

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
Public Hearing
September 5, 2018**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday September 5, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham, Mike Grable, J. J. Bullington, Jimmy Lyons, Johnny Hood, Josh Rittenberry, Matt Duckworth, Barbara Rodgers, Takella Motton, Charlie Jones, Tony Jones, Paul Shaw, Wes Deere, Christina Williams, Paige Gillock, Teresa Tidwell, Jane Ellen Lazenby, Bob Lazenby, Aaro Hayes, Emma Campbell, Anne Jeffries, Donald Jeffries, Belton McWilliams, Rita Middleton, Kenny Lee, Karen Meeks.

Mayor Grantham asked for any comments from the public for the 2018 tax rate of \$1.1289. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues which show to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

ASSESSED VALUATION	CURRENT TAX YEAR 2018	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2017
Real Estate	\$31,762,967	\$31,642,230
Personal Property	\$11,770,019	<u>\$12,088,058</u>
Total	\$43,532,986	\$43,730,288

The following tax rates are proposed:

	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted	Tax Rate Ceiling (Per \$100)
General Fund	\$ 264,637.02	\$.6079
Special Sewer Tax	89,765.02	. 2062
Library Fund	42,531.73	. 0977
Public Health	75,616.80	. 1737
Cemetery Fund	<u>18,893.31</u>	<u>. 0434</u>
TOTAL	\$ 491,443.88	\$1.1289

With no further input to come before the hearing, the hearing closed.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Tuesday September 4, 2018 at 5:05 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 (Absent)	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	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 August, 20, 2018 Councilperson Grable motion to approve, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor.

Councilperson Rittenberry motion for approval of the closed session minutes of August 20, 2018 second by Councilperson Duckworth, with all in favor.

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

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that he and Terry Rushing had gone to a residence on Laurant and there were several squatters at the residence with no utilities. They were served to vacate, and the Chief and Mr. Rushing went back the following day, and they were still there. They were given a timeframe to vacate, and the City boarded up the residence. Chief Jones stated that there was someone that has been taking care of the property by keeping the grass mowed, and asked what the Council had decided on residents that had taken care of properties for a year. There had been some discussion, but the Council will get with Counselor Dorroh about the matter. Councilperson Bullington made mention of getting a list of the City properties and posting them in the paper for bids as a means of relieving the City from the upkeep.

Fire report; Fire calls from August 22, 2018 through September 4, 2018 are as follows: 8/22/18; Fan in restroom was smoking on Truman Blvd., 8/22/18; Stove afire with minor damage on W. 6th St, 8/26/18; Smoke odor on W 6th St, 8/26/18; Soak tank afire with no damage at Trinity Marine, 8/27/18;

Air conditioner smoking at Southgate Living Center, 8/27/18; Grass fire on Hwy 84 W, 8/28/18; Structure fire with moderate damage on County Hwy 489, 8/29/18; Dead trees burning at the Boat Club Chute no action taken, 8/30/18; Structure fire total loss on Childers Lane south of Cooter. The training for the month was Tanker Shuttle operations with 13 firefighters in attendance. There are currently 122 members of the Rural Fire Subscription.

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported that she hasn't sent out as many letters because of the door hangers being so effective. Ms. Fuller had a court appearance on August 23, 2018 regarding a citation, and gave a complaint on W. 11th St., awaiting the paperwork for the court date. The City has received 2 more volunteers from Workforce Development. Chief Tony Jones made mention that W. 11th St. should be cleared by this Friday.

Water & Sewer report; Paul Shaw reported that the Industrial Dr. Water tower was being painted, and the inside would be sandblasted and painted at a later date. James Elliot was presented his Rural Water certificate for passage of Water Management certification.

Park & Recreation; Wes Deere reported that the Pee wee football will have their first game Tuesday September 18, 2018 at Hopke Field, admission's \$1.00, and encourages everyone to come out a support the kids. The pool heater is out, and bids will have to be submitted. The last pool heater was purchased in 2015 for \$18,171.89. Mr. Deere has a quote for a pool heater that's resistant to the corrosive nature of the pool area. An exhaust fan needs to be put in at ground level in order to get the chlorine out to prevent damage to the pool heater. Mayor Grantham stated that the exhaust system should be included in the bid. Paul Shaw recommended that Wes Deere contact some of the vendors that Water & Sewer deal with that specialize in dealing with the effects of chlorine.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that September was Library card signup. During September there will be no charge for replacement cards which are \$1.00. The last 4 digits will be input into the computer which serves as monitoring card usage as part of the Edge Initiative.

Insurance report; Josh Rittenberry reported that Colonial Life was interested in coming back to offer supplemental insurance to the employees, and the Council agreed that they could as long as there was no obligations set forth.

Budget report; Councilperson Bullington presented the budget and pointed out the summary of accounts that make up the General Fund as follows:

	Fund Balance 2018-2019	Projected Fund Balance 2019
Sales	\$ 1,200,780.82	\$ 909,591.82
Street	0.00	0.00
Sewer Extension	617,911.33	646,711.33
Cemetery	53,325.65	42,404.15
Library	0.00	41,164.00
Sanitation	70,259.83	29,091.83
Airport	8,731.51	1,211.51
Airport Fuel	593.36	95.36

	Fund Balance 2018-2019	Projected Fund Balance 2019
Police School	\$ 9,989.67	\$ 5,489.67
Economic Dev.	0.00	0.00
Tourism	2,472.96	3,572.96
Summer Food	0.00	0.00
Sales Tax Capital	605,734.74	641,152.74
Community Rev.	115,993.11	89,106.40
Water	108,483.35	153,565.35
Sewer Use/W Water	0.00	25,763.00
Waste Water Bond	831,489.80	883,289.80
Asset Forfeiture	193,180.91	132,880.91
Public Safety D Res.	58,300.00	67,045.00
TOTAL	4,097,089.19	3,895,378.98

Councilperson Bullington pointed out the restrictive accounts, which are listed above the last 3 from the bottom as being set aside for allocated usage. The General Fund revenues are as follows:

	Actual 2017-18	Projected 2018-19	\$ 2,671,901.00
Expenditures	\$ 2,717,198.22	2,704,990.18	2,601,895.00
Balance After Expenditures	12,208.34	70,006.00	70,006.00
Transfers Out	153,377.45	81,925.00	81,925.00
Balance After Transfers Out	-141,169.11	-11,919.00	-11,919.00
Transfers In	58,684.71	15,320.00	15,320.00
Balance After Transfers In	-82,484.40	3,401.00	3,401.00

Councilperson Bullington recommended adopting the budget. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

There is potential interest in the Wal-Mart building. Counselor Dorroh is composing a letter to Mr. Rosen, and the Mayor stated that anyone wanting to contribute anything to the letter should contact Counselor Dorroh. The consensus was to revisit the letter once Counselor Dorroh is available.

Councilperson Bullington made mention of a list being composed of the City properties that could be put in the paper. Also, Councilperson Bullington questioned payment of business licenses, and if there was a way that the people that weren't paying could be held accountable. At the present there are no penalties for nonpayment, other than a court fine, but contact has been made by the Collector and Terry Rushing to get payments. Councilperson Bullington suggested that a list be composed of all that owe for business licenses for the next meeting.

Councilperson Hood thanked Wes Deere and everyone at the Recreation Center for their support of the Outreach Center in Hayti program that addresses childhood obesity with exercise and

healthy eating habits. The Outreach Center is encouraging Recreation Center memberships for the families and healthy eating habits.

Introduction to Bills; Mayor Grantham recommended the setting of the tax rate for 2018, Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Hood motion for the first reading of an ordinance setting the tax rate, second by Councilperson Rodgers as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION AND LEVYING THE TAXES AND DECLARING THAT PURPOSE OF WHICH THE SAME SHALL AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THE YEAR 2018

Councilperson Rodgers motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Hood, the question is will bill No. 2018-08 pass and become known as Ordinance No. 2018-08, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Duckworth, with all in favor, the meeting adjourning at 6:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor