

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
December 4, 2017**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday December 4, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

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| Mike McGraw       | Mayor            |
| Takella Motton    | City Clerk       |
| Lawrence Dorroh   | City Counselor   |
| Tony Jones        | Sergeant at Arms |
| Bullington        | Councilperson    |
| Cartee            | Councilperson    |
| Rittenberry       | Councilperson    |
| Hood              | Councilperson    |
| Merideth (Absent) | Councilperson    |
| Grantham          | Councilperson    |
| Rodgers           | Councilperson    |
| Duckworth         | 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 November 20, 2017 regular session minutes. Councilperson Bullington motion to approve, second by Councilperson Grantham, which resulted in the vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Abstain
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Absent
Grantham	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Abstain		

Councilperson Rodgers motion to approve the closed session minutes of November 20, 2017, second by Councilperson Grantham, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Abstain
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Absent
Grantham	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Abstain		

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

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Absent
Grantham	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes		

Under presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; Mayor McGraw made mention of the drafted copy of the audit that was provided to the Council. Vonda Davis will be out of the office a couple days, but she will be contacted Wednesday to see when she would be available to come and present the final audit. Counselor Dorroh noted that the fish kill of last year has been resolved with the Department of Natural Resources. There were counter offers, which resulted in the savings of \$2,500. There are no provisions that have to be made to the plant, and DNR will send an administrative order on consent that the City will have to approve.

Mayor's report; Counselor Dorroh is working on a contractual agreement between the City and the Arts Council in relation to the Exchange building. Councilperson Bullington stated that the Arts Council had met last week, and would like to meet with Counselor Dorroh before presenting the Council with an agreement. Mayor McGraw asked if the Council had any idea how much they were willing to spend on the airport courtesy car. State bids will be looked at, and the highway patrol will be checked into. The casino was an option for a donation but after the changing of owners the car was put back on the books. The Carnell property time has expired, and now it's ready for demolition, either bids can be taken or the City could possibly tear it down; a decision will be made by the next meeting. Republic Services will not be picking up trash on Christmas or New Years; the pickups will be a day behind. There are 4 different appraisals, the total amount being \$600 conducted by Bobby Khourie on the land owned by the City and other public entities for a business requiring 12 lots. The drainage on Carroll is complete, and the anticipated completion of the Belle area is by the end of the month. There were 3 engineering firms that sent in Request for Qualifications for the East 20<sup>th</sup> project; the process will start in 2018. City offices will be closed Monday, December 25, 2017 and Monday, January 2, 2018 in observance of Christmas and New Years.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that Jerry Hudgens has been trained on how to handle security for churches, and anyone interested can contact Assistant Chief Hudgens on the matter.

Fire report; Fire calls from November 22, 2017 through December 4, 2017 are as follows: 11/22/17; Shed set on fire at the former FEMA trailer court, 11/24/17; Smoke scare on Laurant, 11/25/17; Grass fire in median on I55 at the 12.8 mile marker, 11/25/17; Grass fire in median on I55 at the 12.4 mile marker, 11/26/17; Grass fire in ditch bank on State Hwy 164, 12/2/17; Vehicle accident on Rt. U with one injury air lifted to Memphis TN, 12/2/17; Small grass fire on I55/412. There were representatives from the Sentinel Fire Equipment CO that came in and demonstrated the use of the self-contained breathing apparatus units.

Street & Sanitation report; The normal day to day operations were conducted. The Christmas lights and decorations were finished up. The needed repairs were done on the street sweeper and it's back operable. ERB equipment came to perform the 2000 hours service maintenance check on the backhoe, and came back later to replace an idler arm, pulley, and belt. Contact was made with Republic about dumpsters, five were picked up, and the business names were corrected. Street lights that were out were turned into Ameren. A call was received about the smell of raw sewage on East 11<sup>th</sup> St. Terry Rushing got with Paul Shaw, and corrections are being made. The manhole on East 19<sup>th</sup> St. has been repaired, and the street repair on East 19<sup>th</sup> and Brown is being done. The West 19<sup>th</sup> drainage project is near completion, the East 20<sup>th</sup> St. sinkhole is underway, and the East 9<sup>th</sup> St. project pipes are being laid. There were 3 building inspections, 2 electrical and 2 building permits conducted. The airport wind sock

was replaced, bulbs will have to be replaced on the runway and the fuel system and overflow visual inspection was done. The card reader is still down, but the new computer is in.

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported 9 letters were mailed, and working on 3 to abate the nuisance before issuing citations. At this time the surveying of properties and cleaning up alleys are the focus.

Park & Recreation; Wes Deere reported that kickball is underway, and basketball signups have started. The pool is down, and should be fixed by Wednesday or Thursday.

Library; Teresa Tidwell's Christmas story time started last week, this week Jana Merideth will be doing the reading. The Arts Council will be sponsoring the St. Louis Repertory Theater presenting The Nut Cracker on December 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Library, reserved tickets are \$5.00 and general admissions \$3.00. Ms. Tidwell will also be attending the Missouri Public Library Director's meeting later in the week.

Water & Sewer; Paul Shaw reported the Water department replaced a meter on Walker Terrace, and did a sewer tap on W. Parkview. The 20<sup>th</sup> St. project has discovered another break for another 25 feet, which would cost \$8,790, and a change order needs to take place. The concrete has been poured on 19<sup>th</sup> St. which takes a week to dry. Councilperson Cartee motion to approve the change order, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes		

Insurance; Josh Rittenberry reported that he had met with Mark Gibbins and all the renewals have been submitted to MOPERM. Colonial Life signed on 3 employees, any other insurance will work under the same 125 plan, and Colonial Life will be filing the 5500 form. The City should not be out of any expense by allowing Colonial Life to come aboard.

Business from the floor; Donald Jefferies wanted to know why the meeting wasn't being recorded; he was told it was being recorded just not by the usual camera. Mr. Jefferies stated that he obtained a lot more information from H. S. Smith than just the plat, lot, block, and grave numbers. Mayor McGraw stated that information can be found on [findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com).

Councilperson Hood stated that the Salvation Army was in need of bell ringers, as of now they're located at Hays in Caruthersville and Hayti. The hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and 85 percent of the proceeds stay in Pemiscot County.

Jana Merideth was concerned about the Arts Council tie in with the City with the grant that was received for the Exchange building, because they hadn't been consulted, and needed to get with Counselor Dorroh.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Cartee motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor, the meeting adjourning at 6:40 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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