

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
August 19, 2019

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Reeves (Absent)	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	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 regular session minutes of August 5, 2019. Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Grable, all in favor with Councilperson Bullington abstaining.

Councilperson Hood motion for approval of reports and bills, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor.

Notice of a Public Hearing for the property tax rate for the upcoming year was presented. The Public Hearing will be held September 3, 2019 for the proposed tax rate of \$1.13.

Police report; Chief Jones reported that hopefully at the next meeting the department will be approved for a 75/25 grant for radios.

Fire report; Fire calls from August 6, 2019 through August 19, 2019 are as follows: 8/6/19; Debris pile set on fire on Route U, 8/6/19; Truck on fire on Hwy 84, 8/8/19; Smoke scare on Zaida, 8/9/19; Smoke scare at Caruthers Villa, 8/11/19; Lawn mower struck gas riser on Hickory, 8/11/19; Fire alarm sounding at DAEOC Head Start, 8/14/19; Lawn mower smoking reported as a structure fire on West 7th St, 8/15/19; Strong odor of gas inside structure on Ferguson on standby until Liberty arrived.

Public Works; Paul Shaw reported that the leak on 9th and Bell was very taxing. The demoing of the new Vactor truck couldn't have come at a better time. A 6 inch main broke, and they were

assisted with the cleanup with the use of the truck in order for the City to begin fixing the break. The T-handle at Trinity was enabled to be turned off which took care of the leak in the bar pit hopefully alleviating the Water Main project to having to cross the bar pit. Mr. Shaw also went aboard the Mississippi River Commission vessel along with the Mayor. They attended a meeting in which the low level water inspection was conducted, and there was discussion of the drainage in town and where it goes.

Park & Recreation; Wes Deere reported that he had flyers going throughout town for the Silver's Sneaker membership to the Recreation Center, all questions about the program can be directed to Wes Deere. Pee Wee football this year will consist of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The solar panels are up and running and all the LED lights will be installed by Wednesday, August 21, 2019. There was not a quorum for the Park Board meeting so there was no discussion of the 24 hour access.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the Library had a good turnout for the Cultural Heritage Workshop in which they learned about things unique to the area. The Library also received the Edge grant for 2 tablets for disabled children.

Don Jefferies, President of the Historical Society proposed to the Council the use of the old Phipps house owned by the City for a museum. The Historical Society would like to obtain items of historic value relative to Pemiscot County and Caruthersville. They would set up displays, staff the museum, and maintain the interior of the building. The Historical Society would be seeking grants for preservation and restoration, and requesting the Council to consider establishing a committee to review all issues involved at a later date.

The Cooperative Agreement for School Police Services was presented to be entered on the 14th day of August 2019 between the City of Caruthersville and Caruthersville School District #18. Councilperson Duckworth motion for approval second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Abstain	Cheek	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Abstain		

Counselor Dorroh stated that a motion would be in order for a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 for changes in zoning for medical marijuana. Councilperson Bullington made motion, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Absent
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes		

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion for approval of the September 2, 2019 meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in observance of Labor Day. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington with all in favor.

Councilperson Lyons motion to go into closed session for the purpose of hiring and firing, second by Councilperson Hood which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes
Bullington	Yes		

Upon returning from closed session and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Duckworth motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood, the meeting adjourning at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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