

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 16, 2015

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Harmon	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Duckworth	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 November 2, 2015 minutes, motioned by Councilperson Rodgers and seconded by Councilperson Merideth which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Abstain	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

The next order of business was the approval of bills and reports, motioned by Councilperson Hood and seconded by Councilperson Harmon which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

The Mayor made mention of letters received from Missouri Commission of Human Rights and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that were sent to the City's insurance carrier. There were claims submitted for a motor pump, one of which was denied. There was a check that was received in the amount of \$17,556.52 for the claim that was approved.

Ms Lazenby made a proposal for the Tree Board's request of five trees to be planted at the American Legion Memorial. The request is for two crab apple and three yoshino cherry trees. Councilperson Rodgers motion to amend the sales tax budget in the amount \$1,499 for the purchase and planting of the trees. Councilperson Hood second the motion which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Tony Jones reported that there was a state inspection of the Humane Shelter. They advised the shelter to seek surrounding areas for adoption of the animals. The shelter is in the process of getting hours posted for anyone who's interested in coming in to seek adoption. The shelter is also looking at putting pictures of the animals in the paper for adoption.

Nick Cartee reported six fire calls from November 4, 2015 through November 16, 2015. On November 4, an electric outlet arched; November 6, a fire alarm and vehicle accident; November 10, a sprinkler head was flowing water; November 12, a smoke scare; November 15, there was a grass fire. The Insurance Services Office will be resurveying all county fire departments to upgrade the ISO new grading survey.

Paul Shaw reported that the grant permit had come in, and that John Chittenden had reviewed it. The leak has been fixed, but the pipe is damaged, and they're trying to figure out how to shut off the water. The water department has been shorthanded with James being out. Councilperson Hood motion to have John Agnew hired on as full time with the Water department, second by Councilperson Merideth which resulted in the following votes:

Harmon	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Duckworth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes

There is an additional manhole needed for the Magnolia Project. The Mayor will be consulting with John Chittenden with all the dynamics that it entails.

Leresa Howell turned in statistical data into the secretary of state, which in part the e-book has doubled the library's book collection.

The Mayor reported that Branum's will attempt to move the roll offs from the limb pile and East 9th St. The memorabilia will be slated to be moved to the Armory from the Rone building. All the county schools participated in the Veterans Day Parade. The Lions Club was awarded proclamation for November 15 being Lions Club Appreciation Month. The City is a commemorative partner of the Vietnam War and the commemorative flag is placed under the American flag at Riggs Park. Wreaths Across America is in it's planning stages and laying of the wreaths are anticipated being held at the American Legion Park.

Georgia Ivy responded from the floor of her concern of a street light being out at her son's residence. His house has been broken into three times on Collins Avenue. There have been vehicles broken into in that area also. Tony stated that they're aware of the criminal element in that area, and have recovered property in some instances. The Mayor will be looking into the matter of the street light.

With no further business to come before the council, Councilperson Cartee motion to close, second by Councilperson Harmon, with the meeting adjourning at 5:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk