

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
September 19, 2016**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday September 19, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers (Absent)	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	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 to come before the Council was the approval of the September 6, 2016 minutes. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Hood motion to approve the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Harmon, which resulted in the following:

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

Under unfinished business; Councilperson Bullington made mention that by next meeting a list will be provided that the Council will go by individually and vote on the salary, retirement, and special projects so the budget can be adopted.

The Mayor's report; appointment was made by the Mayor to the Park & Recreation board. Councilperson Duckworth made motion for approval of Michael Buttrom to replace Kyle Hubbard, second by Councilperson Cartee, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Recreation HVAC and the Marlar Loop projects are on hold until the funding sources have been determined. It was suggested to bid out the Brown Shoe Ditch vegetation removal. Councilperson Merideth stated that he had talked with someone that would do the work for half of what was quoted to the City by Jason Simpson. The City is still looking for the Corp of Engineers to do the job, but will take bids just in case. The Lincoln and 18th St. pavement will occur at the end of September or the beginning of October. The employee safety glass for the doors in City Hall cost \$2,950 and \$1,850 for the labor on the glass at the Recreation Center. Councilperson Bullington was concerned about the stability of the doors that the safety glass is going into, as to whether it would truly be safe. Councilperson Cartee wanted to know if there had been an assessment as to what is exactly needed instead of trying to figure out what is needed on our own. The Mayor stated that the same was being done as for the other offices that the safety glass was installed. Councilperson Harmon made motion to pay for safety glass and the labor for the glass at the Recreation Center. Councilperson Hood second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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

There was discussion of both architects fees for the Cupples building roof and how it was determined, their estimates of the total cost, and qualifications. Once the information is gathered for a spread sheet to be presented to the Council a decision will be made as to what company to go with. The Mayor's community vitality stance is to buy local everything that you possibly can. Councilperson Harmon wanted to make clear that his only opposition to the appointment of the Park & Recreation board was because he knew nothing of the appointee. He preferred that appointees appear at the meeting to be recognized first, before a vote takes place.

Police & Fire report; Councilperson Cartee asked for approval to pay an invoice of \$5,479.18 for camera equipment that was damaged by lightning, the insurance will pay for the claim less the deductible. Councilperson Duckworth motion for payment out of Police Maintenance, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

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

There were two fire calls from September 9, 2016 through September 19, 2016. On September 9, 2016 there was a carbon monoxide alarm sounding on Playground Rd, and they changed the batteries. On September 15, 2016 there was minor smoke from food unattended on cook stove on East 15th St. There were fire drills conducted at Caruthersville School District #18, and a fire inspection and fire drill was conducted at DAEOC Head Start on September 13, 2016. The fire department along with the water department will be flushing fire hydrants next Monday, September 26, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Councilperson Cartee also commended the police departments working together on the weekend during the rodeo, concert, and football game.

Tony Jones commended Mayor McGraw for preventing what could have been a terrible accident. The Mayor alerted Tony to a kid that he saw driving a vehicle going toward the interstate, which Tony proceeded to go toward to the interstate. The call came in from the county during their exchange that a car had been stolen and a kid missing. The Mayor got the kid to slow the vehicle down to about 35 miles per hour and the kid came to a stop at the 4 mile marker on I55 after crashing.

Water & Sewer report; Councilperson Harmon reported that a resignation letter from John Agnew was accepted by the Water & Sewer committee. Harmon stated that the water department would be conducting training in regards to personnel issues and how to manage grievances as per the personnel manual. Paul Shaw has been instructed to have the training accomplished prior to the end of the month. Councilperson Harmon stated that it would be a good idea to have all the departments to undergo the training exercise. Paul Shaw reported that the motor had come in and that they would be pulling the bypass on 20th and Lincoln.

Street & Sanitation report; Terry Rushing reported that last week they ran short handed, and were playing catch up picking up debris and junk. This week they will be pushing to get street breaks repaired. Several letters have been sent out for code enforcement, response has occurred with some, and are in the process of rectifying the nuisances.

Park & Recreation report; Keith Davis reported that the pee wee football team won their first games and there was a huge turnout. Keith thanked the school district for the use of the football field and access to the field house. The pee wee football team will finish at the end of October, and there will be a month of flag football during October.

Collector report; as of September 19, 2016 there have been ten new business license issued, and two renewals. There are 52 businesses operating without a business license, they have been either contacted by phone or mail, and the next step will be turning the list over to the police department.

Business from the floor; Charles Motton wanted to make the City privy to the fact that there has not been anything done fraudulently to obtain the business license at 908 Truman. He stated that his business partner had been going to different city officials trying to get the business license reissued under another name. Counselor Dorroh asked Charles to provide the name of the lessee of the building and give to the Code Enforcement officer. The building is up to code, and will need a walk through, and it needs to get a correct fire capacity code. Counselor Dorroh asked Charles Motton to talk to him after the meeting about the details of the partnership.

Ella Coleman stated that she didn't have any complaints, her neighborhood was looking up. She had been walking and noticed the three way stop signs on 20th and Rufus, and thought it was great. On the corner of 18th and Adams an eyesore had been dealt with, and the dog problem is no more. She stated that she was really proud, and thanks everyone.

There will be a planning and zoning committee meeting in the near future regarding rezoning the FEMA trailer property so that trailers can be placed there. The request is being made by Earl Bullington and family. Once John Ferguson schedule clears there will be meeting, and the residents within approximately 200 feet of the site will have to be notified of the request.

Councilperson Bullington motion to go into closed session for the purpose of litigation, second by Councilperson Cartee with all in favor.

Upon returning from closed session and with no further business to come before the council, Councilperson Harmon motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilperson Cartee, with the meeting adjourning at 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk