equipment breakdown. The emergency routes were addressed first, which allowed everyone to be within a block of a clear street. They worked on Christmas lights, did a tap on Highway 84, and had a contractor to look at the lift station and the storm water pump on 7th and Maple. A uniform that the departments could all adhere to was also looked at. The water department adjustments for November totaled \$3,283.19. Councilperson Hood motion to approve the adjustments, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Paul Shaw reported that a boom truck was needed , which would save money with lifting motors out of lift stations that at this time is being paid to Sullivan’s or Cogent to do the task. This purchase of \$96,826.40 will be part of the Waste Water bond Economic Development Sales Tax Fund. Councilperson Bullington motion to amend the budget for the purchase, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Chlorine monitor at the Water Plant is going out and Mr. Shaw has 3 quotes for replacement, and his recommendation is the quote from Sidener Supply for \$3,475.00, which is not the lowest but, is reagent free, which cost in excess of \$800.00 a year for ones that are not. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the budgeted item out of Equipment Maintenance, second by Councilperson Grable, with all in favor.

The 12th & Ward lift station replacement and Route U water main replacement is part of Phase 1 of the restructuring of the water systems. It is recommended that Persons & Son with the lowest bid of \$217,528 take on the project. Councilperson Merideth motion to amend the budget for the project to be taken out of the Sewer Extension Fund, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The wind knocked off the electrical steamer on a power pole for the water well on Industrial Dr. , and there was not enough power to run the water well, which in turn burned up the motor. Paul Shaw will be filing a claim with Ameren Ue and will check with the insurance company.

Councilperson Bullington stated that the lighting at Reynolds Park will take place Wednesday November 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. It is encouraged to park your car on 1st State Bank parking lot or nearby and walk down to the park. A nativity scene also has been added, everyone is encouraged to come and view the Christmas scenes. Councilperson Bullington also made mention of Karen Malin offering her services in grant writing or any other way she could be of service.

Councilperson Hood made motion to go into closed session for the purpose of hiring, firing, and personnel, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor.

Upon returning from closed session, Chief Tony Jones inquired of going to Jefferson City, MO and look at surplus property for the purchase of a truck for the Humane officer, and a vehicle for the SRO officer. Chief Jones will bring back prices for the Council to approve at the next meeting.

Councilperson Bullington motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Duckworth, with all in favor, the meeting adjourning 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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