

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
October 17, 2016

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, October 17, 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
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	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 October 3, 2016 minutes. Councilperson Cartee motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Harmon motion to approve the special session minutes, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Merideth motion to approve the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The next order of business was unfinished business. Counselor Dorroh stated that he had talked with Terry McVey and he was not prepared to present his report to the Council. McVey is currently working on the report; Counselor Dorroh will let the Council know once he's apprised of the situation.

Councilperson Bullington reported that the projected overall fund balance for June 30, 2017 is \$4,217,713.44, which is down \$932,822.76 from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The reason being is for big ticket items such as the increase in Lagers, Street Improvements project, the W. 19th and E. 12th Belle drainage projects, and the Water vehicle. These are items that haven't been included in the budget before. The Magnolia project is not fully paid for, the HVAC for the Recreation Center was included, the Scada system for the Water department, and the extrication unit. The General Fund revenues were estimated at \$115,000 less because last year's gaming revenues were up considerably from the last two years. There wasn't a lot of difference in additional revenues. The projected budget balance for June 30, 2017 is \$113,298.56. If the gaming revenues come in the same as last year it will be an offset with the proposed transfers to the library and street funds along with the proposed general fund balance. The Street department is subsidized by the General Fund when funds are depleted. By moving the Water department employee to the Street department it will cost a bit more. The fireworks may have to be moved out of Tourism to Economic Development if taxes aren't caught up. Pam Peeler's salary will have to be added in, and it should be noted that the General Fund has to supplement any of the other funds that don't maintain fund balances. Councilperson Harmon motion to adopt the budget as presented, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor's report; Counselor Dorroh will be drawing up bid specifications for the Brown Shoe ditch; it should be ready within a month. There will be a revised request for funding for the Marlar Loop submitted to WWRC for reconsideration. Waters Engineering estimates the cost at \$371,600. There's one house on E. 10th St. in which the sewer line has to be hooked up, hopefully by next week. It looks like the sewer line will be able to be put in for the Papa John's Pizza on W. 19th St. Pavement has been done on Lincoln and E. 18th St. The city employee's retirement plan has gone from a L1 to a L3 the goal is to go to a L7 in the future. David Henson will be retiring October 31, 2016, and is requesting that he is paid for any vacation time not used. Councilperson Harmon motion to accept the request, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The GPS for Little Prairie Cemetery wasn't voted for; the Mayor plans on raising funds to have the software implemented. Mayor McGraw asked Terry Rushing about the status of the plaques for the pavilion. Terry Rushing stated the company is working on the best print resolution, and then they would be mailed.

Mayor McGraw appointed John Dixon to the Tree Board with Emma Campbell resigning. Councilperson Bullington motion for the approval, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Whitney Watts of USDA Rural Development will be here Thursday, October 20, 2016 for a walk through of the Cupples Building. Ms. Watts also sent a letter stating that that the City was not in compliance with its bond covenant. The Mayor recommends reducing the trash from \$12.00 to \$11.00 and increasing the minimum sewer rate by \$1.00 to be in compliance. Councilperson Harmon motion to approve the recommendation second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Tony Jones reported that \$1,500 will be taken out of Asset Forfeiture for the yearly Trunk or Treat. The event will take place from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. after the parade, Monday, October 31, 2016. Trick or Treat can be observed until 6:00 p.m.

Nick Cartee reported that there have been 80 fire calls to date compared to 93 fire calls this time last year. The following are fire calls from October 6, 2016 through October 17, 2016: 10/06/16 Structure fire, total loss on County Road 548, Steele, MO; 10/08/16 Vehicle accident on Route D; 10/14/16 Medic-One requested assistance on E. 10th St.; 10/15/16 Lift assist on E. 10th St.

Water & Sewer; Paul Shaw reported that outside of their normal duties , they changed out some meter boxes, fixed two leaks on E. 6th St., and did some fall cleaning at the Water Plant. Richard Lee emailed John Chittenden about the railings for the Waste Water Plant sludge tank. There should be a cost analysis by the next meeting.

Terry Rushing reported that the city wide cleanup was completed Friday, October 14, 2016. This week they will be fixing two street breaks on E. 18th St., and there's one manhole to repair. An inspection was done at the airport, and there are 6 permits that have to be written up.

Keith Davis reported that he has to order bans for the poles at the Recreation Center for the admissions line.

Teresa Tidwell reported that the library will be hosting a Halloween story time as well as dramatic readings on October 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The panic button has been fully installed, and the copier is up and running. The copier does print in color; copies are 25 cents a page.

Business from the floor; Ella Coleman and the Bootheel Ladies Civitan will be hosting an event at the Public Safety Center, Friday, October 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. They will be honoring the Caruthersville and Hayti officers, and ask that everyone come out, to meet and greet.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Cartee, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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