

Special Session
June 29, 2015

The Council of the City of Caruthersville met in special session, June 29, 2015 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
Jeremy Hudgens	Sergeant at Arms
Fike	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Harmon (Absent)	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget for the upcoming year. Councilperson Bullington lead off the meeting by presenting a budget for the Council to review. The recommendation was to adopt the current budget same as last year with amendments being instituted at a later date. Bullington basically imported the current employees and their salaries and information gathered from department heads. McDowell and Middleton provided documentation of actual hours worked by every employee and what their final salary would be.

Overview of the budget, started off with the General Fund, projected and proposed revenues and expenditures. The Finance Committee would like to meet with the department heads to discuss the budget to clarify some of the ways that revenues can balance out expenditures. Once the final expenditures and revenues have been calculated it will change the projected and actual expenditures and revenues hopefully for the better.

Salaries and benefits are major expenditures which need to be controlled by sticking to the 80 hour, 2080 hours yearly proposed in budget. The Police based on 2223 hours yearly and Fire department 2756 hours.

Revenues are down and expenditures are up due to a lot of variables, The Finance Committee will be meeting again before meeting with the Council to come up with ways to curtail some of these variables.

Councilperson Fike made a motion to adopt the current budget and amend the budget once all the figures are turned in. Councilperson Merideth seconded the motion which resulted in the following vote:


Fike	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Check	Yes		

A copy of the budget will be on file with the City Clerk once finalized.

Councilperson Fike motioned to go into close session to discuss real estate, seconded by Councilperson Rodgers which resulted in the following vote:

Fike	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Check	Yes		

After reconvening, Councilperson Fike motioned to adjourn seconded by Councilperson Merideth, and approved unanimously.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk