

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
November 20, 2017**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday November 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
Cartee (Absent)	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington	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 November 6, 2017 regular session minutes. Councilperson Merideth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Councilperson Merideth motion to approve the closed session minutes of October 16, 2017, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Councilperson Merideth motion to approve the closed session minutes of November 6, 2017, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Abstain
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Councilperson Rittenberry motion to approve the revised special session minutes of November 15, 2017, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Abstain
Merideth	Abstain	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

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

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; John Gilmore with Horner Shiffrin gave a presentation with video feed describing cemetery mapping. The mapping enables you to search and locate on the map the exact location of a grave, which can be done from a phone, tablet, or computer. Not only does the mapping gives you the location, but also date of birth, death, and how they've been buried, cremation or traditional. There would be a public site and a staff site of the mapping program, and they do their own backups. The cost of the program would be roughly \$13,500 including the annual fee. There are also other functionalities such as water and sewer lines, yard sales, and code violations that could be accessible. Councilperson Bullington made motion to start the process of mapping the cemetery and requesting for qualifications, second by Councilperson Grantham, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Mayor's report; Counselor Dorroh has reviewed the DRA grant documents for the Exchange building, and will have to look at the best way of structuring a management agreement between the Arts Council and the City. Republic Services will not pick up Thursday, but Thursday's pick up will be on Friday and Friday's on Saturday, and so on. The Mayor recommends replacing the Recreation Center roof, which would be roughly \$70,000 plus the insurance part that has been issued. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept bids for the replacement of the roof at the Recreation Center in lieu of repairing, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Bob Khourie has been contracted to do the appraisals for the 12 lots in question for business purposes in the amount of \$600, and there will be 3 separate appraisals for the 3 entities. There was more discussion about Exit 6, and everyone is in agreement that it should be maintained. The concern is the City footing the whole bill; partnering, and community service workers were ideas that were suggested. The City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Police report; new cameras will be installed that covers 4 different directions, 13<sup>th</sup> and Vest, Laurant, South Ward, and the north end of town.

Fire report; There were 6 fire calls from November 13, 2017 through November 20, 2017 as follows: 11/13/17; Structure fire on East 20<sup>th</sup> St. with moderate damage, 11/14/17; Grass fire at I55 at the Cooter overpass, 11/14/17; Fire alarm sounding on Schultz, 11/15/17; Structure fire on County Road 556 which was a total loss, 11/16/17; Fire alarm sounding on Brown due to cooking odor, 11/18/17; Fire alarm sounding on Walker.

Street & Sanitation/Airport report; There was pick up of limbs and debris. The tractor and street sweeper are back in operation. The Christmas lights are being put up, and potholes are being filled. The Code Enforcement truck which was not shifting, and the ignition switch was repaired. A road was built at the limb pile so the trucks could get through to dump. Paperwork on the STP Funds and the NPE Funds were worked on. The airport courtesy car will continue to be followed upon.

Airport Board; Recommendation is to amend the T-hanger fees to paying \$150/month rather than the \$125/month currently, but keeping with the \$1,500 yearly. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the recommendation, second by Councilperson Grantham, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Code Enforcement report; There were 10 new letters mailed, and 3 properties were abated. The Mers Goodwill volunteer continues to work with Street and Sanitation.

Park & Recreation/Armory report; The basketball sponsorships are coming in and kickball starts next week. Life guard training will continue a few days in December, and the no gun signage is up at all the parks and baseball field. There's a pipe leak in the pool, in which it may have to be shut down for a couple of days. The lowest landscaping bid for the park equipment is \$700; more companies will be contacted. There are some rules on the Armory rental application that needs updating; the Park board will be consulted on the revisions.

Library report; The parking lot is dark, Hill Electric will be checking to see what the problem is with the lights. Christmas story time has started for every Tuesday evening.

Water & Sewer report; The no parking signage will be put back up at the drive thru of the water department. The Fire Hydrant and Clarifier Projects bid process needs to be underway. Councilperson Bullington motion to start the bid process, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Insurance report; The MOPERM renewal deadline was November 15, 2017, Councilperson Rittenberry talked with Mark Gibbins , and will be working to get the renewal forms completed. There was discussion about Colonial Life being a part of the City's supplemental plans. Counselor Dorroh will be researching to see if there's any conflict in adopting the plan.

Business from the floor; Tom Tidwell inquired of community workers working off their fines to aid in maintaining Exit 6 Counselor Dorroh stated that it wasn't mandatory for the workers to work off their fines, that they could pay off their fines.

Mayor McGraw stated that he was concerned about people being treated differently when renting the Armory, and that he had taken a look at a 36 month period. There were some people who had paid deposits and some who had not.

Albert Cole was concerned about the lack of lines on the streets. Some of the streets are the state's responsibility, and Terry Rushing will contact the state maintenance shed concerning the lines. The streets that are the City's responsibility are contracted out to be done. There have been several years since it has been done, but they are lined when new streets are done. There is money in the budget for lining the streets, cross walks, and the library in the spring.

Robert Jones made referenced to Humboldt Tennessee getting a Tyson plant. Tony Jones stated that there City leaders worked with the Governor to get it accomplished.

Jamie Jones expressed the importance of networking with state officials; whether they are Republican or Democrat in order to bring in resources.

Councilperson Merideth motion to go into closed session for personnel, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following:

Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Upon returning from closed session, and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Grantham, with all in favor; the meeting adjourning at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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