

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
March 20, 2017

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, March 20, 2017, 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	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee (Absent)	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 March 6, 2017 minutes with an amendment to include Councilperson Bullington’s request for the Mayor to provide the pros and cons to extending the distance for liquor establishments relative to churches and schools. Councilperson Harmon motion to approve, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington motion to approve the March 6, 2017 closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Merideth motion for approval of reports and bills, second by Councilperson Duckworth which resulted in the following vote:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Cheek	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes		

Presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; there will be a Group Benefits Services webinar regarding the 2017 insurance renewal proposal. This will be via computer, tablet, or smartphone for the Insurance committee and any other Council who would like to attend.

Colonel Mark Bradley, Missouri National Guard, representing the Delta Regional Authority will be providing health clinic training for military personnel. The event will take place May 1, 2017 through May 10, 2017. They will be providing medical care from people all over the USA. There will be at least 120 military personnel staying and working during the time. The clinic will take place at the Methodist Church on Ward Avenue. The services that will be provided are optical, dental, and basic physical exams. They look to have an influx of people in town attending the free clinic, which will be advertised closer to the date.

Mayor’s report; the HVAC system has been installed at the Recreation Center and a walk through will be conducted Thursday, March 23, 2017. The Ameren rate increase did pass, but at a lower rate. Councilpersons Cheek and Merideth met with Jeff Eakes concerning the Cupples building. Mr. Eakes professional opinion is that the building is worth saving. The short term approach to buy time for either funding, a possible tenant, or to further damage to the building is highly advisable. Fixing the three leaks on the roof would keep for approximately a year and a half. Mr. Eakes suggested replacing caps on vents, replacing the two 10 ft. sections of the metal roof, and seal and repair the section where the edge has come loose. The only grant funding would be if the City or school would be the tenant, not for a corporation. Suggestions were made for a State agency or business to use the building as a storage facility, if the decision was to repair the building. The point was also made that if the building was torn down that the removal of the concrete had not been included in the bids. The concrete removal would be \$3 per square ft. Mayor McGraw will get a cost estimate for the patching of the roof.

The business license has been changed to include being in compliance with the city ordinance in its language. The City Collector signs once the Building Inspector ensures compliance, and then the Mayor and City Clerk signs for issuance for the purpose of the tax. There’s also in place the Certificate of Zoning Compliance which refers back to the building codes, in addition to the application itself which has been revised. Mayor McGraw has asked Republic for two roll offs to be placed in a central location on City property for the purpose of enabling residents to dump trash during the period for Spring Cleanup. The Mayor made reference to a good way to cleanup dilapidated property by way of abate and nuisance through the transfer station, which is closer and cost effective. A class about prescription drugs was attended by city officials. Missouri is the only state that doesn’t have drug monitoring for the abuse of obtaining the same prescriptions prescribed for an individual through different doctors and taken to different pharmacists. An ordinance would have to be passed for the monitoring to take place. There is legislation in the works to combat the problem, and the City will wait to see what takes place with the State. Planning and Zoning will be meeting prior to the hearing on April 3, 2017, regarding the Bullington property.

Police & Fire report; there were 5 fire calls March 7, 2017 through March 20, 2017 as follows: 3/7/17; East 18th St. steam coming from roof after rain, 3/13/17; Fire alarm sounding at the Middle

School, 3/15/17; Gas leak at East 13th St., 3/15/17; Pot boiled over at Midtown, 3/17/17 Electric outlet arching at Gayoso. There were 5 firefighters attending training courses in Kennett, MO, March 4, 2017. The courses were School Bus rescue and Life on the Nozzle. There were 17 firefighters that participated in a mock car crash exercise with High School students observing. There were also firefighters and engineers attending a Mobile Water Operations course held at the Hayti Fire Department.

Terry Rushing reported on the daily operations of the Street department. They have also been working on the removal of concrete on the Hoskins property. There were 2 notices of abate and nuisance sent out, one was completed and the other is partially done.

Park & Recreation; The HVAC system is complete. The Men's Adult Basketball and Youth Basketball ends this week. The tryouts have begun for Youth baseball/softball; there were 270 kids that signed up. The swim coach has completed his life guard training course, and is now certified to teach lifeguard and CPR/AED classes.

Teresa Tidwell reported that the fishing rods and gear given by the Missouri Department of Conservation are being checked out. There will be a storyteller Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the library sponsored by the Arts Council. Bobby Norfolk is a national known artist that does standup storytelling.

The fireworks proposal from J&M Displays is for \$6,000, which is a discounted price if paid by a certain date. The fireworks usually come out of the Tourism fund, which has limited funds. Councilperson Harmon motion to have the fireworks to come out of Sales Tax, second by Councilperson Cheek, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Business from the floor; Dawn Jordon asked if the City was willing to pass an ordinance for the Liveable Streets initiative. Councilperson Harmon brought up the point of the resurfacing and rehabilitation of existing streets and not wanting the City to be obligated to put in sidewalks every time it occurs. Counselor Dorroh will revise the ordinance to make sure that the City doesn't have any added expenses outside of new projects or redevelopment. Counselor Dorroh will have the language as such that it will be pliable for the grant process. Councilperson Rodgers was concerned about when the decision is to be made about what streets to be considered for sidewalks that the elderly and disabled would be in the forefront.

Mayor McGraw stated that ASA made a proposition that they would pave the streets at the same rate as last year. Counselor Dorroh stated the City could do a change order to the old contract. Councilperson Rodgers motion for approval of ASA's proposition, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Cheek
Merideth

Yes
Yes

Hood

Yes

Charles Cain wanted to know who's operating the transfer station; ECM operates it, and has a 10 year contract with the County. Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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