

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
May 3, 2021**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday May 3, 2021 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
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Grable (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	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 for April 21, 2021. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Cheek with all in favor.

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval of the closed session minutes of April 21, 2021, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

The next order of business were the City appointments as follows: City Clerk/Takella Motton, Court Clerk/Nyoka Rushing, City Counselor/Lawrence Dorroh, Municipal Judge/Mike Hazel, City Engineer/John Chittenden, Code Enforcement/Barry Gilmore, Building Commissioner/John Ferguson, City Prosecutor/Lawrence Dorroh. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

The Mayoral appointments for the Department heads are as follows: Fire Department Chief/Charlie Jones, Public Works/Paul Shaw, Parks & Recreation/Lamonte Bell, Librarian/Teresa Tidwell. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes

Rodgers Yes

Appointments for the City Council Committees are as follows: Finance/Jimmy Lyons, JJ Bullington, Teddy Cheek, Johnny Hood. Police & Fire/Johnny Hood, Teddy Cheek, Don Grable, Jennifer Spence. Street & Sanitation/Don Grable, Barbara Rodgers, Paul Glass, Jennifer Spence. Water & Sewer/Barbara Rodgers, Don Grable, Jimmy Lyons, Paul Glass. Insurance/Jennifer Spence, JJ Bullington, Barbara Rodgers, Jimmy Lyons.

Library Board appointments are as follows: Terri Callen, Jock Grantham, Johnny Barnett, Wenlan Reno, Paige Gillock, Sally Fisher, Shawndrae Isable, Betty Toles, Ex Officio/Teddy Cheek.

Parks & Recreation Board appointments: Charles Davis, Katie Houston, Jessica Rose, Jimmy Jackson, Michael Buttrom, Charles Cain, Steve Rodgers, Karen Meeks, Lemira Parks, Ex Officio/Don Grable.

Planning & Zoning Board appointments: John Ferguson, Tom Tidwell, Dustin Price, Lisa Curtis, Mike Trainor, Steve Motton, Barry Gilmore, Christina Wade, Ex Officio/Johnny Hood.

Board of Adjustments appointments: Crystal Fugate, Tommy Clayton, Lancy Mansfield, John Ferguson, Kelly Smith, Ex Officio/Jennifer Spence.

Cemetery Board appointments: Katherine Parkinson, Polly Lunceford, Sandra Hooker, Melissa McClain, Luther Robinson, John Buchanan, Ex Officio/Paul Glass.

Tree Board appointments: Jane Ellen Lazenby, Karen Meeks, John Buchanan, Martha Fowlkes, Barbara Rodgers, Ex Officio/Lamonte Bell.

Airport Board appointments: Glen Haynes, John Ferguson, Chris Cobb, Baughn Meredith, Jeff Pierce, Ex Officio/Jimmy Lyons, City/Paul Shaw

Councilperson Cheek motion for approval of the Council Committees and the Board appointments, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following votes:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Councilperson Bullington motion to appoint Johnny Hood as Mayor Pro Tem, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following votes:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Police report; Chief Tony Jones appointments are as follows: Terry Privett/Captain, Jeremy Darnell/Lieutenant, Chris Thacker/Lieutenant/Housing Officer, Rodney Jackson/Sergeant, James Beaver/Corporal, Corey Vaughn/Patrolman, Bryan Lacy/Patrolman, Matt Julius/Patrolman/Housing Officer, Terry Elmore/Housing Officer, Jessie Johnson/Patrolman/Investigator, Jordan Lynn/Patrolman, Danny McKinney/Cadet, Jerry Hudgens Sr., Jerry Hudgens Jr., David Ward, Dustin Fitzwater/Part Time Patrolmen, Sarah Rudd/Police Clerk, Matthew Wimberly/Humane Officer. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Fire report; Chief Charlie Jones appointments are as follows: Lynn Moss/Assistant Chief, Kevin Curtis/Captain, Randy Guest/First Lieutenant, Jerry Hudgens Sr./Second Lieutenant, Charlie Jones/Engineer, James Lyons/Engineer, James Rushing/Engineer, Kevin Curtis/Engineer, Ron Warren/Firefighter II, Tony Smith/Firefighter II, Ricky Floyd/Firefighter II, Terry Rushing/Firefighter II, Tina Cook/Firefighter II, Paul Shaw/ Firefighter II, Troy Meals/Firefighter I, Terry Privett, Michael Coleman, B. T. Merideth, Thomas Guest, Brian Shelton, Jerry Hudgens Jr., Ross Pilcher, Jimmy Lyons, Donnie Holt, Kyle Gilmore/Firefighters. Councilperson Cheek motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Abstain	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Fire report; Fire calls from April 25, 2021 through May 3, 2021 are as follows: 4/25/21; Structure fire at Wesley Food Mart with minor damage, 4/27/21; Mulch on fire due to cigarette at Subway, 4/29/21; Small fire on front porch with minor damage on East 3rd St., 4/30/21; Smoke scare on Grand. Training for the month of April was Hose Practices & Backdraft training.

Public Works; Paul Shaw appointments are as follows: Bookkeeper/Virginia Glass, Waste Water Distribution and Street & Sanitation Supervisor/James Elliott. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Spence, which resulted in the following vote:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported getting things cleaned up on Beckwith after fire calls. Two homes were demolished on East 6th St. and one on East 10th St., with several more in the works for signatures. Made contact with the property owner on 5th and Laurant. Also, has been following up with property owners on mowing grass.

Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell reported that the order has been placed for the metal detector, and checking on trash cans styled like the ones on Ward Avenue to be placed on walking trail. Mr. Bell was contacted by Jane Ellen Lazenby as to where to place the trees that's being stored. Councilperson Rodgers will be contacting Ms. Lazenby to discuss placement. Mr. Bell also reported that the parking lot will be striped next week. Mayor Grantham asked Mr. Bell to provide a report for the second week of each month concerning the Armory rentals and collections.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the Library would be welcoming the first group of children back tomorrow. Parents and teachers will be hosting an event starting at 11:30 a.m. There will be different booths set up with reading and activities taking place. Betty White will be reading a story from YouTube. Summer reading has 25 kids signed up.

Business from the Floor; Councilperson Hood and different people in the community will be partnering with Lincoln University May 15, 2021 for a cleanup of Ward 1. Barry Gilmore made mention that people were taking notice of the efforts to clean up the town. Mayor Grantham said that there were more bags and vests coming for anyone that needed them.

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

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Cheek with all in favor, with the meeting adjourning at 5:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk