

**PUBLIC HEARING
June 14, 2017**

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Wednesday June 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Takella Motton, Barbara Rodgers, Mitizi Dell, John Chittenden, Mike McGraw, Matt Duckworth, Paul Shaw, J.J. Bullington, Sue Grantham, Lawrence Dorroh, Terry Rushing, and Nick Cartee.

The purpose of the public hearing was for the public’s input of the Marlar Loop Project. The City had made application with the Community Development Block Grant program in regards to water system improvements for the Marlar Drive area.

John Chittenden started off by saying that the City has identified for many years a weakness in the water distribution systems. The water line behind Jiffy Jim’s, Taven Apartments, the dead end at Gayoso, and one crossing at Truman up to Highway 84 are the problem areas. Waters Engineering would look at eliminating the bad lines and putting in lines that don’t exist to tie everything together. This would also provide the needed fire protection for Taven Apartments. The project itself would cost \$371,600, with the City putting up \$137,200 and the grant being \$222,000. The rest would be in kind work that the City usual does.

Mitizi Dell is the administrator and will make sure all the paperwork gets done and complete. Ms. Dell stated that it usually takes up to 60 days for the environmental process, and it’s already done. At this point the application has to be accepted, taken to Jefferson City, and in a few weeks the City will receive a letter for the go ahead. Mr. Chittenden will then start the design. Chittenden stated that with the City’s water rates as low as they are it is remarkable that a grant was possible.

The consensus was that the project needed to be done, and appreciation for the hard work that had been put in to make the project possible. The City has the funds to fund the project; a decision has to be made what fund it would be funded out of.

With no further comments Councilperson Duckworth motion to adjourn the Public Hearing, second by Councilperson Cartee, with the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

**SPECIAL SESSION
June 14, 2017**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in special session Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 4:15 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 (Absent)	Sergeant at Arms
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Rittenberry (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Grantham (Absent)	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 a recommendation of a motion for the completion of final application and a commitment of \$137,200 of which \$5,000 made payable today of the \$22,000 for the environmental study, and administration contract. Councilperson Cartee motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grantham, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve the engineering contract for the project, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Councilperson Bullington wanted clarification of the workman’s compensation bid process. She wanted to know if the bid notice had gone out this week, and if it had to be in by next Monday, and the answer was yes. Councilperson Bullington had concerns about the turnaround time of the bid process, and information given to an agent prior to the bid being posted. Counselor Dorroh stated that the bid notice would have to be posted in 3 public places, the Council could waive formal advertisement, and the agents would have to be provided with the bid packet. Councilperson Bullington made mentioned that the incumbent agent wasn’t provided with a bid packet. Mayor McGraw stated that the packets

weren't done until Wednesday morning, and that the incumbent agent had all the information that would be in the packet. Mayor McGraw also stated that he told Josh to only provide class codes and payroll to anyone that asks. The Mayor also stated that there's never been but one bid in the past and last year there were 2 bids, and the agent that was granted the insurance didn't fill out a bid form. Councilperson Cartee motion to cease the bid process and go with the renewal policy of current agent, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

It was discussed that anyone that picked up a bid packet should be told that the bid process was not going to take place that the City would go with the current agent's renewal policy. With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Duckworth motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Bullington, with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk