

**PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 4, 2010**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILL held a public hearing on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 4:30 P.M., at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham, Bob Lazenby, Jane Ellen Lazenby, Karol Wilcox, Barbara Rodgers, Johnny Hood, Barbara Pullam, Baughn Merideth, Sheila Simpson, Chris Cooley, Chris Riggs, Terry Rushing, Diane Sayre, and Melinda Scifres

The purpose of the hearing was to receive input from the public regarding the application for a grant from USDA Rural Development for street improvements. The City will put \$200,000 with the funds to repair Laurant and Beckwith. It will depend on the bid as to how much of the streets are repaired.

Karol Wilcox then asked what the amount of the grant would be. Mayor Sayre stated the grant would be for approximately \$250,000 from USDA.

With no further questions from the public the hearing was closed at 4:40 P.M.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JANUARY 4, 2010**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, January 4, 2010, at 5:00 P.M., at which time and place the following were present:

Diane Sayre	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Chris Riggs	Chief of Police
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	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 to come before the Council was the approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Councilperson Rodgers reported the City of Hayti Heights wanted to express appreciation to the City of Caruthersville for the help they received with their lift station over the weekend. Donald Jones and Paul Shaw assisted pumping the lift station that was inoperable with a 4" pump. The City of Hayti Heights will be billed for the time and the use of the pump.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Police/Fire Committee to stay immediately following the meeting for a Fire Committee meeting.

Keith Davis reported the sign-ups for basketball have been low this year, so they have been extended. The cost per child is \$30, and the sponsors pay \$150. The Director was then asked to give the Council a report on the income and expense for each league, i.e. kickball, baseball, football, and basketball for the Council to review.

Terry Rushing, Code Enforcement Officer, reported the crematorium is almost ready for use. The manufacturer will need to send someone to the location for training. City employees only will be trained to operate the equipment.

The Code Enforcement Officer and Street Commissioner were asked to look at the alleys to see which ones need to be cleaned. The Council was then advised the City is working on a contract to remove the structure at 12th and Adams.

Councilperson Mott then inquired as to when the Municipal Court Building would be ready for use. The Mayor advised it would be at least another couple of weeks.

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the Council had agreed the increase for the Council would not be considered at this time. This may be discussed at a later date.

Counselor Dorroh then reported that as part of the agreement with Nadine Downing for a portion of the Public Safety land, the City had agreed to pay the 2009 taxes. The County taxes have been paid, but there is a total of \$86.79 in City taxes that need to be abated. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to abate the taxes, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then advised the Council the next meeting was scheduled for Martin Luther King Day, and recommended the Council reschedule the meeting for Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to reschedule the meeting as recommended, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

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

BILL NO. 2010-1

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE AND COMPLIANCE WITH VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTNACE FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(Copy on file in City Clerk's office)

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2010-1 which is granted and Bill No. 2010 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2010-1 to be known as Ordinance No. 2010-1 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question:

Morgan	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Mott	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Hood	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Merideth	Yes

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to adjourn at 5:15 P.M., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk