

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
October 5, 2020

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday October 5, 2020 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
Spence	Councilperson
Rodgers (Absent)	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	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 September 21, 2020. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor.

Councilperson Bullington motion to approve the closed session minutes of September 21, 2020, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor.

The next order of business was the approval of reports and bills, Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that he would be ordering Class A uniforms for the officers that didn't have them out of Asset Forfeiture. First State Bank wanted to know if a Halloween parade would be allowed this year. The discussion was to wear masks and practice social distancing, with families being able to be together. Mayor Grantham suggested having a COVID mask contest. Councilperson Hood motion to have the parade with no throwing of candy, with the wearing of masks, and social distancing. Councilperson Lyons second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Fire report; Chief Charlie Jones reported fire calls from September 23, 2020 to October 5, 2020 as follows: 9/23/20; Shed set on fire on Ward with subject being apprehended, 9/25/20; Small fire in

ditch on Industrial Drive and Greenwell Road, 9/25; Smoke reported with the result being a fire pit being used in back yard on Grand, 9/27; Mutual aid requested to Cooter for a structure fire being a total loss, 10/2; Vehicle fire with moderate damage on 7th and Walker, 10/2; Extrication from an 18 wheeler on I55, 10/4; Mulch burning on playground at Elementary School. Training for the month of September was Emergency Response Driving Techniques.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that Republic had just about picked up all their containers, with only a few left. Waste Pro got a head start with the picking up of limbs and leaves last week. Sonya Fuller employed Darrius Beaugard through Workforce Development to aid the City with different tasks. Mr. Gilmore reiterated that Waste Pro will not be picking up construction debris, batteries, tires, or anything with Freon in it. If a contractor is employed to cut down trees then they are responsible for disposal, and anything else would have to be taken to the transfer station that Waste Pro does not pick up. Mowing is also ongoing with getting everything cut with the hopes to start earlier in the spring

Public Works; Paul Shaw reported that the street sweeper is down, but should be operable by the end of the week. FEMA work on Grand started today, work was done on the Gayosa lift station, a hole on Zaida, and the Taven lift station, which should be completed by the end of the month. Work was also done on the well, and John Chittenden has been working on a disaster grant for the City. The grant will be inclusive of the Water Plant lift station, CIP liners, drainage and paving, and the Highway 84 water main replacement. The 20th St. project is at a standstill because of COVID, but the big holes have been paved and the next step will be to put on the first coat of asphalt. The airport will be closed down for a week to seal coat and stripe through a grant from MODOT.

Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell reported that he was finalizing equipment purchases and accessories, which will be done in phases. Some of the equipment will be new and some preowned. Some of the equipment will be purchased geared towards seniors. They're looking at having a wrestling event next month at the Armory, and also looking at having a pickle ball tournament at the Center. The message appears to be getting across to residents towards the cleanup of the parks.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that Halloween story time has been canceled. The numbers are beginning to come back up; computer usage is down. The library is continuing to be a busy hub with the facility being used for meetings.

Chief Tony Jones wanted to know if there was going to be a city wide trick or treating with the churches not having the trunk or treat. There was discussion of individual families being able to trick or treat in groups but no city wide trick or treating. Councilperson Hood motion to cancel city wide trick or treating, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor.

City Collector report; Paige Gillock reported having the access for credit card payments in place for tax season. The collections from September 1, 2020 through September 3, 2020 are as follows: Real Estate \$1,459.94, Personal Property \$499.89 and Miscellaneous \$630.00 totaling \$2,589.83.

Budget report; Councilperson Lyons presented a graph depicting fund balances from 2013 through 2020. The total fund balances are as follows: 2013 \$4,300,000, 2014 \$5,087,725, 2015 \$5,105,802, 2016 \$5,150,536, 2017 \$4,535,826, 2018 \$4,097,089, 2019 \$4,499,961, and 2020

\$5,110,126. The General Fund balances are as follows: 2013, \$362,814, 2014 \$276,537, 2015 \$285,884, 2016 \$242,359, 2017 \$302,327, 2018 \$194,642, 2019 \$480,051 and 2020 \$657,934.

Insurance report; There were health insurance premium rebates for the year 2019 totaling \$7,329.72. The Affordable Care Act requires United Healthcare Insurance Company to rebate part of the premiums it received if it does not spend at least 80 percent of the premiums it receives on health care services. No more than 20 percent of premiums may be spent on administrative costs, which are referred to as the medical loss ratio standard or the 80/20 rule.

Economic report; Mayor Grantham reported that the BLP committees continue to meet and making progress toward their goals. The Local Leadership team that meets quarterly will meet October 20, 2020. A2H is continually working with Leslie Rone for possible funding for the Exchange building renovations. Richard Proffer continues to bring opportunities to BLP regarding broadband, workforce development historical water tower, etc. The City is partnering with MU Professional Edge in which they will be working on feasibility studies. There's a meeting October 5, 2020 with Richard Proffer to go over funding for the Historic Water Tower. October 13, 2020 BLP will meet with Value Added Ag at 9:00 a.m. at the Library, BLP/Clean up 11:00 am. at Dorroh Hall, and there will be a meeting concerning a HVAC apprentice program with Mr. Proffer, Mayor Grantham, and Jana Merideth at 12:00 p.m. October 15, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Downtown/Tourism and Workforce Development will meet at City Hall. October 19, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. the Council will meet at Baxter Southern Auditorium to discuss a presentation from A2H on the Visionary Place Making Tool. October 26, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Workforce Development will meet.

The annual Chili Cook Off is October 17, 2020 in which members of the City will be participating in the cooking.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Grable motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Lyons with all in favor; the meeting adjourning at 5:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor