

**PUBLIC HEARING  
MAY 15, 2017**

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Bob Lazenby, Jane Ellen Lazenby, Teresa Tidwell, Melissa McClain, Mary Gilmore, Emma Campbell, Aaro Hayes, Eric Petersen, Larita Ward, Helen Hinchey, Brenda Collins, Jane Medlin, Shirley Williams, Jim DeReign, Charles Davis, Beth Bailey, Mike Hazel, Wayne Kuykendall, Harlin Crayne, Tina Rushing, Catherine Donald, Helena Robinson, Charlie Jones, John Ferguson, Sonya Fuller, Terry Rushing, Tony Jones, Matt Duckworth, B. T. Merideth, Josh Rittenberry, Takella Motton, Lawrence Dorroh, J. J. Bullington, Nicholas Cartee, and Mike McGraw.

The purpose of the first public hearing was for Eric Petersen’s request for the west side of South Ward to be rezoned at C-1, which is light commercial and R-3 residential district. The property is 20 acres adjacent to Industrial Park at the south end close to the factory. There were no questions or comments concerning rezoning of the property. Councilperson Cartee motion to close the first public hearing, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

The purpose of the second public hearing was for Wendell Hoskins’ request for a conditional use permit for a professional business for his property on Carleton Avenue. John Ferguson stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation is to adopt Bill 2017-08, in order to make changes to the zoning code, to allow for placement of professional offices in residential zones, by use of conditional use permits, and recommends passage of Bill 2017-09, granting a conditional use permit to Wendell Hoskins for his property at 901 Carleton Avenue. In addition Ferguson received letters in opposition of rezoning the property on Carleton for a professional business which will be part of the public record. Councilperson Rittenberry received letters from Caryn and Jim Setterquest and Elizabeth Hardesty in opposition of the rezoning, which will be a part of the public record.

The following are comments from the floor; Jim DeReign talked about his law office and the businesses that proceeded at the same location with a doctor’s office that was later converted into apartments adjacent. He also mentioned the other side of Carleton as to never having any businesses other than the Presbyterian Church, it’s been primarily residential.

Helen Hinchey stated that she lives next door to property proposing to be rezoned at that she was against it because the area is residential.

Mike Hazel has been a resident for over 40 years on Carleton. Mr. Hazel stated that the proposed amendment could not only change the character of Carleton but has the potential to change the character of any neighborhood in the City.

Jane Medlin’s family has owned property on Carleton for over 100 years. She stated that if there wasn’t property available on Ward or Truman then a look at residential areas may be in order.

Beth Bailey stated that she sold a house on Carleton and still has interest in a property on Carleton, she objects to the amendment to the rezoning.

Counselor Dorroh received letter from Donald Jefferies, Frank L. Raiter, and Mary Ann Raiter Smith which will be part of the public record in opposition to the proposed zoning. Counselor also received a letter from Wendell Hoskins stating that he was unable to attend, and is requesting a continuance of the hearing at the June 5, 2017 meeting for an opportunity to be heard. Councilperson Merideth motion to close the second public hearing, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
May 15, 2017**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, May 15, 2017 at 5:30 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 |
| Rittenberry       | Councilperson    |
| Hood (Absent)     | Councilperson    |
| Merideth          | Councilperson    |
| Grantham (Absent) | Councilperson    |
| Rodgers (Absent)  | Councilperson    |
| Duckworth         | Councilperson    |
| Bullington        | Councilperson    |
| Cartee            | 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 May 1, 2017 minutes. Councilperson Merideth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Cartee   | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth | Yes | Dukworth    | Yes |

Bullington Yes

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

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

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

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

Mayor’s report; the airport courtesy car does have a bad transmission and the Council will have to decide whether to repair or buy another car. Mayor McGraw, Counselor Dorroh, and Jeff Montgomery had a meeting May 2, 2017, and there’s a potential business in the works. Counselor Dorroh is exploring different incentives for encouragement of new business for development of retail in the community. The economic team will be meeting soon for discussion of plans for the Exchange building. The land appraisal for the City property that a business is interested in will cost \$1,000, which will be done by mid-June. Ameren has complete work on the street lights on West 13<sup>th</sup> and West 15<sup>th</sup> at Laurant, Walker between East 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> St., and West 8<sup>th</sup> and Ferguson. The lights are LED which are energy efficient and brighter. If you have a light don’t hesitate to call Ameren. The City pays whether the light is working or not. The storm took out some lights and citizens were concerned when they will be replaced. The Mayor stated that he would call to see about the status. Republic Service will not be picking up trash Memorial Day, May 29, 2017. Everyone’s trash will be picked up the following day of their normal pick up. MODOT is contracting to replace existing sidewalks on Truman from 13<sup>th</sup> to Locust to make them ADA compliant. The City is looking at pursuing a use tax for out of state purchases online. Citizens will pay either a sales tax or use tax, there’s no double tax.

Fire & Police report; Chief Tony Jones provided a quote for 16 bulletproof vests and 17 outer carriers totaling \$14,687. He asked if the budget could be amended for the purchase to be taken out of Asset Forfeiture. Councilperson Bullington motion for the approval, second by Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

Chief Jones also reported that the curfew will still be enforced even though school is out, and the large gatherings of youth that’s causing disturbance will be dealt with. Councilperson Bullington stated that the Resource officer at the school has made a tremendous difference. She complimented

on the good working relationship between the school and police department. Councilperson Bullington is looking forward to another contractual year between the school and police department.

Chief Charlie Jones reported six fire calls between May 6, 2017 and May 15, 2017 as follows:

05/06/17; Gas leak on E. 7<sup>th</sup> St., 05/07/17; Structure fire with moderate damage on Walker, 05/07/17; Structure fire with moderate damage at Easthaven, 05/08/17; Fire alarm sounding at the High School, 05/10/17; Fire alarm sounding at the High School, 05/10/17; Trash fire at outer road of I-55.

Terry Rushing reported they continue picking up debris from the storm and spring cleanup. They burned the large limb pile and hauled 14 truckloads to the transfer station. Several home inspections were conducted, and two building inspections. One building permit was conducted with four pending. Rushing introduced the new Code Enforcement, Sonya Fuller. Sonya Fuller stated that she held high regards towards integrity and professionalism, and looked forward to making the community a better place.

Councilperson Bullington asked if the department head would have a draft of their budget by May 26, 2017. There will be a budget to adopt based on estimated revenue, but would have to be amended with only having financials from the accountants through January. Terry Rushing stated that the Council had approved two drainage projects in the budget. He wanted to know whether to proceed with both or choose one, and do the other at a later date. John Chittenden recommends the 19<sup>th</sup> project since Belle and Adams had somewhat of a relief from a previous clean out. Councilperson Duckworth stated the Street & Sanitation, needed to meet have a discussion about the projects.

Teresa Tidwell reported the bike program is up and running, and that the biggest problem is having the parents signing the waiver for not holding the City or Healthy Communities for any responsibilities. There are four bikes and twelve helmets, in which a helmet has to be taken with the checkout of a bike for a day. Rules are being instituted for the summer, in which one rule is no computer time until after the summer food program.

Paul Shaw reported the SCADA system was budgeted for \$100,000 out of Sales Tax Capital Improvements, but only recently was able to get a quote. It comes in under budget for \$89,400 from Hydro-Kinetics. Councilperson Bullington motion to proceed, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

Introduction to bills; Councilperson Duckworth motion for the reading of Bill No. 2017-07 by title only, second by Council person Bullington as follows:

**BILL NO. 2017-07**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-07**

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE C-1 COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

Councilperson Duckworth motion for the second reading of Bill No. 2017-07, second by Councilperson Merideth. The question before the Council is now will Bill No. 2017-07 to be known as Ordinance No. 2017-07 pass and become law, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

There were two draft ordinances that were included in the Council’s packet to consider, make amendments, or to proceed with concerning the rezoning of Carleton Avenue. Councilperson Duckworth stated that he represented the people of Ward 4 on Carleton, and lives on Carleton. He stated he didn’t see any benefit of having a law office on Carleton, but would be willing to here Mr. Hoskins proposition. Councilperson Bullington motion to deny the request of Wendell Hoskins to have a conditional use permit for a professional business on Carleton Avenue. Councilperson Merideth second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

Councilperson Merideth stated that he made a derogatory statement on social meeting in response to Planning and Zoning recommendation to grant Wendell Hoskins request for a conditional use permit for a professional business. He apologizes for taking the approach that he did. Councilperson Cartee motion to go into closed session for legal matters, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Cartee     | Yes | Rittenberry | Yes |
| Merideth   | Yes | Duckworth   | Yes |
| Bullington | Yes |             |     |

Upon returning from closed session, the City Clerk presented the Council with schedules of data from 2012-2013 provided by the Missouri Municipal League. The schedules consist of municipalities categorized by population, annual operating budget, classification, and number of employees. The data was presented to show comparison of salaries in relation to job positions to other cities close to having the same breakdown as the city of Caruthersville. There was information that was floating around that

the salaries and classifications of positions would be significantly different. Members of the budget committee stated that nothing had been set in stone and it is still a work in progress. With no more business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. with all in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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