

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
February 1, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 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
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	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 January 19, 2016 minutes. Councilperson Cheek noted that the minutes should have had 13,000 postcards being mailed out instead of 1,300 for Grizzly Jig’s event. Councilperson Harmon motion to approve the minutes, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The next order of business was the approval of reports and bills, motioned by Councilperson Bullington, and seconded by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Under unfinished business, Counselor Dorroh is working with an attorney in Arizona with the Republic contract and it should be finalized by the next meeting.

Councilperson Bullington wanted to know what we should tell people who had something they wanted to set out. If a person has something other than regular trash, they can put it out, but if they want it to be picked up in a timely manner it's best to call City Hall to let it be known. Councilperson Harmon commended Terry and the Street Department crew for doing such an excellent job with the snow removal equipment during the winter storm.

Christy Mercer representing a group of stakeholders, with the Promise Zone Initiative, gave a presentation of a program looking to uplift poverty stricken areas. Pemiscot County is one of the counties being targeted; it has the highest poverty level at 29.6 % among the counties being considered, with Caruthersville being at 34% with its residents living in poverty. The Promise Zone is a program that the Obama Administration has implemented to work with communities to create jobs, increase economic security, expand educational opportunities, increase access to quality, affordable housing, and improve public safety. If selected, the federal government will partner to help the Promise Zones access the resources and expertise they need. If a municipality wanted to be considered they would have to submit a letter of cooperation agreeing to be in the Promise Zone. If a community was working on a project already, for example, and the project fitted into the criteria, they could possibly get the funding to help with the project. Strike Force is another program that builds partnerships to address poverty, in which its focus is on projects that enhances the community. Missouri has just recently been included for the Strike Force program. Councilperson Cartee motion to submit a letter for the Promise Zone Initiative, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which passed unanimously.

The Mayor reported that there are more trees that needed to be cut down, Lincoln has one at \$1200, Bushey \$650, and Beckwith at \$700. After discussion of the last cuttings it was decided upon to table the ROW, in regards to any extras outside of the regular draws.

The specifications for the roof on the building on West 13th St. will be submitted by the Mayor, and Counselor Lawrence will be drawing up a contract for Frazier Roofing. The Magnolia Project is continuing and Terry Rushing is working on the new subdivision plans.

Tony Jones reported on the end of the year statistics; 54,000 log entries at the county level with 28,000 calls being for service, this does not include people contacting the city police.

Nick Cartee reported that there were 21 dogs and 4 cats at the shelter. In the past there has been talk of adoption, but the rescue effort has proven to be effective. Rick Moyers has been working with Tammy Wyman at the Portageville shelter in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture. The only cost is the food, there will be nine dogs going out tomorrow to Portageville and from there they will be placed on the rescue site. Moyers stated that there has been a decrease in the euthanization as a result of this rescue effort.

There was only one fire call between January 31 and February 1, 2016 on 10th St. for a gas leak, requested by Liberty Utilities. The training for the month of January was Crude Oil by Railcars. Got a letter from the state on Public Safety, application was made for a grant for two radios and the Fire department received one.

Richard Lee reported for Water & Sewer, caustic soda was used to raise the ph in the water. The room was not designed for caustic it was designed for lime which does not require a lot of heat. The heaters don't put out enough heat to heat the room. Right now the heaters put out 5kw and can be raised another 15kw at a cost of \$3,925.19. It was recommended that the cost be taken out of the Plant Upgrades Budget. Councilperson Merideth motion to accept the proposal, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Waste Water Plant grit chamber has a pump that has been damaged. The generator came on but the switch over system with Ameren failed to come on during the winter storm. The pump usually runs constantly, but the system evidently shut down with the loss of power causing the pump to freeze and bust. Richard talked with MOPERM and a claim can be filed, with the deductible being \$2,500. The estimated cost for the pump is \$6,290.85. Councilperson Bullington motion to pay for the pump out of the Plant Upgrades Budget, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Harmon inquired as to how this occurrence could be prevented in the future. Richard stated that there was a SCADA System that could be put on any type of equipment that would call to let them know that there's a problem. This would be a good investment for the future. Richard stated the SCEAP \$50,000/\$10,000 matching grant for the Waste Water System resolution needed to be voted on in order to get the project underway. Councilperson Cartee made motion to approve the resolution authorizing the filing of application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, State Revolving Fund Program for loans under the Missouri Clean Water Law. Councilperson Hood second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Council was concern if the grant was for engineering purposes are for actually work being done. Richard stated that it was for actual work for the waste water system that could possibly be for cameras to check systems or infiltration problems could be addressed. There is a list of things that could fall under the criteria for the grant and is not limited to the existing systems. Richard also made mention of three rotors that have gone out and one that is on its' way of failing, which have already been budgeted for. John Chittenden will draw up the specifications and prepare bids for the floating devices for the oxidation ditches project. Councilperson Merideth made motion to accept John

Chittenden as the engineer for the project, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Merideth inquired about the catwalks aforementioned, Richard stated that with the floating devices it would eliminate the catwalks. Some of the cost could possibly be offset by the grant, Chittenden would know if this is possible.

Councilperson Rodgers reported for Street & Sanitation, cleanup of limbs and debris has continued and the riverfront was cleaned up by the clearing of drift wood. The street breaks throughout the city have been filled with base rock. The culverts on Magnolia were cleaned out by using the rod machine. There was assistance with the closing of the street break after a water line was installed across Madison. The main focus of the street sweeper has been around the riverfront. The crew cleared the roadways, city parking lots, and most of the streets during the winter storm. The small one ton truck has been out of operation for about three weeks, and should be in operation in the next couple of days. The crew has also started filling potholes throughout the city.

Councilperson Rodgers was concerned about the lack of progress of the Adams Drainage Project. The Mayor stated that he would contact Chittenden to see what was going on. Rodgers also inquired about the B & H Recycling business that is in operation on East 9th St. She wanted to know if there were any stipulations in place for their operation of business. Terry stated that the Planning and Zoning Committee would make recommendation to the Council as to whether or not the business could be in operation.

Terry Rushing reported that he wanted to start on the Street Paving Project which has been budgeted for \$250,000, and asked if Council wanted John Chittenden as engineer. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept John Chittenden as the engineer for the project, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Terry also reported issuance of four notices of abate nuisances, two he marked as a junk yard in a residential area. There was a resident on W. 5th St. complaining of not having hot water, which has gone on for three weeks. There is also a resident on E. 9th St. with a sewer problem. Six building permits have been issued, the fence at the cemetery will be put up as soon as it gets in, and the contract with Fleetmatics need to be canceled for the GPS system that hasn't been actively in use, costing \$16,000 to \$18,000 a year for about four to five years.

Teresa Tidwell reported the library had a very successful book sale, and the cook the book luncheon was also a success; signups for next month have already begun.

Business from the floor, Lauren Brands a resident on W. 19th St. had a drainage complaint. The residents have experienced drainage issues since the tornado of 2006. There once was a pump, and it was never replaced, and the residents would like to have it fix. Terry stated that it was not reasonable to put a pump in at the time it was checked on, it would have cost \$80,000. Councilperson Merideth inquired if W. 19th St. could be put into the budget for next year. Councilperson Harmon wanted to know if anything could be done in the meantime to assist with the problem. One of the Waste Water Pumps could be used to pump the water down to Ward as a measure to assist with the problem. The Mayor stated that he would email Chittenden about the progression of Adams and look at W. 19th St. Richard stated that he could have someone give us an estimate on the cleanout of pipes on Adams and 15th St.

Presidents Day will be observed on Monday, February 15, 2016, so the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Councilperson Cartee motion to move the meeting, second by Councilperson Harmon, and it passed unanimously. Councilperson Harmon motion to have a closed session listed on every Notice of Meeting, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Harmon motion to go into Closed Session, second by Councilperson Merideth which resulted in the following vote:

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

Upon returning from the closed session, and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Duckworth which passed unanimously with the meeting adjourning at 7:02 p.m.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

