

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
February 4, 2019

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday February 4, 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
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	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 regular session minutes of January 22, 2019. Councilperson Duckworth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of Reports, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that walls were repaired, and the window in the cat room, ceiling tiles were spray painted, and will replace the tiles that need to be replaced in Chris Thacker's office. The handle gates were repaired and painted. There were 22 animals from the start and now there are 12 in which there were adoptions with the fee being waived, but will be back in place with the population being lowered. Councilperson Bullington made mention that if the Animal Shelter needed more tiles painted that there were students that could paint them. Ms. Wilcox stated they would be open for any assistance, and that they were interested in maybe a mural being put on the building. Councilperson Rittenberry inquired about sponsorship of an animal, which is possible, \$25 for cats and \$50 for dogs.

Public Works; James Elliott reported that the car wash had blown a gasket which was fixed, and

a drain on Playground Rd. was repaired. The salt storage that had been out in the elements was brought in and stored under a bay, and assistance was given to Grizzly Jig with chairs and tables for the Exchange building for their event. First Baptist Church had a leak, and it was repaired; the crew also helped with the cleanup of the Armory and repaired the bathrooms. A water tap was done on East 12th St., and a meter was discovered that was in use, but not in the system. They went through 48 pairs of signs and put up 10 pairs on street poles. Holes were repaired in alleys between Bushey and Eastwood, holes were repaired in the alley of West 7th St., and a stop sign was put up at 13th and Davis that had been knocked down.

Fire report; Fire calls from January 28, 2019 through February 4, 2019 area as follows: 1/28/19; Fire alarm sounding due to cooking on Eastwood, 2/1/19; Smoke scare from oven on West 12th St., 2/2/19; Smoke odor on South Ward, nothing found, 2/3/19; Ditch bank on fire on County Rd. 524. The training for the month of January was extrication tools, and seat belt safety. Saturday, February 9, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., there will be a course entitled "Responding to Utility Emergencies." There have been 7 fire inspections conducted since January 14, 2019. There is an Earthquake Summit in Sikeston, MO Wednesday February 20, 2019 at the Clinton Community Building. Chief Charlie Jones reported that \$25,000 had been allocated to the hydrant program. The hydrant program would free up the servicing and maintenance of the hydrants for the Fire and Water departments. The contract with Rodgers Hydrant would be for 3 years at a cost of \$70.80 per hydrant for the 330 hydrants per year. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes		

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported she was processing letters on multiple properties, and will be sending out 20 letters. Ms. Fuller will be working on templates for building structures for burnouts.

Park & Recreation/Armory; Wes Deere reported that basketball is underway, and baseball and softball signups have begun. The Circus will be at the Armory Thursday February 7, 2019, and a swim meet will be on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Mr. Deere escorted Entegrity to building sites, showing blue prints and other measures in attempt to find ways to save the City money.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell introduced a new book, called boxed books that the Library will be offering; it's geared to help those with reading problems or lack confidence in reading. The book will read to the child as the child follows along. A changing table was installed in the Ladies rest room, and jig saw puzzles will be available for check out. The Geri-fit classes have been running at 20 and over in attendance; they meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday in the Conference room.

Economic Development Committee; Jana Merideth reported that she and Mayor Grantham attended the Winter Economic Development Summit at the Governor's mansion. The Economic

Committee along with the Mayor, and the Chamber of Commerce contacted vendors to set up shop at the banquet room in the Casino, and a lot of the restaurants gave Grizzly Jig specials. There was a meeting with Liberty Utilities looking at resources to tap into, and also met with Mickey Davis who will be given guidance with the grant for the Exchange Building. The Committee is also looking at reworking the website to save money, and have more updates. The Mayor and Ms. Merideth will be attending a meeting in Sikeston, MO Wednesday February 6, 2019, and Ms. Merideth will be attending the Great River Road Summit in Forrest City, AR.

The Economic Development Tax Board had a Public Hearing January 30, 2019 at City Hall to give residents a chance for any input with the plans towards the expansion, improvements, or repairs to the City's water systems. They made recommendation for the Council to accept the economic development tax plan with the purpose to establish goals and objectives relating to the City's long-term economic development, and specifically how the application of revenues generated from the Economic Development Sales Tax will assist the City in meeting those objectives.

There was a meeting prior to the regular session meeting with the St. Francis Levee District, and Counselor Dorroh asked for a waiver of any conflict of interest between the City of Caruthersville and the St. Francis Levee District with him representing both parties. Councilperson Bullington motion for the acceptance of the waiver, second by Councilperson Grable, with all in favor.

Mayor Grantham made mention of property that Parker Maners would like to give to the City; the Mayor asked the Council to look at the property before making a decision.

Mayor Grantham made recommendation for the meeting to move to Tuesday, February 19, 2019 with the observance of President's Day being Monday, February 18, 2019. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor.

Introduction to Bills; Counselor Dorroh introduced and Councilperson Duckworth asked for the first reading of an ordinance for an economic development tax plan, second by Councilperson Bullington as follows:

BILL NO. 2019-01

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF CAURTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TAX PLAN, 2019.

Councilperson Bullington motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Lyons, the question is will bill No. 2019-01 pass and become known as Ordinance No. 2019-01, which resulted in the following vote on said question to wit:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes		

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of legal matters, Councilperson Duckworth motion go into closed session, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes		

Upon returning from closed session, and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Duckworth motion to adjourn second by Councilperson Bullington, with all in favor.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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