

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
JUNE 2, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, June 2, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Rick Davis	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Grantham	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 and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cartee, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes and bills were approved as presented.

The next item of discussion for the Council was the bids for the HVAC for the recreation center. The replacement of the units had been advertised, and opened on May 23, 2014. One bid had been received from Hill Electric in the amount of \$31,428.75. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Tony Jones thanked Councilperson Cartee for the assistance he gave the police during the recent concert. There will be another concert at the casino next weekend. He thanked Michael Coleman and Terry Privett for their hard work in solving a burglary. The two officers had stayed in Little Rock to work on the case. They did not have to stay as long as they thought would be required, so some of the hotel fees will be reimbursed. The suspects have been arrested, and are awaiting prosecution.

Councilperson Cartee then reported the fires for the period of May 21 through June 2 for the Fire Department. There were three calls during the period.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the meters have been read, and the bills have been mailed. The crews will start working on repairs.

Terry Rushing, Street Commissioner, reported the crews have been working on street breaks and picking up yard waste. During this period, the backhoe needed to have repairs, and the large dump truck had to have the brakes replaced.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the pool is now operating under the summer hours. The coaches and managers are trying to get the baseball games done, but the weather has prohibited many of the games. Mr. Davis then congratulated the 15 year old boys on their win in the tournament at Blytheville.

Randall Lee, Code Enforcement Officer, reported mailing 36 notices to abate nuisances. Fourteen properties will have citations written on them, and the owners will appear in court. There are five properties that need to be mowed. Mayor Davis stated they would need to review how the lots will be mowed before hiring a contractor. Counselor Dorroh reported he is working on a draft for the Council to review regarding vehicles parked at residents. Councilperson Bullington asked what the next step was for those who had received citations. Counselor Dorroh stated the owners will be cited into municipal court, and each day that the violation remains is a new fine. Councilperson Rodgers reported an out-of-town property owner has contacted her regarding the City mowing his property. Mayor Davis stated the city could look at the problem.

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the salvage yard on Adams now has open box trailers on their property that children are playing around. Mr. Lee reported he has issued a notice and a citation for the area. The area needs to be cleaned up and mowed. Councilperson Rodgers reported there is a leak across from French Park that has been bubbling out of the ground since February. Mayor Davis then asked the Water/wastewater Manager to make a list of all the areas that have water leaks or other needed repairs to present to the Council. At each Council meeting, he will report which ones have been repaired.

Matt Fowler then appeared before the Council regarding the possibility of relocating his business – Bootheel Guns, and adding a firing range. The firing range would be fully lined with concrete to stop any bullets from going through the walls. He is considering the purchase of the property formerly known as Showcase Lounge on South Ward. Mr. Fowler is planning to add a paint ball area for children to the business. After discussion, Counselor Dorroh will research what needs to be changed to allow the type of business Mr. Fowler is requesting. The information will be prepared by the next meeting.

Councilperson Cartee thanked the officers that worked on the concert and kept the traffic flowing. This is a service the City should provide. The police were well organized.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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City Clerk