

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
August 29, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in special session Monday, August 29, 2016 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
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	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 purpose of the meeting was to go over the proposed budget, and to make any corrections, additions, or suggestions.

Councilperson Bullington started the meeting off by stating that the budget was based on the current salaries; 80 hours times 26 pay periods. The fire salaries are figured at 106 hours times 26 pay periods and the police are figured at 88 hours times 26 pay periods. The over time is being restricted, monitored by department heads. The total salaries for 2015-2016 are \$1,320,338.36; \$19,805.07 of it being increases in salaries. The overtime was at \$68,447.16; with \$1,026.70 of it being increases in salaries. You also have to take in account the benefits, which were \$2,970.76, and \$154 being in overtime. These are approximate amounts with elected officials being included, all out of the general fund, which also includes the library and street salaries due to transfers that have to be made, at an additional \$165,185. The increase in insurance adds approximately \$91,850.40 to expenditures with 81 percent coming out of the general fund at a cost of \$74,398.82. The gaming revenues were budgeted for \$115,000 less.

The projected balance for June 30, 2017 is \$109,156.66 in which revenues from gaming could bring it up. The past balances are as follows:

Beginning Balance July 1, 2014	\$276,537.16
Beginning Balance July 1, 2015	\$298,755.62
Deficit June 30, 2016	\$ -56,396.16
Beginning Balance July 1, 2016	\$242,359.46
	\$-133,202.80
Projected Budget Balance June 30, 2017	\$109,156.66

Some of the possible expenditures that weren't included in the budget but were inquired of were Code Enforcement, radios being updated, building upgrades for the Recreation Center, and vehicles for water and fire departments. There was question about the M&M taxes as to whether or not it was received are miscoded. There was also discussion as to the Capital Improvement Tax being used for infrastructure, building upkeep, recreation, and library, which it can. It was proposed that the Port Authority through Economic Development be paid a portion of a salary at \$15,000 for an additional employee; it will be decided upon at a later date. As far as the increases in salaries, a decision has to be made as to the basic 1.5 percent increase for all employees at \$31,535.21, or a \$400 increase for full time employees at \$21,620.

The Mayor made mention of the interest rate of 7 percent being paid on the balance of approximately \$235,000 for the Public Safety Building and the possibility of it being paid off. It was decided that the department heads meet with the respective chairs of committees and get back within in two weeks with the Council.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Bullington, with all in favor, the meeting adjourning at 6:27 p.m.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor