

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
February 19, 2019**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Tuesday February 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 (Absent)	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons (Absent)	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Mayor Pro Tem
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 February 4, 2019. Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Grable which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Abstain
Rodgers	Yes		

Councilperson Rodgers motion for approval of the closed session minutes of February 4, 2019, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Abstain
Rodgers	Yes		

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

Presentation of petitions, letters, and other communications; Mayor Pro Tem Hood presented an email that was sent to Mayor Grantham from Cathy Rose concerning docking cities. There's a Senate

Bill that's set to roll out legislation for video terminals that would be housed by businesses and organizations. Proceeds would go to the operators and the establishments, with 36 percent going to the state lottery fund for education. There's concern with these video terminals affecting the casinos revenues; in some areas they've seen a decline in casino revenues up to 20 percent, which in turn affects revenue that cities receive from casinos.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that the Police department radios needed upgrading, at this point communication is limited to the Sheriff department and Fire department. There's no warranty on the existing radios with repairs being very costly. The plan is to look at the next budget year to consider Motorola as a source; Councilperson Bullington suggested getting a quote for a lease purchase.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that the Shelter passed the state protocol inspection, and the pending issues from the last meeting were taken care of. All the painting is just about done, and all the animals are merged in one place. The land line is 333-9977, and there will be an answering machine installed for messages. The filing of the State inspection has occurred, which can take up to 38 days. Animals have been picked up, and the collection of impound fees has been set up. There was a question if a citation could be issued for animals that come in that's outside the city limits. An impoundment fee can be collected; Counselor would have to research about citations. There will be an Open House after the State inspection.

Fire report; Fire calls from February 11, 2019 through February 19, 2019 are as follows: 2/11/19; Vehicle accident on I55/412, 2/14/19; Mutual aid to State Highway E for a structure fire with moderate damage, 2/17/19; Gas odor at Medic One building without finding, 2/19/19; Vehicle accident on Truman with request for extrication. A course "Responding to Utility Emergencies" was held February 9, 2019 with 26 firemen in attendance.

Chief Charlie Jones recommended appointments to the Fire Department as follows:

Captain	Second Lieutenant	Firefighter	Chaplain
Kevin Curtis	Jerry Hudgens	Jimmy Lyons	Shawn Harding

Councilperson Grable motion for approval of the appointments, second by Councilperson Duckworth, which resulted in the following vote:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Abstain
Rodgers	Yes		

Code Enforcement report; Sonya Fuller reported sending out 29 letters from February 4, 2019 through February 15, 2019.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the Caruthersville library was chosen 1 of 15 libraries nationwide to receive a grant for Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces. They will be looking at the reconfiguration of the Library to better serve more active learning; the project will start in March 2019 and ends September of 2020.

Budget report; Councilperson Bullington made reference to the December financials briefly as follows: 1) For the end of December the General Fund balance is \$109,870.56 2) Revenues collected for City collections don't reflect November and December. There will be better numbers for the January financials with the capturing of the City collections for November, and the December and January City collections being captured also due to a glitch in the software not being able to compute the Assessor's fees which the City Clerk is aware of. 3) The Mooreland Dr. Project went over by \$31,731.17, which needs to be looked at. There are several accounts that are over budgeted and could be more if spending is not curtailed.

Public Works; Paul Shaw reported that the crew did maintenance work at the Maintenance shed. There were 15 potholes filled, worked in alleys, and they tried to keep up with the drainage issues. Some of the things causing the drainage issues are the beaver dams, receiving ditches being full, and dirt and debris in the culvert boxes. The previous 12th St Lift station walls weren't built onto the floor, but on the dirt, which has caused the walls to collapse when dirt was taken out. When the motor comes in it will be wired and there will be check points to see what needs to take place before installation. Trinity has a leak, in which they have to wait until the water goes down before anything can be done. It's not causing a big problem on the City's side; it's on Trinity's side where the problem lies. They're running one pressure washer where there should be three. All the Water and Waste Water crew took a class giving each 6 to 7 hours of training. There's been a position open in Sanitation since January, and Paul Shaw asked for permission to advertise. Councilperson Merideth motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, with all in favor. Councilperson Rodgers asked if anything was in place for the water that builds up in East Haven, such as pumping it out. Paul Shaw stated that there was nothing big enough to pump off such a large amount of water. They're looking at the drain boxes to see if they could get the water to moving more, and having to figure out where to pump it. The 7th St. ditch captures 18th, 19th, and 20th Streets, which goes out to the county where the beaver dam is located, which will flow better when the beavers are captured. Mr. Shaw stated that John Chittenden is looking at putting a package together for CDBG grants for drainage.

New Business; Counselor Dorroh has put together a draft of a bid plan for mowing, and stated that the Mayor's putting a plan together for grouping the mowing in order to bid out scopes of work. Councilperson Bullington motion for the approval to bid out mowing for City of Caruthersville, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following votes:

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

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

Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Upon returning from closed session at with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Bullington motion to adjourn, second by Mayor Pro Tem Hood, with all in favor the meeting adjourning at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk

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