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**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
June 20, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, June 20, 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
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	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 June 6, 2016 regular minutes. Councilperson Harmon motion for approval, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

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

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

Presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; Councilperson Rodgers introduced flyers provided by Healthy Schools Healthy Communities. There will be activities provided for Caruthersville students (K-8). Swimming classes at the Diane Sayre Recreation Center, Walking or Running at the American Legion track, Flag Football at the Caruthersville High School Main Football Field, Tennis at Diane Sayre Recreation Center Tennis Court, and Volleyball at the Caruthersville Middle School Gym. For more information about the activities, contact Dawn Jordan at 57333-5301 ext. 228 or 573-724-9751.

Mayor’s report; recommendation to move council meeting to Tuesday, July 5, 2016, Councilperson Cartee motion for the meeting to be Tuesday, July 5, 2016, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

There was discussion as to whether or not the Police and Fire departments vacation pay would be modified. Some of the Police officers work 48 hour weeks and the Fire department work 48 hour weeks. They use their 12 hour days for vacation pay and are left with 4 hours less of vacation hours, or 48 hours for the week for vacation pay less 8 hours of vacation hours. Counselor Dorroh will recommend a policy that will compensate for the hours lost.

Monday, July 4, 2016 is a holiday that Republic will not be in operation; Monday’s pickup will be on Tuesday and so forth, Friday’s pickup will be on Saturday. Republic apologizes for the disruption in service last week. The contract with Horner Shifrin for the Diane Sayer Recreation Center has been reviewed and signed. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Drainage Project is incomplete with 2 to 3 days left to be serviced. There is still a water table issue for the Lincoln and 18<sup>th</sup> St. Project; it is recommended that it be dry 2ft below the pipe before starting. The anticipated startup will be in a couple of days. Josh Tinnin has begun laying sewer pipe for the Magnolia Project. The Mayor recommends an emergency appropriation of \$11,000 for an insertion valve at the water plant. Councilperson Harmon motion for the emergency insertion valve, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The courtesy car at the airport has been taken out of service due to accountability issues, and MOPERM will be sending guidelines for the use of the courtesy car. The Street Paving Project is underway with the grinding in place; will be looking at adding Lincoln and Eastwood. Councilperson Bullington made mention of the pothole on north Parkview and Truman; will be bringing it to Terry’s attention. The Mayor stated that after the State finished a project in Hayti, they will be paving Truman with additional footing on either side. Tony Jones inquired about South Ward and Pine; it will also be considered while the paving company is here.

Missouri Liveable Streets will be having a public meeting Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at the Community Center. The target is for school children and ADA compliant. There are possible grants for sidewalks for E. 12<sup>th</sup> and E. 13<sup>th</sup> St. Councilperson Bullington was asked to help with the writing of the grant along with a committee.

Tony Jones reported that within the last 3 years it has been fewer disturbances during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, so Police presence will be limited. Fireworks are not allowed to be discharged in the City limits.

Nick Cartee reported that there were 6 fire calls from June 7, 2016 through June 20, 2016. On June 7; 911 reported an accident in front of Wal-Mart, June 8; a medical lift assist requested at 805 E. 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14; MSHP requested assistance for victim who passed away in 18 wheeler on I-55, June 14; fire alarm sounding on Madison, June 15; trash burning in open on Ferguson, and issued a ticket, June 17; brush fire at Weight Scales on I-55. There have been 70 renewals of rural fire subscriptions, and 51 fire calls to date compared to 58 last year. Joyce Schulte of J&M Displays has sent the necessary permit requirements for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks display. It will be held at 9:00 p.m. at Bunge.

Paul Shaw reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Tower work has been completed and tests have been released. The 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> and Adams Towers interiors have been painted, and all 4 tanks are up and running.

The Mayor reported that the Street department is repaving the streets; Sanitation is working with Republic in picking up the trash, and doing an excellent job in picking up limbs and debris. Airport; Terry has gone to purchase gasoline hoses. Code Enforcement; there have been complaints of overgrown grass, information has been taken down so that it can be addressed.

Teresa Tidwell reported that the Summer Reading is going well, and still building on attendance. Matt Duckworth was the guest reader for last week, and Ms. Tidwell is working on writing a grant for a new copier to be submitted by July 1, 2016.

Councilperson Bullington inquired about the criteria of a pauper's grave that had been recently given away. The Mayor stated that the City wasn't appraised of the situation until after the fact, and that it hadn't gone before the Cemetery Board, like the first occurrence of the year. Bullington stated that there should be review of the pauper status, but didn't feel that H.S. Smith should have to pay for the grave because they didn't follow protocol. Councilperson Bullington motion for the Cemetery Board to review if the pauper status was in order, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor McGraw stated that John Ferguson does have the letter in reference to the rezoning of Ward 1 and part of Ward 3. Counselor Dorroh stated that he and Ferguson are working on the proposal. Rebecca Morgan sent a report stating from June 2, 2016 through June 20, 2016 there has been 5 new business license issued and 14 renewals. Ms. Morgan proposed some questions for the Counselor. The Collector was concerned about getting property bills from the county on City properties. The County Clerk can be notified of the matter and will take care of it. The Collector was also concerned about what time frame was given before turning matters over to the police for the renewal of license due the first of July, or businesses in operation without a license. It was stated that she should turn them over to the police, like it has been done in the past; a letter could be sent beforehand if preferred. There are some businesses that don't require a lesson, and Tony Jones will need to get with Counselor Dorroh to establish as to who is exempt. The Collector will also like to propose selling some of the City

properties by offering it to the neighboring property owner. A list would need to be made to see what properties the city would want to keep.

Business from the floor; Ella Coleman wanted to know how often did the street sweeper run, and if there was scheduled route, she’s only seen it in her area only once. Ms. Coleman was concerned about the grass that’s at least 5 ft. high on the McCoy’s property. The fence at B&H is awful, with the contents visible from the street. Churchill’s property that’s on the same side of Wal-Mart on highway 84 where the mini storages are is awful. The Mayor stated that the problem with the street sweeper is that there’s not enough manpower to run it during the day. It has been in operation at night in the past, and that could be an option. Counselor stated that he had seen the Code Enforcement Officer on the Churchill property, and will ask to see where he was on the process. Counselor Dorroh stated that he was aware of the fence at B&H, and that it didn’t meet the conditions in the ordinance. He stated that it may be under construction, and B&H should be reminded that it’s not meeting the conditions set forth. Counselor Dorroh will be sending three letters, concerning B&H conditional business operations, tires located at McCoy’s and Churchill. Councilperson Cartee stated that McCoy’s should be mowed and charged to their tax bill, the Mayor stated that McCoy’s would have to be given a 7 day notice. Councilperson Bullington inquired about the Brownsfield grant, and Counselor stated that he had talked with John Ferguson. Ferguson indicated that there was money out there at the State level. Permission would still have to come from McCoy’s to access the property; it was discussed that it was worth pursuing at any event.

Freddie Mae Sanders stated that a street sign needs replacing at 13<sup>th</sup> and Davis. Ms. Sanders is concerned about an operation of a make shift mechanic shop on 14<sup>th</sup> and Franklin. Someone is fixing cars in the yard of an abandoned house, and cars are sometimes lined up on the street waiting to get fixed, blocking traffic. This is clearly in violation of the City ordinance operation of a business in a residential area, the police will be looking into the matter.

Lillie Wilbourn inquired about a street light at 14<sup>th</sup> and Franklin, the area is really dark, didn’t know if the light was out or need to be put in. Toni will be checking with Ameren to see if it’s one of theirs. The 400 block of 13<sup>th</sup> St. had cleared out at one time, but now they’re back with the same behavior, Ms. Wilbourn asked Toni Jones if he would revisit the area.

New business; the Mayor recommended the adoption of the current budget for next year, and adopt the budget amendments. Councilperson Cartee motion to adopt the current budget and roll it over to the 2016-2017 year, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Cartee motion to adopt the budget amendments proposed by McDowell and Middleton, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
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Councilperson Cheek made motion to table the workers compensation bid because of issues that have arisen, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Abstain	Cheek	Yes

There will be a Special Meeting for next Monday, June 27, 2016 for the Workers Compensation bid. Code Enforcement Officer was discussed for next year's budget. Councilperson Bullington will research for a salary. Bullington commended the audience for coming to the meetings and providing input. Councilperson Cartee stated that Heart & Soul will be working with people in the Bootheel with health care assistance in Hayti.

Councilperson Cartee motion to go into closed session, second by Councilperson Cheek, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Upon returning from closed session, and with no further business to come before the Council motion was made to adjourn with all in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk