

**PUBLIC HEARING
City of Caruthersville**

The City of Caruthersville conducted a Public Hearing Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building. The purpose of the hearing was to inform the public and ask for any input that they may have regarding the City’s submission of funding applications to the Community Development Block Grant. Activities that are eligible for funding include improvement of public works, public facilities, housing rehabilitation, and others allowed by law. At least 51% of the funds must be used to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Mitzi Dell, Grant Writer and Project Administrator addressed to the Council and the public that the City will be proposing repairs and improvements to drainage and streets and seeking to secure \$500,000 of CDBG funding with \$193,383 contributed from the City. The floor was open for any questions or suggestions; and with there not be any questions the Public Hearing was closed.

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
January 4, 2022**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Tuesday, January 18, 2022 immediately following the Public Hearing in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

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| Sue Grantham | Mayor |
| Takella Motton | City Clerk |
| Lawrence Dorroh | City Counselor |
| Tony Jones | Sergeant at Arms |
| Lyons | Councilperson |
| Cheek | Councilperson |
| Gable | Councilperson |
| Hood (Absent) | Councilperson |
| Spence (Zoom) | Councilperson |
| Rodgers | Councilperson |
| Glass | Councilperson |
| Bullington (Zoom) | 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 for January 4, 2022. Councilperson Cheek motion for approval, second by Councilperson Glass with all in favor.

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

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion for the Council members to authorize the Council members on Zoom to be able to vote amidst COVID. Councilperson Lyons made motion, second by

Councilperson Rodgers, which passed unanimously.

Counselor Dorroh introduced Resolution 2022-01; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING.

Councilperson Lyons made motion to approve the resolution, second by Councilperson Grable, which passed unanimously.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that they would be picking up the police vehicle tomorrow, and still have funds for one more. They're replacing the 2013 Tahoe; which has high mileage and mechanical issues. Assistant Chief Privett stated that the trade in allowance would not have been sufficient; so they will either sell or bid it out.

Fire report; Chief Charlie Jones reported fire calls from January 4, 2022 through January 18, 2022 as follows: 1/4/22; Report of gas odor with nothing being detected on 11th and Carleton, 1/5/22; Electric pole arching on County Rd. 337, 1/12/22; Cook stove smoking at a Taven Apt.

Dustin McDonough purchased the 1971 Mack CF-600 for \$12,000, and the 1956 Ford F-800 will be picked up this week, which was sold for \$5,000.

Public Works; Paul Shaw the Director of Public Works will be resigning effective February 4, 2022. Mr. Shaw was offered a position with Consolidated Pipe and Supply out of St. Louis, MO. With his 22 years of service, Mr. Shaw thanked the City for the opportunity, and look forward to assist the City in any way possible. He will be leaving to advance his career.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the houses aforementioned at the last meeting are in the process of being torn down along with the Tiger Hut. The old Ben Franklin Building which is owned by the Churchill's would be a difficult demolition, and it would have to be checked for asbestos.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that Marsha Hayes had been hired as the new Director of the Library, and that a part time worker will also be hired upon completion of a background check.

Budget report; Councilperson Lyons reported that the draft of the audit report revealed some of the same findings as in the past years. Councilperson Lyons also stated the Council may want to look at offering a Zoom link set up for everyone with a physical location.

Barbara Medlin reported that Wreaths Across America provided 914 wreaths with 33 percent being placed proportionally in Little Prairie, Maple, and Morgan Ridge. The theme for this year, which will be December 17, 2022, will be "Find a Way to Serve." There have been 520 wreaths provided for already. The City will be providing trailers to pick up the wreaths at the cemeteries, and any help will be welcomed for their disposals.

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of personnel. Councilperson Grable made motion, second by Councilperson Lyons which passed unanimously.

Upon returning from closed session and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Rodgers with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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