

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
May 2, 2016**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 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 April 18, 2016 regular minutes. Councilperson Cartee 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 Cartee motion to approve the closed session minutes, 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

Councilperson Cheek motion to approve 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

The next order of business was the Mayor’s appointments; the Library Board and Park Board have term limits of 9 years (3 terms) in service to the community as regulated by the State of Missouri. The appointments are as follows:

Tree Board	Jane Ellen Lazenby (3)			
Board of Adjustments	Lancy Mansfield (5)			
Planning & Zoning	Mike Trainor (4)	Ella Mae Coleman (4)	Freddie Sanders (3)	
	Barbara Rodgers			
Park & Recreation	Thomas Guest (3)	Paula Debois (3)	Steven Rodgers (3)	
Library	Ewanda Young (3)			
Cemetery Board	Kathryn Parkinson (1)	Polly Lunceford (1)	Sandra Hooker (1)	
	Patricia Jones (1)	Elizabeth Cutler (1)		
Airport Board	Glen Haynes (1)	John Ferguson (1)	Chris Cobb (1)	
	Dick Reed (1)	Denny Callen (1)	Matthew Duckworth (1)	

Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the appointments, 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

The Council appointments; Article III Committee Appointments Section 110.230... Each shall ... have 1 member from each Ward.

Finance	Street	Insurance	Police & Fire	Water & Sewer
Bullington (3)	Rodgers (1)	Cheek (2)	Cartee (4)	Harmon (3)
Hood (1)	Cartee (4)	Merideth (4)	Rodgers (1)	Merideth (4)
Duckworth (2)	Cheek (2)	Harmon (3)	Cheek (2)	Hood (1)
Merideth (4)	Bullington (3)	Rodgers (1)	Bullington (3)	Duckworth (2)

Councilperson Harmon motion to accept the appointments, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following votes:

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

Mayors report; the contract with Republic is still lacking on some items that have to be dealt with. The ordinance for Solid Waste Disposal will be presented at the next meeting. Mike Deren with GBS was here April 22, 2016 to present the renewal of the City’s reinsurance costs. The lost ratio was 111%, and they obtained quotes from seven reinsurance companies of which American National, the

current carrier, was the best. Due to higher utilization, severe claims, pharmacy (generic vs non-generic), there's a substantial increase. In the 16 years with GBS this is the second time that there's been a substantial loss. GBS proposed two plans for employee choice: The Buy Up, the current plan, which will cost the employee \$100/mo., with a \$1,000 deductible, which benefits employees that use the plan a lot or know that they have procedure that has to be done. The Base Plan will cost the employee \$6/mo., with a \$2,000 deductible. May is open enrollment, and Mike Deren will be here May 25, 2016 for any questions from the employees.

The RFQ of A2H was selected for the Cupples roof, and the RFQ of Horner Shifrin was selected for the Recreational Center HVAC, a survey needs to be done for a quote for the architectural and engineering study respectively. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the studies, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Waters Engineering provided maps of streets to improve drainage. The West side of town at 7,200 feet, and the East side of town at 2,300 feet. Jason will be providing the quote. There's no firm number at this point, the anticipation is \$22,000 for a 10 hour day for 10 days. There's also camera work that has to be done on Collins, East 19th, and East 20th to investigate underlying problems. Councilperson Cartee wanted to know if there had been any improvements with the work done thus far. Councilperson Rodgers stated that there were still issues on Adams. Richard Lee stated that it may be wise to do a clean out to see what's functioning. Councilperson Bullington wanted to know if the billing could be possibly for the next budget in July, Richard Lee will be contacting Jason to see what could be worked out. The street is caved in on Lincoln and there's a water table issue, contact will be made to Greg, of G & C to get a quote on replacing two manholes and piping. The City will also be receiving a grant to evaluate the waste water systems in the amount of \$38,400 which will be done by Waters Engineering.

Police Committee; Councilperson Cartee recommended the hiring of Aaron Reynolds, they're down to 16 from 18, with one coming in this month from the academy will bring the department back to 18 officers. Councilperson Cartee motion for approval, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Animal Shelter for the month of April had 17 dogs and 9 cats; the intake was 22 dogs, and 11 cats. There was zero euthanization, and 12 dogs were taken to Rescue. There's a plan to meet with the Humane Society to work on some ideas.

Fire Committee; Councilperson Cartee reported five fire calls from April 12, 2016 through May 2, 2016. On April 12, there was a fire at England Park, with a porta potty set afire. April 22, on East 7th St. there was a gas leak. April 23, on South Ward behind the Animal Shelter there was a dumpster on fire. Also on the 23rd there was a call to the limb pile where a trailer load of tires were on fire; the DNR was notified. April 30, at The Store a vehicle was on fire, causing minor damage. Training for the month of April was hose techniques and auto extrications.

Water & Sewer; Paul Shaw reported that there was a 6 inch main that spilt at the Casino. The Street department, Charlie Jones brought in the fire truck, Levee District, and Waters Engineering all aided in fixing the leak. The meters have been delivered, and half of the 5/8th have been installed. Madison, Jefferson, and Washington are left to be done. The equipment for the Waste Water Project has come in for the rotors, and the bids were opened for the April 6 bid. G & C had the lowest bid of \$23,900, and Paul entertained a motion. Councilperson Merideth motion to accept, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Street & Code; Councilperson Rodgers reported that the daily operations have continued. Vehicle inspections were done; one truck was taken out for brake and air bag light, repairs were made. Another truck needed a set of tires which were put on from instock. Limb and debris have continued to be picked up, more so from the storms. The right-of-ways have been mowed, and cuttings around sign post, utility poles, fire hydrants, etc. They assisted the Water department with digging along a busted water main, and replaced a stop sign. They continue to fill street breaks, and the side walk at 6th and Grand is complete. The bid for the street and drainage work was sent out for bids. The due date and bid opening is May 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Terry Rushing reported that there was a Safety Meeting on April 19, 2016; they discussed the procedures of opening and closing door of vehicles, wearing vest, and using caution lights. Mosquito season is upon us, Terry requested that the City use Clarke same as last year. The cost for a 55 gallon drum is \$1,650, four would be \$6,600. Councilperson Harmon 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

Terry Rushing also reported that he had a state contract for a cab tractor. John Deere has offered a \$24,000 trade in on the City's Case tractor. Their tractor will be \$30,341.35, with the City's end cost being \$6,341.35. Councilperson Cartee had reservations with the purchase as to what he perceived as being negligence. Terry Rushing stated that everything that had been done to the tractor was under warranty, and it was stated that it wasn't equipment failure, but operator. Councilperson Rodgers made mention that it was not the operator fault trying to cut a steep ditch with the two wheel

drive. Councilperson Hood stated that the City should be concerned about all of its employees. Protection against the elements should be a concern and having the proper equipment. Hood stated that the City had no problems upgrading to trucks that cost far more. Councilperson Hood motion to approve the purchase of the cab tractor with the amendment of the budget out of Sales Tax, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Cheek	No	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Abstain	Harmon	Yes

Terry Rushing have issued five notice and order to abate nuisances. Two building permits have been issued and is reviewing plans for the rebuilding a section of Taven Apartments. A complaint was received about a sewer problem on Broadway, which is the property owner’s responsibility. The owner will be receiving a notice. There was an inspection for occupancy, and received a complaint about a structure on Franklin that has been damaged by fire. Several complaints have been received about over grown grass on 300 block of East 5th, 200 block of East 7th, 200 block of East 8th, 500 block of East 13th, 700 block of Franklin, 1200 block of Jefferson, and the 1000 block of Beckwith. There are three lots on Dudley that Terry will be contacting the property owner about. The property owners will have to be researched and notices sent out for aforementioned properties.

Park & Recreation; Keith Davis sent a report stating that the Ride the Fault line will not be coming this June. They had to reroute because of the construction on the bridge, they will return next year. The Recreation Center will be closing at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2016, due to graduation. Coach Spencer Royer has accepted a position in Tennessee. There will still be a swim team; arrangements have been made for another coach to take over the team. At this time we do not have anyone to train and certify lifeguards and CPR. Scouting will be taken place in the area to see who could take on the tasks.

Library; Teresa Tidwell reported that the Summer Reading Program is underway, and will be having a Rock- Read-A-Thon starting May 31, 2016. Participation is encouraged for reading at 30 minutes intervals in the rocking chair.

Lawrence Dorroh reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the preliminary plat for the Barnett subdivision. There was a conditional use variance of 50 ft. irrespective to the normal requirement of 60 ft. The building setback being 30 by 30 by 8, included on the plat, proper zoning for R1 with easements included on plat, with the sidewalks being waived granted by the Council. The street lights being within the ROW, utilities in the back provided by Ameren with Council approval. Counselor recommended Council to review the plat once the easements are changed on the plat. Councilperson Harmon motion to accept the recommendations made by Planning and Zoning, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Business from the floor; Shelby Walker thanked Terry Rushing for picking up trash that Republic didn't pick up outside of the tote at an adjacent property. Councilperson Cartee also gave thanks for the diligence of the picking up of yard waste. Ella Coleman asked why the street sweeper has never come down Dudley or Rufus, would like to see the sweeper on the east side of town. Terry Rushing stated that the sweeper usually didn't come down streets without curbs. The Mayor asked if the sweeper could go down those streets as close to the edge as possible, Terry stated they would be looking at going down the aforementioned streets. Ella Coleman was concerned about the detouring traffic off of Lincoln speeding down, Dudley, Rufus, and 20th streets. Tony Jones stated that they would be setting up the traffic control monitor at some point. Councilperson Cartee inquired about another business wanting to bid on the tractor cab, and was told that they were taking the state bid. The Mayor stated that was not the case, and would discuss it with Cartee at a more opportune time. Ella Coleman was also concerned about the tall grass, vehicles, etc. on properties as to what could be done about the cleanup. Terry stated fines or a citation could be issued through the court system. Terry stated that he had gotten a lot of complaints about the property on 14th and Hickory. Councilperson Rodgers stated that all Eddie Taylor properties should be dealt with at one time to move along the process. The Mayor asked if the laws for Code Enforcement were stringent enough to deal with the City's problems; Counselor stated that they were. Tony Jones stated that he would help Rushing out by talking to Mr. Taylor. Councilperson Bullington stated that City's perception would greatly be improved upon by the property owners taking responsibility for their properties. Support from different agencies for people that are unable to clean up their property should also be considered. Councilperson Rodgers stated that anyone that was disabled could get in contact with her or Ella Mae Coleman and they would be able to help through an agency.

The Mayor made recommendation for the appointment of Charlie Jones as Fire Chief, Paul Shaw as Waste Water Manager, Lawrence Dorroh as City Counselor, Terry Rushing as Street & Sanitation, Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, and Keith Davis as Park & Recreation Director. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the appointments, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Charlies Jones recommendations for appointments are as follows: Mike Wright/ Assistant Chief, Richard Lee/ Captain, Lynn Moss/Lieutenant, Kevin Curtis/Lieutenant, Charlie Jones/Engineer, Jim Lyons/Engineer, James Rushing/Engineer, Kevin Curtis/Engineer, Ron Warren/Firefighter II, Randy Guest/Firefighter II, Tony Smith/Firefighter II, Ricky Floyd/Firefighter II, Terry Rushing/Firefighter II, Jerry Hudgens/Firefighter II, Tina Cook/Firefighter II, Paul Shaw/Firefighter II, Tommy Halford/Firefighter II, Troy Meals/Firefighter I, Jess Cagle/Firefighter, Terry Privett/Firefighter, Michael Coleman/Firefighter, B.T. Merideth/Firefighter, Thomas Guest/Firefighter, and Brian Shelton/Firefighter. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the appointments, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes

Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Harmon	Yes		

Tony Jones recommendations for appointments are as follows: Jerry Hudgens/Assistant Chief, Terry Privett/Captain, Chris Thacker/Lieutenant, Jeremy Darnell/Lieutenant, Paul Meacham/Sergeant, Chris Callen/Sergeant, James Beaver/Corporal, David Little/Corporal, Calvin Broz/Patrolman, David Ward/Patrolman, Robert Henderson/Patrolman, Corey Vaughn/Patrolman, Brian Lacey/Patrolman, Kaleb Johnson/Patrolman, Dustin Fitzwater/Patrolman, Eric Reno/Patrolman, Daniel Kinder/Clerk, Reserve Officer, and Aaron Reynolds/Patrolman. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the appointments, second by Councilperson Cheek, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Paul Shaw recommendations for appointments are as follows: Richard Lee/Waste Water Superintendent and Virginia Glass/Bookkeeper. Councilperson Cartee motion to accept the appointments, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor McGraw made recommendations for conditional appointments for Mike Hazel/Municipal Judge and Nyoka Rushing/Clerk. Councilperson Bullington made motion to accept the appointments, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

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

With no further business to come before the Council Councilperson Cartee motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Harmon with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

