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RE: APRIL 4, 2017 ELECTION RESULTS

This letter is the Certified Results of the April 4, 2017 General Municipal Election for your City.
The results are as follows:

COUNCIL WARD 1 - 2 YR	JOHNNY HOOD	29
COUNCIL WARD 2 - 2 YR	JOSH RITTENBERRY	53
COUNCIL WARD 3 - 2 YR	SUE GRANTHAM	127
	CHARLES F. CAIN, JR.	98
COUNCIL WARD 4 - 2 YR	B.T. MERIDETH, JR.	80

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF PEMISCOT)

I, Pam Treece, Clerk of the County Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct return of the election held on April 4, 2017.

Pam Treece
County Clerk

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
April 17, 2017

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, April 17, 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
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington (Absent)	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 was the approval of the April 3, 2017 minutes. Councilperson Merideth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes		

Councilperson Harmon motion to approve the closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes		

Councilperson Merideth motion to approve the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	Yes		

The next order of business was the certification and the commissioning of the oath of office. Mayor McGraw read the elections results from Pam Treece, Pemiscot County Clerk, which is presented on the first page. Councilperson Harmon motion to accept the certification as presented, second by Councilperson Cartee, and the motion carried unanimously. The oath of office was administered by the City Clerk.

Unfinished business; Councilperson Cartee motion to continue the process with the insurance, not impose any increases, and see what unfolds through the course of the year, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes		

In the meantime Councilperson Cartee suggested that whoever is on the Insurance committee needed to start early and explore options.

Mayor’s report; the courtesy car at the airport has a bad transmission; Councilperson Cartee will be calling to see the cost of getting it fixed. Christy Mercer requested that Josh Rittenberry to be part of the Business Incubator. Barry Frazier, Frazier Roofing anticipated a minimum of 10 days to a maximum of 25 days to patch the Cupples building. The average cost would be \$1,500 per day for labor and or materials. The City has a potential tenant at \$1,600 per month. It has been brought to the City’s attention lighting is needed on West 13th and 15th at Laurant, and Walker between East 5th St. and East 7th St. It’s possible that there can be transference of a light from Reynolds Park were the museum was. There are several decorative lights in the park. Spring cleanup was a huge success, and the residents have suggested that the City keep one of the roll offs at the Maintenance yard. Mayor McGraw has proclaimed April 25, 2017 as Lady Luck Casino Appreciation Day. The City has benefited from property taxes, sales taxes, and donations from the casino. The job creation, improved drainage, and gaming revenues have been vital to the financial stability of the City. The nursing home is now privately owned, it will not be text exempt, and is assessed for \$601,420. Wal-Mart was assessed for \$336,000. Ossola Industries was under a lease agreement, and will no longer be tax exempt. The Mayor is requesting a working budget by June 30, 2017 for July 1, 2017.

Planning & Zoning; James Ferguson reported that the Commission had met on April 6, 2017. The Commission recommended the conditional use permit request for the rezoning of the old FEMA lot for manufactured homes by Earl Bullington, which had been tabled by the Council. There was also a formally recommended conditional use permit request for Eric Petersen. The property is currently residential and 20 acres of the south half of the plot is recommended for C-1. There was also a request for rezoning a partial part of Carleton for a conditional use permit for a professional business by Wendell Hoskins. There was a recommendation to explore the ordinance change in which Counselor Dorroh will draft, and a public hearing will have to take place for Mr. Peterson and Mr. Hoskins requests. Councilperson Merideth motion for a public hearing for May 15, 2017, second by Councilperson Rodgers which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes

Rittenberry

Yes

Police & Fire; Chief Tony Jones reported that the department has been getting a lot of fight calls. It has been posted on social media by adults standing around, contributing to the delinquency. Counselor stated that if the adults are actually conspiring with the minors, then there are conspiracy provisions in the City codes to address such actions. The noise ordinance will be enforced, and the faded signs that alert the public will be replaced. There was also reported that several firearms had been recovered that was stolen from a residence in Sikeston. Chief Charlie Jones reported 5 fire calls from April 7, 2017 through April 17, 2017 as follows: 4/7/17; Vehicle extrication on S. Ward, 4/7/17: Vehicle fire with moderate damage, 4/8/17; Fire alarm sounding from broken sprinkler head on Truman, 4/14/17; Fire alarm sounding at R&P Oil CO, 4/16/17; Small fire on concrete at the riverfront. The pumpers were tested and preventive maintenance was done by Ed Woods Service CO. A Vehicle Fire Fighting course is scheduled for May 6, 2017 at the Public Safety building for all area fire fighters, and the course is free.

Terry Rushing reported that the spring cleanup was massive with 450yards of debris not counting the limbs and regular debris. There were several occupancy inspections with 2 failing, and one passing later. The bush hog, mower, and sweeper have been running. The ballasts for 14th and Vest have been made and will be installed as the weather permits. The street signs for E. 16th St. have also come in, and will be put up as the weather permits. Councilperson Cartee asked about the replacement of the street sign for Truman and Parkview. Rushing will be checking to make sure if it's been put up.

Park & Recreation; the opening day for youth baseball/softball will be Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Keith Davis would like to thank Paul Shaw and his crew with help installing the water fountains in the parks. French Park has a valve that needs replacing, and someone will be coming to fix it. England Park's is operational.

Teresa Tidwell reported that the library received a Public Library Collection Development grant. The library is hoping to be able to get some Coding and Robotic toys, which entails drawing paths for robots to follow, and Connects where they learn how to build things. The adult patrons have requested craft and home repair books. The hope is that the items would comply with traditional items the grantors are accustomed to granting.

Paul Shaw reported that the computer system online financials and pass words needed upgrading, which is being worked on. The meter reader system also needs upgrading in which roughly \$18,000 is left in the budget for the expense. L & J Municipal Supply provided a quote of \$16,456.51 for the endeavor. Councilperson Merideth motion for approval, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes		

Only one bid came in for the radios from West Tennessee Communications for \$18,595.58, \$23,025 is left in the budget, which will be coming out of Sales Tax. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the bid, second by Councilperson Grantham, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes		

Business from the floor; Dawn Jordan wanted to thank the Council again for the passage of the Complete Streets Ordinance. Appreciation was also given to Tony Jones, Jerry Hudgens, and Laveta Lockridge for their participation with the Walking School Bus. Ms. Jordan commended Teresa Tidwell for her outlook and outreach for the patrons and projects that are being assisted by the Library. The Bike Club will be stationed at the Library, and training will start Tuesday April 18, 2017. The program actually starts May 15, 2017. Dawn Jordan or Teresa Tidwell will answer any questions the public may have about the program. Registration has started for Fun in the Sun; applications are available at PIN, Library, and Recreation center. The Community Garden is underway, and participants are needed, they will share a portion of the crop for participating. Councilperson Rodgers expressed appreciation for all that Dawn Jordan is doing for the community. Councilperson Rodgers has observed the library as being used for a place of safety for some of the children. She wanted to know if there were any programs that could be incorporated with what the library was doing, and not just by PIN. Ms. Jordan stated that there are ideas that will be presented for funding.

Introduction to bills; the bill for the manufactured homes was tabled at the last meeting, and there has to be a majority vote for the bill to pass. There were only five councilpersons present with two being newly elected. Councilperson Cartee stated that it would only be fair to have a full Council for discussion and a vote. Councilperson Grantham stated that it would give her and Councilperson Rittenberry a chance to look over the bill by waiting to the next meet to make a decision. Counselor Dorroh noted that Grantham and Rittenberry were present at the Public Hearing. Bill No. 2017-06 remains on the table.

The City entered into a lease purchase agreement with Ossola Industries, and at the end of the lease they could buy the property for \$10.00. A resolution has been made to authorize the transference of the property to Ossola Industries by a warranty deed pursuant to the agreement. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the resolution, second by Councilperson Grantham, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes		

Councilperson Merideth motion to go in closed session for the discussion of real estate, second by Councilperson Cartee with all in favor.

Upon returning from closed session, Councilperson Cartee motion to repair the Cupples building roof by Frazier Roofing for emergency reasons for up to \$25,000 within 20 working days with proceeds taken out of Sales Tax Capital Improvement. Councilperson Grantham second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
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Rodgers	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes		

Counselor Dorroh stated that the Council may want to look at space for additional tenants with such a big building. Mayor McGraw stated that he had told the potential tenant that they had the say as to who could be the neighboring tenant. The rest of the building, which is over half, would be dedicated to any other tenant that the City approved.

With no further business to come before the Council, motion was made to adjourn by Councilperson Merideth, second by Councilperson Grantham which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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