

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
October 2, 2017**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met Monday October 2, 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Grantham	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Rittenberry	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 amendments to the September 5, 2017 regular session minutes. Councilperson Rodgers motion to approve all necessary amendments second by Councilperson Grantham which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve the September 18 and 19, 2017 minutes, second by Councilperson Hood which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington motion for the approval of the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Cartee. Councilperson Cartee requested that the check listing be a part of the packets. It was explained that bills are turned in on Wednesdays. Whatever comes in on Thursday and Friday is turned in and sometimes Monday if it needs to be paid. Councilperson Bullington suggested that the check listing from the previous bills be included in the packets, and the bills that are up for payment be included the next time. It was stated that the request would be possible.

The next order of business was the presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications. The City's workman's compensation provider had a meeting with the Safety committee and outlined the procedures that had to be taken to continue to qualify for dividend checks. In the past the receipt of the dividend checks were based on claims history and company performance, the payout being 3 and 4 percent of the premium. The dividend check is being replaced by a safety dividend program which can be as much as 15 percent based on premiums. Certain policies and procedures have to be in place for a point system. The calculation for the check is the Premium x Loss Ratio x Percentage of the Safety Points.

Mayor's report; The Mayor met with a potential tenant upon Mr. Rosen's request concerning the Wal-Mart building. A letter was presented drafted by Counselor Dorroh. Liberty Utilities has filed for a rate increase of \$9.51 per month with Missouri Public Service. The anticipated rate hearing will be held in February 2018, if it passes the rate change will occur in September 2018. Liberty Utilities have experienced a few hits on gas lines; they ask contractors to call 811 prior to digging. The Carnell property has been published in the paper, and a hearing will be scheduled by the end of October. Depending how the hearing goes the house will then be demolished. Bids will be opened October 24, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall for the Marlar project. ASA has completed all the paving for the Street project. James Board accompanied the Republic crew Saturday for pickups that were missed Friday due to breakdowns. Ameren will be providing a cost to add lights to Industrial Drive. MOPERM has offered \$11,685.37 for the repair of the Recreation roof. The loss is \$16,909.56, recoverable depreciation is \$2,724.19, and the deductible is \$2,500, the City will only be out of the deductible. Mayor McGraw asked for authorization for bids to take place. Councilperson Grantham motion for bids for the Recreation roof, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Medic One HVAC unit needs replacing, and two contractors have submitted bids. Hill Electric submitted a bid for \$4,636 for labor and material with warranty, half upfront and half upon completion. Hubbard Lumber CO bid \$4,072 for labor and material. Councilperson Rodgers motion to accept the bid from Hubbard Lumber CO, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Riggs has submitted a bid for \$800 per mowing for the mowing of Exit 6 Interstate I55 Interchange which would entail mowing, weed eating, picking up trash, and pesticide application. There were questions as to how many times it would be mowed, and whether or not MODOT is still mowing, and if so, maybe a cost share could be instituted. Councilperson Duckworth motion to table the bid proposal until the next meeting, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington amended the motion for a budget amendment for the HVAC unit for Medic One to be taken out of Sales Tax Capital Improvement, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Ameren has agreed to donate 10 LED light replacements where there are existing CV lights. The Mayor asked for the assistance of the Street committee to choose where. Shady Lane is a very dark street and the cost for putting up a light pole would be \$2,294.90, which would come out of Street maintenance. Councilperson Hood motion to accept, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Rittenberry presented the minutes from the Airport board meeting. The board voted on refunding a deposit of \$125 for someone that had a hanger in Caruthersville and Dyersburg, and had to choose which one to keep. There was also a vote to increase the hanger rent to \$150 rather than the \$125 per month, but if paid for a year the fee would be cheaper at \$1,500 per year starting January 1, 2018. The credit card machine is inoperable on the self-service pump; fuel availability is only during business hours. Jerry Davis will be making contact to get the credit card machine on the pump fixed.

Chief Tony Jones reported that the investigation was ongoing with the West Haven homicide. There have been a lot of burglaries, breaking in of cars, and homes. A lot of the merchandise has been recovered, and perpetrators apprehended.

Fire calls from September 23, 2017 through October 2, 2017 are as follows: 9/23/17; Vacant house set on fire a total loss, 9/25/17; Landing zone set up on Save A Lot parking lot for a helicopter, 9/26/17; Gas line struck on Carroll by construction crew, 9/29/17; Grass fire on Truman. Fire Prevention Week starts next week. The Fire department will visit all area schools to conduct fire prevention education. There were 2 fire inspections conducted at Probation and Parole and DAEOC Head Start. A fire drill was also conducted at Head Start. The training for the month of September was tanker operations and drafting techniques.

Terry Rushing reported that the department carried out their normal operations, and the street pavement was completed. The only street that didn't get complete this year on the list was Mooreland Dr. Demolishing of a house on E. 12<sup>th</sup> took place; the property was deeded over to the City from the County. There's still some cleanup that has to take place once Ameren takes down a power line from a pole.

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported sending 13 letters to abate nuisance, and there were 8 follow-ups. Payment was received from Wendell Hoskins for the requested information from the City.

Park & Recreation; Wesley Deere reported that the youth tackle football team would be having a home game with Portageville Tuesday October 3, 2017 at the High School at 5:30 p.m. The Park board voted on charging \$3 to offset costs. Signups have started for the youth kick ball, and they're working on implementing a water aerobics class.

Teresa Tidwell reported that the Library would be taking over the birthday calendar for the community, financed by the ads that were sold. If you want to add names you can pay \$2.00 at the Library, the deadline was this past Saturday. An early literacy grant was submitted for tablets. This time around the grant is designated specifically for tablets. If awarded, the tablets will be used for the youngest readers.

Business from the floor; Charles Motton was concerned about 20<sup>th</sup> St. in front of East Haven collapsing like 18<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln last year. Charles Motton mentioned that the street had been patched for years. He had driven down it recently in an eighteen wheeler while a school bus was coming along, and could look down directly into it. Terry Rushing stated that a work order was in place with G&C that will be doing some drainage work. They will also be taking replacing a manhole on 19<sup>th</sup> St. and they will be repairing the line on 20<sup>th</sup> St. that's causing it to collapse. That portion of 20<sup>th</sup> St. will end up being repaved 2018 or early 2019.

Chief Tony Jones addressed the Mayor and Council of rumors that had been brought to his attention about what the Mayor had said about him and the police department, and other staff of the City. Mayor McGraw responded by saying that he didn't know that we were going to have a political platform.

Councilperson Bullington mentioned the importance of having committee meeting minutes, and that the chairpersons should make sure the minutes are done in a timely manner, given to the clerk, so they can be put in the packets.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Cartee motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood which passed unanimously, the meeting adjourning at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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