

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
October 15, 2018**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday October 15, 2018 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
Duckworth (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 of October 15, 2018. Councilperson Bullington motion to approve, second by Councilperson Hood which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Abstain
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Abstain
Rodgers	Yes		

Councilperson Hood motion for approval of the closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Bullington which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Abstain
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Abstain
Rodgers	Yes		

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval of reports and bills, second by Councilperson Bullington with all in favor.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that the attempted robbery suspects at the car wash were apprehended in Alabama. Chief Jones asked for \$1,500 out of Asset Forfeiture for the Trunk or

Treat/Fall Festival for the Ministerial Alliance, which is budgeted for. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Rodgers, with all in favor.

Fire report; Fire calls from October 8, 2018 through October 15, 2018 are as follows: 10/8/16; Shed on fire on Hwy D, 10/10/18; Combine on fire which was a total loss on Hwy O, 10/14/18; Fire alarm sounding at Caruthersville Cotton Warehouse. "The Great Central US Shake Out Earthquake Drill" is Thursday October 18, 2018 at 10:18 a.m. You get information about the drill at www.shakeout.org. CPR training is scheduled for next Monday at 6:00 p.m.

Paul Shaw reported that Street & Sanitation performed their normal everyday duties. The beacon light at the Airport was repaired. The entrances into town were mowed; Hwy 84, and the property next to Daylight Donuts, weed eat and removed litter from the overpass at the end of South Ward. The crew cleaned up the Maintenance Shed and organized it. The meter and valve boxes were raised on Mooreland Dr., and the project is almost finished. Mr. Shaw is also looking at how the sewer problem on S. Ward can be addressed. A list of potholes was comprised to address those issues, and pulled out a sign from the bays that use to be on the riverfront which will be repainted and put back up. The Industrial Dr. Water tower has been repaired; the 15th St tower exterior has been painted, and the 13th St. Water tower interior will be painted next week. The 3rd St. aerator has been broken down and will proceed to clean it. The Highway U water main project that was budgeted for will be underway, and if bundled with the 12th St. Lift Station project the price would be significant lower for the lift station. The steps were repaired leading up to the cardboard recycling bin, and assisted the Chamber of Commerce with the Chili Cookoff. The leak was fixed at Riverview and on 4th St. by the hotel; the leak was also fixed in the back of the Wal - Mart building. The department also assisted Park & Recreation with replacement of valves on their backwash system, and the blower motor was fixed on 3rd St. A delegation with Entegrity came down and looked at all the City buildings to see what could be done to lower utilities. Mr. Shaw met with Randolph Finkle with ISO concerning building permits.

Paul Shaw and Mayor Grantham met with John Chittenden and they were told that a grant was available for the airport that would be at 100% for the airport sealant. All is needed is to apply and submit; it has been written up. Councilperson Rittenberry motion to apply for the grant, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Paul Shaw asked for approval for bids on the Water Main Project. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Paul Shaw asked for approval of payment out of Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund which is budgeted for the payment of semi-annually tank maintenance in the amount of \$36,987. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Code Enforcement; Sonya Fuller reported sending out 14 letters, and will do a sweep throughout the City for derelict vehicles. The hangers have continued to be put out, and the volunteers from MERS Goodwill are still working, and another one will come on board this week.

Park & Recreation; Wesley Deere reported that there are 3 more nights of Pee Wee football, and they are undefeated; the championship will be played in Portageville. The ventilation was installed in order to get the chlorine out of the building, and the roof was patched for leaks. Mr. Deere recommended the pool bids to be extended to broaden the scope. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the "Lights On Afterschool" initiative will take place at the library on October 25, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Its open house for the community to come and see what is being accomplished with the children. Councilperson Rodgers complimented Ms. Tidwell and her staff for their patience with the children.

Pastor Haywood with the Church of God talked about the Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat that has been providing a safe environment for the children to come to celebrate Halloween for about 10 years. Over the years the churches and the Police and Fire departments have combined their resources for a greater event. The event will take place Wednesday October 31, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the lot beside the Church of God on Carleton.

Councilperson Bullington made mention that the Arts Council will be decorating Reynolds Park this year, with the hope to expand each year. Trees will be put up with the sponsorship being \$100 per tree. The Arts Council will be building 15 trees, and would like to build more, they're also asking for donations of extension cords.

Business from the floor; Charles Cain was concerned about the amount of money that is being spent on Mooreland Dr., with it being less traveled. He stated that the money could have been spent elsewhere in the City by spreading the money out and repairing multiple streets. It was explained that Mooreland Dr. had not had any work done on it in 30 years. The decision to go with concrete instead of asphalt was only a minimal difference with the concrete lasting longer. The curbs were put in and large trees uprooted to prevent a bigger problem. Mr. Cain also wanted to know if the City was paying for Churchill property to be mowed. The Mayor explained that the City was mowing some of the properties, but that he was paying. Mr. Cain inquired about the Carroll property, and Counselor Dorroh stated that the City would more than likely address it.

Jana Merideth reported that on November 15, 2018 the Economic Advisory Committee is inviting all businesses to the Armory for a luncheon to brainstorm as to what can be done to promote growth for the community. Mayor Grantham and Ms. Merideth participated in a webinar last week, and will be in attendance at the Missouri Economic Development meeting in Cape Girardeau October 17, 2018 through October 19, 2018. Missouri Main Street Connection is a tool and resource mechanism for abandoned buildings that the City can tap into. Jana Merideth has also been conversing with Terry McCulloch that works in tourism. There's a 10 statewide tourism of the Great River Road in which all the states are connected to the Great River Road. Although Caruthersville isn't connected, the Exchange Building may be classified as a tourist center, and that's being checked into. Ms. Merideth made mention of support of the Be Essential Water for the November 6, 2018 ballot for the bond issue, in which there's no additional tax, but has to pass to get a lower interest rate for funding the project that was voted on in August and passed.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motion to go into closed session, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Rodgers	Yes		

Upon returning to open session, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk