

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
February 16, 2016

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 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 (Absent)	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 February 1, 2016 regular minutes. Councilperson Cartee motion to approve, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

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

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

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

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

Unfinished business; Councilperson Cartee stated that the way the tree proposals were presented together was confusing. The four trees on Adams were a separate price from the tree on Lincoln. The way Belton has been billing the City is by the day; how long it takes to do the job within a day, at a rate of \$1,200. The Mayor recommended the cutting down of the tree on Lincoln for the \$1,200. There are two additional trees on Bushey at \$650 and Beckwith at \$600 that need to come down. The three final trees would be \$2,450 to cut down. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the proposal, second by Councilperson Hood to be taken out of the Sales Tax Fund, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Mayor’s Report; the bid specifications are complete for reroofing the Cupples building, the Mayor will be checking to see if the quote encompasses all the roof. Discussion was made to the effect of whether the roof should be broken up into three separate sections. Rushing stated that he had asked for quotes on the Community College, the upper level, and lower level. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept bids for the Cupples building, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Exchange building roof is in good shape; the leak is in the brick and mortar. Terry Rushing will be getting a quote on the sealant for the decorative trim. The Magnolia Project is on hold because of the weather conditions; preliminary plans have been presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Ricky Bell asked if there would be a substation for the development; it will all be gravity flow, underground. Bell also wanted to know if there was going to be any clean up. Terry stated that his crew we do the clean up until the contractor gets back into town. The Recreation Center HVAC has been looked at by engineers from Carrier; Counselor Dorroh will write the contract for the proposal. Councilperson Cartee motion to advertise for bids, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Jason Simpson with B & B Vector Service will be here this week to discuss drain pipe clean out.

They will inspect Lincoln first; it's possible some of the issues could be structural. Terry made mention that he had talked to Chittenden, the survey had not been completed, and didn't have a map of the problem areas. Simpson's visit is only a courtesy visit; there will be a comparison study with the engineer. Terry stated that Chittenden would be making three proposals; the clean out of the drains could run \$20 to \$30 a foot. The City would be best served at doing the worse problem areas first.

Paul Shaw reported that 200 residential meters and 30 one inch meters would have to be ordered which is already budgeted for in the amount of \$42,464. Councilperson Duckworth motion for approval, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Paul stated that the water wells needed lowering; we have a contract with Flynn Drilling, which would cost \$49,106. Plant Upgrades Budget is budgeted for \$36,000 and the budget needs to be amended for \$13,106. Councilperson Bullington motion to complete the project and have the balance taken out of Capital Improvements Sales Tax Fund, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Funeral arrangements for James Lane will be Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016; visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. and services at 12:00 p.m.

The Mayor proposed that the floors at City Hall be stripped, waxed, and buffed for the amount of \$950 by A&T Floor Care, which hadn't been in about nine years. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the proposal, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington reported for the fire committee; there were four fire calls from February 4, 2015 through February 16, 2016. On February 2, a pile of lumber set on fire by owner, with a ticket issued for open burning; February 9, field set on fire; February 13, mutual aid request by Steele fire department; and February 14 on Truman Blvd. a gas line was struck on a vacant lot, stood by until Liberty Utilities arrived. There have been five fire inspections conducted since February 8, 2016.

Tony Jones reported that the Fire and Police Committee had met and discussed a law enforcement training contractual agreement for a local candidate. There is someone that is currently in the academy and they're local. The contractual agreement would be to have a three year commitment with the City and the City would pay for the cost of the academy training, which is \$5,500. The committee agreed to have the candidate have residence for at least for one year as a criteria for the contractual agreement. If the contract is broken before the 3year period, the officer would have to pay back the cost of the training. The Police Department is looking to staff locally with people with a vested interest in the community. Counselor Dorroh will be revising the contract and establishing a policy to present at the next meeting.

Terry Rushing reported that the Street department has continued with the day to day operations. The crew assisted with the water department with removal of the old pump and setting the new pump for the grit chamber at the Waste Water Plant. The street signs that have been blown down were put back up, and the small one ton dump truck is back in service. Most of the Branum's dumpsters have been removed from the property on East 9<sup>th</sup> St. Terry gave John Chittenden a list of the streets that's being targeted for resurfacing for a cost estimate. The Council will review the recommendations and make a decision by the next meeting as to which streets to start with. There was follow up with the Notices of Abate and Nuisance, with three being completed. Received a notice of abate and nuisance for East 8<sup>th</sup> St.; there was a complaint of a sewer problem on East 9<sup>th</sup> St., which was fixed quickly. There was also a complaint of a sewer problem on West 11<sup>th</sup> St. Two building inspections were done for occupancy, and four building permits were issued. The cemetery fence has been repaired, and they're waiting on the decorative fixtures to arrive to be put on.

Business from the floor; Howard Prater with B & H Recycling asked the Council if they had any questions about is business. Councilperson Merideth asked if he was salvaging any heavy equipment, such as vehicles. Prater stated that he wanted to salvage vehicles, to which he made a request with the Planning and Zoning Committee. Counselor Dorroh stated that he had received a letter from Attorney Cornacchione on behalf of B & H Recycling. The assumption is that B & H is operating legally and that has to be determined first by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Counselor will be contacting Cornacchione to apprise him of the situation.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood, which passed unanimously with the meeting adjourning at 5:49 p.m.

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City Clerk

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Mayor