

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 5:15 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Mike McGraw	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Michael Santschi	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	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 to come before the Council was the approval of minutes, bills, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cartee, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved unanimously.

The next order of business was presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications. Councilperson Cartee stated that Brian Shelton had contacted Johnny Copeland of Dyersburg about our skunk issue. Copeland is licensed in the state of Tennessee to trap and euthanize skunks, but Missouri laws are different. Copeland can either use the kill trap method, live trap, or catch by hand. He normally charges \$100/skunk or can have a two week period in which he works within, setting traps for \$125 plus the cost per skunk. Copeland was asked to write up a proposal for the City of the different ways our rodent issued could be dealt with.

The police report consisted of the recommendation of Quntazi Jones and David Little to the rolls of shift supervisors with the rank of Corporal. Also recommended was a stipend of \$1000 a year along with their annual wage. Councilperson Cartee made motion to accept the recommendation, second by Councilperson Merideth, and the motion carried unanimously. It was recommended that the part time position of desk clerk be made into a full time position for Dan Kinder at \$13.50/hr. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the recommendation, second by Councilperson Hood, and the motion carried with Councilperson Bullington abstaining. ASA Asphalt placed a bid for \$5,850 for the seal coating and striping of the parking lot of the Public Safety building, along with repairing the entrance at Schultz. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the bid, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following votes:

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

Councilperson Cartee reported seven fire calls from August 19 through September 8, 2015. The Missouri Department of Conservation is taking application for matching funds which have to be turned in by October 30, 2015. Charlie would like to apply for 20 helmets; you have to have the \$6,000 upfront and if approved you'll get \$3,000 back.

Paul Shaw reported that the Water department's sludge holding tank needs vacuuming and the cost would be \$2,900 a day, which he believes would only take a day. They have done everything they know to correct the problem to no avail. Councilperson Bullington made motion for the \$2,900 for the vacuuming of the tank, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following votes:

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

The Chlorine monitor has to be moved to comply with state regulations; Councilperson Cartee made motion for \$2,500 for the moving of the monitor, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following votes:

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

Paul made mention that the new meters can pinpoint the amount of water usage by the day and up to the minute. The smallest leak can cause a bill to fluctuant enormously, and if it's on the city's side it can be adjusted.

There was concern of Branum's dumpster removal once they leave and the storage of some of the ones they have already started storing. Terry will be looking into one of storage sites and checking on the zoning and upkeep. Terry reported that Erb Equipment will honor their original bid for the backhoe at \$88,871. Councilperson Bullington motion to include the bid in the Sales Tax budget, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following votes:

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

Councilperson Rodgers made recommendation for the hiring of Roger McCaig full time with Street and Sanitation. Councilperson Rodgers made motion to hire McCaig on at 18 years of experience

at \$11.59/hr starting October 1, 2015, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following votes:

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

Councilperson Cartee inquired about the \$250,000 budgeted for street repairs as to which streets would be getting repaired. Terry stated the repairs would be as follows: Walker from 7th to 15th St., 7th St. from Ward to Truman, 9th St from Truman to Grand, Locust from Truman to Laurant, Henrietta from Truman to Laurant, and Washington from Locust to Henrietta. It is too late in the year to start on any of the projects, but look to start in the spring. Councilperson Rodgers asked about the parking lot across from the Post Office, Terry stated it would need to be sealed and striped. The sewer on Broadway has been in the works for a long period of time, the City will assist in trying to pinpoint the problem with a camera. Code Enforcement reported sending out letters with three being taken care of.

Business from the floor, Jane Ellen Lazenby suggested that when the street projects get underway, that attention needs to be given to the drainage. She made mention when her street was done that now they have puddles which they didn't have before.

After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Cartee, and the same was read for the first time, to wit:

BILL NO. 2015-6

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-5

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 2015.

After discussion, Councilperson Bullington motion for the second reading by title, second by Councilperson Merideth, this resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

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

Councilperson Bullington made motion to pass the bill No. 2015-6 to be known as Ordinance No. 2015-5, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2015-6 to be known as Ordinance No. 2015-5 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested and sealed by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Harmon motioned for the 1.5 % increase for full time employees, employed for at least a year to become effective, seconded by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following votes:

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

Counselor Santschi stated that an amendment would have to be filed regarding minor traffic violations to be in compliance with the adoption of Senate Bill No. 5 effective August 28, 2015.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and the motion carried unanimously.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk