

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING**

BE IT REMEMBERED a public hearing was held in the Council Room at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 3, 2013, at which time and place the following were present:

Melinda Scifres, Barbara Pullam, Jane Ellen Lazenby, Bob Lazenby, Keith Davis, Sheila Simpson, Sue Grantham, Brenda Davis, Frank Morgan, Baughn Merideth, Richard Lee, Rickey Bell, Paul Shaw, James Mott, Tony Jones, Doug McDowell, Jerry Hudgens, Michael Coleman, Charlie Jones, Barbara Rodgers, Lawrence Dorroh

The tax rates are set to produce the revenues which show to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

ASSESSED VALUATION	CURRENT TAX YEAR 2013	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2012
Real Estate	\$30,778,401	\$31,197,810
Personal Property	<u>\$12,737,429</u>	<u>\$12,382,171</u>
Total	\$43,515.80	\$43,579,981

The following tax rates are proposed:

	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted	Tax Rate Ceiling (Per \$100)
General Fund	\$255,928.26	\$.5841
Special Sewer Tax	86,842.98	.1982
Library Fund	41,143.06	.0939
Public Health	73,084.80	.1668
Cemetery Fund	<u>18,271.20</u>	<u>.0417</u>
TOTAL	\$ 475,270.30	\$1.0758

Counselor Dorroh advised the Council the rate is decided to bring in equivalent revenues from prior rates by the State Auditor. The Library may lose grants and other programs because the Council has not accepted the ceiling as set by the State Auditor in the past years. An appeal has been made on the decision to deny the library the grants and programs. The City has funded a very significant

amount to the library, which shows the effort is there for the City to fund the library. A final decision has not been made by the State at this time, and it is still in legal review.

With no further comment, the hearing was closed.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
REGULAR SESSION**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building at 5:10 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Frank Morgan	Mayor Pro Tem
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	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 minutes of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Grantham, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Councilperson Rogers then motioned to remove from the table the issue of the Mayoral position. Due to the lack of a second, the motion failed.

Chief of Police Tony Jones reported he has been interviewing applicants for the position vacated by Kenneth Spain. He will meet with the Police and Fire Committee before the next meeting, and a recommendation will be made to the Council by the next meeting.

The Fire Department reported five fire calls during the last two week period.

The Operations Supervisor then reported to the Council that the tractor had broken down for three days. It was repaired, and then the bush hog shaft broke. The shaft was repaired, and the new bush hog came in, and is in use. The street sweeper has been running, and the crews have been cutting limbs from over the street. He has issued two permits, and performed several inspections. Verbal warnings have been issued regarding tall grass and trash cans that have been left at curbside. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan asked the Council to look in their ward for problems, and report them to him.

The next item to come before the Council was a request to proceed with the water line project on Collins. The engineer had advised the project would be completed until May. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the project, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next item to come before the Council was the replacement of the lift station at 3rd and Truman. The cost for the station would be taken from Sewer Extension in the amount of \$200,000. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the project, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Council was then asked to discuss continuing with the consulting firm (PGA) for the design of the museum at the Exchange Building. The cost for the consulting firm was \$21,000 with \$1,000 for travel, and no funds were budgeted for the project. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to discontinue the service, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

The next item of discussion to come before the Council was the resurfacing of East 11th and East 16th. Currently the City has \$360,000 budgeted in sales tax for street improvements, and \$175,523 has been expended for several street projects. However estimates have been obtained for East 11th and East 16th in the amount of \$101,840, which leaves a balance of \$82,637. Since there was a balance remaining, an estimate for Cotton and Highland from 3rd to 6th street had been received in the amount of \$81,155. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the streets as recommended, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Council was then advised the City had \$507,000 in entitlement funds for the airport through MoDot. The funds must be expended by September 15, 2014. The City could use the funds to build five hangars, and match the funds in the amount of \$53,000. The casino has agreed to contribute \$25,000 for the hangar project, which would leave the City portion of the project at \$28,000. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to move forward on the project, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Doug McDowell then appeared before the Council to discuss the current budget. Many of the items are carry over projects that are in the budget. He stated that he has one concern about the

budget, and that is with the General Fund. At the end of last year, the financial statement showed there was \$5,500,000 in funds, but those funds are not readily available. Some is in restricted funds, while others are in certificates of deposits. By the end of this fiscal year there will be a balance of \$150,000 in the General Fund. The City will have to take down the only certificate of deposit that is for the General Fund to manage the budget. This will deplete the reserves. He suggested that some of the expenses from the police department, such as training, be taken from Asset Forfeiture. It would not help much, but every little bit would be useful. As the Council goes through this fiscal year, you might want to look hard at other funds.

After discussion, Councilperson Merideth offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read for the first time by title only:

BILL NO. 2013-7

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-7

**AN ORDINANCE CODIFYING THE OFFENSE OF DOMESTIC ASSAULT
AND THE OFFENSE OF HARASSMENT**

(Copy on file in City Clerk's office)

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for second reading by title of Bill No. 2013-7 which is granted and Bill No. 2013-7 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2013-7 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-7 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Upon the Mayor Pro Tem declaring that Bill No. 2013-7 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-7 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor Pro Tem did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

After discussion, Councilperson Pullam offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read for the first time by title only:

BILL NO. 2013-8

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-8

**AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF UILITY VEHICLES UPON THE STREETS
AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI**

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for second reading by title of Bill No. 2013-8 which is granted and Bill No. 2013-8 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2013-8 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-8 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Merideth	Yes

After discussion, Councilperson Merideth offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read for the first time by title only:

Upon the Mayor Pro Tem declaring that Bill No. 2013-8 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-8 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor Pro Tem did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

BILL NO. 2013-9

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-9

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION AND LEVYING THE TAXES AND DECLARING THAT PURPOSE OF WHICH THE SAME SHALL AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THE YEAR 2013

(Copy on file in City Clerk’s office)

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for second reading by title of Bill No. 2013-9 which is granted and Bill No. 2013-9 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2013-9 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-9 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Merideth	Yes

Upon the Mayor Pro Tem declaring that Bill No. 2013-9 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-9 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor Pro Tem did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:45 p.m., with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk0