

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
March 6, 2017**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, March 6, 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
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	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 21, 2017 minutes. Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Harmon motion to approve the February 21, 2017 closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

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

Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes

Cheek	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Harmon	Yes

Unfinished business; Councilperson Duckworth reported that Counselor Dorroh was reviewing the employee handbook. They would like to have a working session with the rest of the Council between the second meeting in March and the first meeting in April.

Mayor's report; Daylight Savings Time will occur Sunday at 2:00a.m., the time will spring forward one hour. The HVAC system at the Diane Recreation Center is near completion, final walk through will be the week of March 20, 2017. Ameren's proposed rate increase of \$8.77/mo. for residential users is awaiting the Missouri Public Service ruling. It was anticipated that the financial funding package for the Marlar Loop would be provided by the week of March 6, 2017. The Department of Economic Development has a new management team, and everything is on hold for now. Jim Rosen and Jeff Montgomery are continuing their efforts to locate a tenant for the Wall Mart building. The Economic team is also continuing with their efforts in coming up with ideas for economic growth for the community. Jeff Eakes, architectural engineer with A2H will meet with Councilpersons Cartee and Cheek March 13, 2017 to discuss options for the Cupples roof. The Gayoso Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is dedicating a flag and flagpole in honor of the 100th anniversary of the El Camino Real Trail.

Police & Fire; Nick Cartee reported one fire call between February 28, 2017 and March 6, 2017 as follows: 2/8/17; Smoke scare due to cooking at Riverview apartments. Three fire inspections were conducted during the past two weeks. Training for the month of February was a Pre-plan and walk through at the Caruthersville Middle School, and 18 firefighters were present. The Caruthersville School District is inviting the community to participate in a Safe Room Tornado Drill March 7, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The residents may come by the Elementary or Middle Schools to learn more about where to go when a tornado warning has been issued. The Humane Shelter report from February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 is as follows: intake; 17 dogs and 2 cats, owner's pickup; 4 dogs, gave to rescue; 5 dogs, euthanization; 4 dogs and 3 cats, recovery of deceased; 3 dogs and 4 cats, traps; 3 cats. Wildlife; 20 deceased squirrels and 2 trapped, 10 deceased rabbits, 41 skunks trapped and 8 deceased, 10 deceased opossums and 15 trapped, and 2 snakes.

Terry Rushing; reported on the daily operations of the Street department, there were a lot of limbs and debris after the high winds. They also assisted with two sewer taps. The signs for the 1 way for the Middle School should be in at any time. The transfer station for Pemiscot County is back in operation. Rushing asked for the approval of John Chittenden being contracted to do drainage for West 19th St. and East 9th St., which was budgeted. Councilperson Harmon motion to get the project started, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Terry Rushing also asked for approval of getting estimates for the following streets: E. 10th from Ward to Eastwood, Walker from 7th to 15th St., and Riverfront Dr. Walker entrance to Ward entrance. Councilperson Cartee inquired of Moreland Dr., and Rushing stated he had it for the next year's budget. Councilperson Harmon motion to approve the estimates, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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

There were 4 building permits issued, and 1 notice of abate nuisance. Rushing stated that he was working with 2 property owners to sign and consent to abate the nuisance. There was also 1 building inspection and 2 house inspections. The airport had an inspection of its fuel system. Mid Continent's hydraulic line and vent pipes were repaired also.

Councilperson Harmon made mention of a contingency plan needing to be in place in the event the casino ever closed. The loss of gaming revenue would put the City in a very vulnerable position. It was concurred that a contingency plan needed to part be of the annual review.

Teresa Tidwell; reported that there were over 50 children participating in the Dr. Seuss Storytime. Ms. Tidwell is preparing for a grant for 7 I pads to be used for the children this summer to free up the computers for the adult patrons.

Water & Sewer; The bills that were paid before the 8th last month showed up on the current bill as a past due balance. The corrections are being made as the patrons pay their bills. Debit/Credit cards are now being accepted over the phone or when a patron comes in. Online bill pay is still not an option; it should be corrected by the end of the week. Paul Shaw stated that there will be a press release sent to the newspaper, radio, and TV stating the issues and corrections.

Business from the floor; Ronnie Lockridge addressed the Council again about the church property on 14th and Vest. Mud is being slung from the City's property adjacent to Mt. Carmel from someone doing donuts. The church members are requesting for a barrier to be put up on the City's property to avoid the problem. Temporarily, railroad tires will be put in until a permanent solution is installed within two weeks.

Matt Morgan was concerned about the possibility of a law being passed that would have an establishment with a liquor license being 300 ft. from a church or school as opposed to the 100 ft. currently. Counselor Dorroh stated that as long as the liquor license was granted before the law is changed it would be grandfathered in. It also could be drafted as such that with existing liquor establishments a license could be transferred or given to succeeding operators.

Dawn Jordan inquired of the ordinance that was requested for the Liveable Streets initiative, to be underway. Councilperson Merideth stated that the Council would have to decide if they wanted the

project to take place, Counselor would have to review the sample ordinance, draft one, and then the Council would have to vote.

Introduction to bills; Counselor Dorroh introduced a bill for dry nightclub establishments which ties the license to the premises, and institute timeframes of operation for teen or adult nightclubs. The ordinance itself is lengthy, and can be found on the website or copy provided by the City Collector when one applies for the license. With the posting of the ordinance beforehand Councilperson Harmon motion for the first reading by title only, second by Councilperson Bullington as follows:

BILL NO. 2017-03

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF DRY NIGHTCLUBS

Councilperson Harmon motion for the second reading of Bill No. 2017-03, second by Councilperson Hood. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2017-03 to be known as Ordinance No. 2017-03 pass and become law, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

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

The next ordinance is the request made by Jeff Montgomery to vacate Thompson Rd. back to the property owners. Councilperson Cartee motion for the first reading, second by Councilperson Harmon as follows:

BILL NO. 2017-04

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE ALL OF THE DEDICATED BUT UNDEVELOPED RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THOMAS STREET IN THE GREENWELL PHASE I SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE

WHEREAS, a request was made to the the City Council of the City of Caruthersville, Missouri to vacate the dedicated but undeveloped right of way for Thomas Street; and

WHEREAS, the council finds and declares that due to the sale of property at the termination of the undeveloped right-of-way there is no longer any need for the dedicated right-of-way vacate

pursuant to this ordinance and deems it necessary and expedient to vacate said dedicated right-of-way in compliance with Section 88.637 RSMo;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE,]MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the dedicated right-of-way for Thomas Street located in the Greenwell Phase I Subdivision to the City of Caruthersville, the dedication of which is recorded in Plat Cabinet A, Plat No. 209, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Pemiscot County, Missouri, be and the same is hereby vacated pursuant to §88.637 RSMo.

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Section 2. The above-described and vacated Thomas Street shall revert to the owners of the adjacent lots in fee simple absolute pursuant to Section 88.637 RSMo.

Section 3. That a copy of this ordinance be duly certified and filed for record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, Pemiscot County, Missouri.

Section 4. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and approval.

READ TWO TIMES, PASSED AND APPROVED this 6th day of March, 2017.

Mike McGraw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Takella Motton, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Takella Motton, City Clerk of the City of Caruthersville, Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2017-04 which was duly passed and approved on March 6, 2017 and that said ordinance has been recorded in the Minute Book of the City Council on Page _____.

(CITY SEAL)

Takella Motton, City Clerk

Councilperson Duckworth motion for the second reading of Bill No. 2017-04 by title only, second by Councilperson Harmon. The question before the Council now is shall Bill 2017-04 to be known as Ordinance No. 2017-04 pass and become law, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

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

Councilperson Rodgers inquired of the Code Enforcement position. At this time there only a couple of applicants. It was discussed that no matter whom obtains the position, there would have to be a community effort to clean up the City. Councilperson Cartee motion to go into closed session for legal matters, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Upon returning from closed session and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Cartee motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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