

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
March 19, 2018

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday March 19, 2018 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	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 March 5, 2018 regular session minutes. Councilperson Merideth motion to approve, second by Councilperson Duckworth which resulted in the vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Absent
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Absent	Duckworth	Yes

Councilperson Duckworth motion for approval of the March 5, 2018 closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Absent
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Absent	Duckworth	Yes

Councilperson Merideth motion for approval of the March 19, 2018 special session minutes, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Absent
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Abstain
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes

Rodgers	Absent	Duckworth	Abstain
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Councilperson Hood motion to approve the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Absent
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Absent	Duckworth	Yes

Mayor's report; Mr. Rosen of PACE Properties is in continual contact with a Nevada investor, and has confided in the Mayor as to what will be released to the public, otherwise there's no comment. There was a meeting last week with the Arts Council, and they had comments on the proposed drafted contract, which are being taken into consideration. Magnitude 7 is taking the place of Noranda, and applications can be taken at the Sikeston Job Center 202 South Kingshighway. The pay starts at \$20/hr. with the average being \$30/hr. Cedric Kyles and Allen Warren are working on their plan to submit to Planning & Zoning regarding the 12.5 acres of the FEMA Park property; the security deposit has been paid. The hearing for Liberty Utilities rate increase of \$14.09 for Southeast Missouri and Northeast Missouri for \$2.06 will be Friday March 23, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall in Sikeston Missouri.

Ed Reeves has filed in court suit against McCoy's Salvage Yard as part of the Brownsfield Application process. The airport courtesy car was purchased from the Missouri State Agency for Surplus Property for \$6,025. The Carnell property is ready to be demolished contingent upon getting the roll offs on a surface that's solid. The Marlar Project is wrapping up; there will be a Performance Hearing conducted by Mitzi Dell to close out the project Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Bids will be opened Tuesday for the Mooreland Dr. Project March 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall. The river stages are at 32 ft. today, the flood gates are still up, and the debris is being cleaned up. SEMO Healthnetwork will be making an announcement soon with the location and services that will be provided; there will also be jobs that are available. The East 20th St. project will start in 2018 and will have to be completed by September 2019.

Street & Sanitation/Airport/Building Inspector; Terry Rushing reported that G & C Contracting will begin moving in equipment Wednesday to start the drainage on 9th and Belle. Since the last storm there has been a lot of time spent picking up debris and junk. Street & Sanitation has spent the bulk of today picking up driftwood and debris at the riverfront, and clearing the roadways of mud. There were 4 employees that made the trip to Jefferson City to pick out a car for the airport, and felt they picked the one that will give the City the best service. The fuel system at the airport has been repaired and is back in operation.

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported that she's surveying several properties, and have sent out 13 letters to abate the nuisance. Ms. Fuller will be sending out additional letters this week, and the partnering with Mers Goodwill is ongoing. Terry Rushing made mention that he and John Chittenden had reviewed the flood plain for the State Emergency Management Agency, and didn't see any significant changes in the maps.

Park & Recreation; Wes Deere reported that the baseball and softball teams had been picked, and the High School softball was underway. There has been stop and go on the roof because of inclement weather. There has been contact with field maintenance representatives in regards to the turf work and field conditions. Mr. Deere talked with the baseball commissioner as to what needs to be done to the field priority wise, and getting the most bang for buck.

Budget report; Councilperson Bullington reported that Doug McDowell is working on a budget report for the City to see what the major concerns are, and offer suggestions as to what can be done for corrections. The tax season has him busy, and McDowell probably won't get to the report until 2 or more meetings.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that they are continually working on outreach, and has finished up with the early literacy group. Kay Snow continues to go to the Nursing Home taking along large print books, audio books, and magazines.

Water & Sewer; Paul Shaw reported the department had replaced meters at the County jail, and Midtown Apartments. There's already an indication of more usage than what has been previously recorded. This week a hydrant will be replaced on 14th and Vest, and West Haven and the Public Safety Building will be getting new meters. The employees at the Water plant have been working on their floors and countertops which have saved money by doing it in house. The Nursing Home tap will be done tomorrow. There was mentioning of the need to find a funding source for the Waste Water Plant disinfection system with the last estimate being at \$750,000. Bids were opened for the hydrant project budgeted for \$15,000 out of Sales Tax. The lowest bid came in at \$25,000 with Rogers Hydrant, for each year contracted for 3 years. The hydrant project is for the maintenance of the hydrants. There was discussion about the benefits of having a hydrant maintenance contract. Councilperson Cartee motion to table for further review, second by Councilperson Merideth, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes

There was not a quorum for the Water Committee meeting; therefore the adjustments would need to be voted on. Councilperson Grantham motion to approve the adjustments, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes

Insurance report; Councilperson Rittenberry reported that Mike Deren with Group Benefits had come to the Special Meeting March 13, 2018 to discuss the current plan and proposed renewal rate. If the City continues to pay the same premium, the plan would be underfunded by \$153,616.56; if there's an increase in premiums by \$297.71 the projected reserves would be \$70,149.23. There are

things that the members are doing right but there are also some improvements that could be made to save money. The members aren't taking advantage of Teladoc in which they register online and have access to doctors that can fill prescriptions at a pharmacy of their choice, refills can be made, there's a wellness program, reimbursable claims can be filed, and they can get their ID cards. The members also aren't taking advantage of Retail 90; there are some maintenance drugs that aren't being filled for the 90 day supply at \$5. Mr. Deren will be revisiting with the Council with options of lowering the proposed rate. The bids from other agencies will be opened March 26, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at which time the Council will be able to see what they have to offer.

Councilperson Duckworth motion to go into closed session for litigation and legal, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Hood	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Duckworth	Yes

Upon returning from closed session, and with no further business to come before the Council, The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor