

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
May 16, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 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
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 May 2, 2016 regular minutes. Councilperson Cartee requested for postponement, because of a missing page.

Councilperson Bullington motion to approve Reports and Bills, second by Councilperson Hood which resulted in the following vote:

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

Presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; a letter was received from Three Rivers Community College, which was forwarded to Lawrence Dorroh. The letter was in regards to tax payments that have been made from 2013-2015 on property they own in the city. The amount being \$1,951.55, which they felt they should not have had to pay. Counselor stated that the procedure is usually done in a protest, with the money being held by the City Collector. Counselor suggested that since Three Rivers is tax exempt, the Council could make the decision to go ahead a pay what is owed. Councilperson Bullington made motion that be paid back what was due, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Under unfinished business; Councilperson Harmon asked if there had been a response made to the auditors in regards to the City’s audit of June 2014-July 2015. The Mayor stated that Vonda Davis stated that a written response was not required and that the other issues would have to be discussed in closed session.

The Mayor’s report; Mike Deren, with GBS, will be conducting open enrollment on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 a.m. He will be discussing the two plan types, Base Plan and Buy Up. The City will retain its class 4 and 4 within 5 miles of the fire department. The Republic contract is down to one item, the fuel surcharge, once its’ decided upon, then the contract will be in order. The RFQ of A2h was selected for the roof of the Cupples Building, and they will be here May 25, 2016. The RFQ of Horner Shifrin was selected for the HVAC for the Recreation Center, and they were here May 9, 2016 to conduct the engineering study. The Marlar Loop has been revised and goes from 4<sup>th</sup> and Grand to Marlar to Taven, and discussion will be at later date about going to Wal-Mart.

Waters and Associates provided maps of the streets that would improve the drainage problem. Jason anticipated the work taking 10 days to complete at a cost of \$21,000, and has agreed to accept payment in July if work is completed by the fiscal year of June 30, 2016. John Chittenden also recommends looking at the flooding on West 10<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Harmon motion for the drainage project to be a part of the 2016-2017 budget at \$21,000; with the West side at 7,200 feet, and the East side at 2,300 feet, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Spring Cleanup continues from May 16 to May 20, 2016, and the City will pick up throughout the year. Greg Baer of G&C viewed the scope of the work for Lincoln and 18<sup>th</sup> where the sewer collapsed. The emergency situation can be handled through a change request in the amount of \$46,300. Councilperson Cartee motion to approve the Lincoln Project to be taken out of Sewer Extension, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Senator Roy Blunt mobile office will be at City Hall on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to address any federal issues that anyone may be concerned about. There have been complaints about 4 wheelers riding through the cemetery, which is illegal. There have been complaints of underage children operating golf carts and UTVS. You have to be 16 years of age with a license and the vehicle has to be insured; 4 wheelers are illegal to drive on the streets.

Councilperson Cartee reported 8 fire calls from May 3 to May 16, 2016. On May 3, 6<sup>th</sup> and Ferguson a vehicle fire with moderate damage to engine; May 3, on I-55/412 a vehicle accident; May 4, on 707 Truman there was a structure fire with moderate damage; May 4, on East 18<sup>th</sup> a minor fire under a carport; May 5, on Hickory, there was a fire alarm sounding; May 7, on East 19<sup>th</sup>, a lawn mower struck a gas meter; May 14, at Taven Apts. a candle burned inside of a pan causing a smoke odor; and on May 16, on East 14<sup>th</sup> there was a fire alarm sounding. ISO announced that the Public Protection Classification will be a class 04/4X effective August 1, 2016. SEMA Coordinator, Mark Winkler will be here on May 25, 2016 to update the Cities all Hazards Emergency Operations Plan. The Promulgation Statement will be available at the next meeting to be signed by all the council members.

Tony Jones reported that he had received a complaint about the officers picking on individuals parked in French Park. He stated that there is no parking allowed in any of the parks, that they have park in the designated areas. Steve Motton asked if there could possibly be any additional parking, especially with the softball season approaching. Terry Rushing will be marking off an area for additional parking. Councilperson Rodgers asked if the parking hours are still the same, Tony Jones stated that no one should be in the park after 9:00 p.m. Tony also stated that there are programs that are trying to do things in the park to keep the kids off the streets, which is great.

Paul Shaw reported for Water & Sewer; the South Ward leak has been repaired. Ditchwitch will be here Tuesday to repair the trencher. There will be a crew in Friday to replace valves on fire hydrants. The clarifier repairs have been made, and the catwalk repairs will be made this week.

Terry Rushing reported that the Spring Cleanup is ongoing, and they assisted the Water department with a leak. The art walls were taken down at the Armory, with assistance from the Water department in preparation for the stripping and waxing of the floors. The tractor scheduled date of arrival is June 1, 2016, and it will take a couple of days to add the hydraulics. There has been follow up of letters with Code Enforcement that were sent out, and have received a few additional complaints on some properties.

Keith Davis reported that the ball season will be ending June 9, 2016, and have set some tournament dates. A mill mix was put down at French Park in preparation for softball games. The summer hours will begin after Memorial Day for the pool area. Nick Cartee stated that he had met with the Wellness Coordinator with trying to get some summer sports underway such as flag football. Nick stated that the school breakfast program has been successful. Councilperson Rodgers asked about the handball courts, Keith stated that he had talked with Ms. Jordan from PIN, and they're looking at working with Parks & Recreation. They will be looking possibly at ADA park benches, water fountains, exercise equipment, etc. Councilperson Rodgers made mention of possible green spaces on the City's vacant lots as part of PIN's community initiative.

Teresa Tidwell reported that the Library as part of its Summer Reading Program will be contacting people to come a read for 30 minutes silently for their Rock-A- Read-A-Thon. It will start May 31, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. through July 28, 2016, on Tuesdays. The library also received \$438 from the state for the purchase of materials. In an effort to stop the summer slide with the students, Ms. Tidwell along with the Elementary and Middle School Librarians met. They got applications out to make sure the students have library cards to access e-books or to come in and check out books. The library received a state aide check in the amount of \$438 for the purchase of materials.

The Insurance Committee reported that bid packages are available and bid notices have been posted for workmen compensation, the deadline for submission is June 16, 2016. The Finance Committee will be meeting after the regular meeting and the Department head budgets will need to be submitted before June 6, 2016.

Business from the floor; Lillie Wilbourn had questions about the rental application for the Armory. The deposit is \$300 and the rental is \$300, and the deposit will be returned if there's no damage to the building. The other fees are obsolete and the application needs to be revised.

Steve Motton read a proposal from Concerned Citizens of Caruthersville. The concern is ADA approved water fountains and seating for the entire park system. They are also concerned about Ward 1 being a viable and marketable region for potential housing investors and business owners. The request is for the rezoning of the following areas of Ward 1:

- 1) 18<sup>th</sup> and Adams, North on the West side of Adams, northward and ending at 1200 Adams, to the East side of Hickory going south and ending at 18<sup>th</sup>, and beginning at the North side of 18 and ending at the south side of East 12<sup>th</sup>, the entire area being changed from I-2, heavy industrial to C-1, which is a limited group of light commercial and specific service activities.
- 2) South side of East 10<sup>th</sup> and Belle southward on Adams to East 15<sup>th</sup> which will circle around and continue to East 10<sup>th</sup> in the block of East 10<sup>th</sup> with the entirety of the area changed from I-2 to C-1.
- 3) North side of East 9<sup>th</sup> and East side of Maple northward to East 7<sup>th</sup> going East on 7<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> and Chaffin, and West Chaffin turning into East 9<sup>th</sup> with this section being R-5, a two-family residential and C-1. The intent of this provision is to ensure that manufactured homes are compatible with other dwellings in residential areas and meet construction placement and architectural standards while providing an alternative means of affordable home ownership.

Councilperson Duckworth made motion to refer the proposition of the rezoning to the Planning and Zoning Commission for study and recommendation for the Council to address, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Ella Coleman commended Terry Rushing for the operation of the street sweeper on the East side of town. Ms. Coleman wanted to know what was going to be done about Bob Churchill properties, particularly the building across from Wal-Mart. It was stated that the derelict vehicles could be addressed and appearance of a junk yard could fall under state regulations. The best outcome would be Municipal Court and maybe Civil Court. Steve Motton made mention of B&H not abiding by their contractual agreement in regards to fencing. Counselor Dorroh will be sending a letter reminding of their conditional agreement. The building that is adjacent also has issues, and need to be addressed. There was discussion of a Code Enforcement Officer particularly with law enforcement background. Councilperson Bullington and the Mayor will be researching for a salary schedule and the best resources. Councilperson Rodgers wanted to know the hours of the City Collector, because she had been approached by people needing merchant license for merchant stands. The hours at this time are

from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and there’s usually a note on the door displaying the hours. Councilperson Bullington wanted to know if the camper trailers that are set up across from McDowell and McMillen and by the Catholic Church were legal. Counselor stated that they were not, not to the point of setting up living quarters. Emma Campbell stated that she appreciated the people that have been attending the Council meetings of late, that it made a big difference in voices being heard.

New business; the Mayor had a few more appointments that needed to be made, and recommended the following appointments: Takella Motton/ City Clerk, Lawrence Dorroh/ City Attorney, and Christina Wade/ Planning and Zoning. Councilperson Harmon motion to approve the appointments, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Introduction of bills and ordinances; the Mayor stated the ordinance had been posted and now there needed to be a motion for the first reading.

**BILL NO. 2016-4**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 230 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, REFUSE, AND YARD WASTE.**

The second reading was made for the ordinance.

The question is will the bill become law. Councilperson Harmon motion for the approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Cartee motion to go into closed session for the discussion of personnel issues, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Upon returning from closed session, Councilperson Harmon motion to go into open session, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington wanted to know how Wendell Hoskins property was going to be dealt with. The Mayor stated that there had been a proposed contractual agreement to get the property taken care of through the Casino. Counselor Dorroh presented a contractual agreement between the School District and the City for the hiring of an officer for the school system starting July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The school district will be paying the City \$34,750 for the year, and the City will be offering benefits. The officer will be available for after school events, and at athletic events. Training will be provided on interactive programs with students and essentially resource officer training. Councilperson Harmon motion for Jasmine Thompson as the officer for the school, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Upon returning from closed session and with no further business to come before the Council; Councilperson Cartee motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Harmon, with all in favor.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor