

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
OCTOBER 1, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met for a public hearing in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Bob Lazenby, Jane Ellen Lazenby, Baughn Merideth, Sheila Simpson, Barbara Pullam, Keith Davis, Frank Morgan, Tony Jones, Paul Shaw, James Mott, Jerry Hudgens, Johnny Hood, Michael Coleman, Barbara Rodgers, Diane Sayre, Lawrence Dorroh, and Melinda Scifres

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment regarding a request to change the zoning classification of the two parcels of land described below from R-1 Single-Family Residential District to a B-2 Business District. The parcels of land are located at the intersection of Interstate 155 and South Ward Avenue. One parcel is northeast of this intersection and contains 21 acres more or less.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has approved the northeast section of the property which contains 21 acres more or less for a re-zoning change to B-2. This recommendation was presented to the Council at the last meeting. Councilperson Pullam asked why the owner did not request a change for the southeast section of property. It was explained the owner had asked for both pieces of property to be changed, but he was agreeable to only the northeast section being changed. The property on the south side of the interest was adjacent to residential properties, and the commission felt it would be better to leave that section residential, and the owner agreed.

After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to close the public hearing with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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The Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council of the Municipal Building on Monday, October 1, 2012, at 5:10 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Diane Sayre	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Grantham (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	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 Rodgers, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Councilperson Morgan then reported the fire department had responded to four fire calls from September 20th through October 1st.

Councilperson Hood then reported on progress made by VanDevanter Engineering on the water plant, and numerous other projects that have started.

Councilperson Merideth reported the Street and Sanitation crews have been picking up limbs, patching potholes, hauled several loads of debris to Tennessee, assisted the water department with a water leak in the 600 block of Ward, and completed repairs of street breaks on East 13th Street, 9th and Oak, 600 block of Eastwood, and 600 block of Ward Avenue. Mr. Rushing has checked on a lid for the drain box at 13th and Grand and it is now ready for pickup. There was a mishap with the tractor so the mowing of the grass has been delayed. The windshield has been knocked out of the tractor. The street sweeper will start running again on Wednesday, October 3, when the operator comes back from vacation.

Councilperson Rodgers reported she had received complaints regarding the children using the incline at 9th and Adams as a ramp for their bicycles, and a lot of debris and litter is in that location. Terry Rushing reported he had signs that he will put in that area regarding littering. He will check with the engineer to see if the incline on the lift station can be removed.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported everything is running good at the center. The Pee-Wee football games have started, and the last game is scheduled for the October 27th. Kick ball sign-ups will be starting soon. The women's softball league has started, and is running smoothly.

Terry Rushing reported the property at 1000 Madison has been deeded to the City, and it will be demolished. A right of entry has been signed for the pink house on the McCoy Salvage property. He is working with the County Commission on the property at 506 E. 13th to possibly demo the structure. The lot in the 1900 block of Carroll has been cleaned up. He has been tracking down the owners of the property between 16th and 20th and Chaffin and Levee Road to get the owners to clean up the property.

Councilperson Simpson asked where the City stands on the demolition of the structure on Carleton. Mr. Rushing stated he is sending out the notice on the property.

Mr. Rushing then reported the PAPI lights at the airport have not operated since they were installed. He has been working on the issue to get the problem corrected. A contractor has looked at the lights, and determined baffles need to be placed on the lights. The repair would cost \$2,649.00, and it would take 203 weeks for the baffles to come in. Mayor Sayre recommended the Council approve an amendment to the Sales Tax budget for this repair in the amount of \$2,700.00. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned the amendment from Sales Tax in the amount of \$2,700 be approved, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Police Chief Jerry Hudgens then appeared before the Council regarding Halloween. The Police and Fire Department would like to offer the children an alternative way to celebrate Halloween. The departments would like to have a "Trunk or Treat" at the Public Safety Center. This would be a safe alternative for the children rather than running door to door, and in the streets. People could park their cars on the parking lot, and decorate their trunks. The candy would be handed out from the trunks of cars, and the children would be in a safe environment. He has talked with the coordinator of the Halloween parade at First State Bank, and asked that the parade end at the Public Safety Center so the kids would be in one spot. The prizes for the best costumes would be given out at the Public Safety Building. This would keep the traffic down in areas all over the city, and a much safer atmosphere for the kids. Citizens would not have to hand out candy to children, but are welcome to donate candy to the police and fire department for the event. Councilperson Rodgers was concerned that this would mean children could not go to a relative's home for traditional candy on Halloween from Grandmothers, Aunts, Cousins, and so forth. Counselor Dorroh stated an ordinance would need to be drafted, and the ordinance could be written to allow children the opportunity to visit a relative's home. Donald Jones appeared before the Council to report churches have been doing this for several years, and it is a lot of fun for the children and adults. Many of the adults dress up to join in the spirit of the event. Mayor Sayre reported that hot dogs and juice boxes could be served to the kids before they leave the center, and the policemen and fireman could assist the children across the street.

Councilperson Hood reported since this is a first time event, some families may not participate. Police Chief Jones reported the police and fire department plan on getting the news out for the event. Assistant Chief Hudgens stated families could encourage other family members to set up at the Public Safety Building and participate in the event. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to continue planning this event and prepare an ordinance, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre then thanked Councilpersons Grantham and Simpson for decorating the front lawn of the Municipal Building for the Homecoming Parade. The biggest part of the town participated in the “Go Big Red”, and the town looked great.

Mayor Sayre then reported that she and Mr. Rushing had met with a roofing contractor regarding the roof at the Recreation Center, Armory, and Cupples buildings. The roof at the recreation center has been turned into the insurance company, because the damage was due to high winds during a recent storm. However, the roof on the other two buildings is simply deterioration from age. Estimates for the rec center were \$13,000, and the Armory was \$92,000. Mr. Rushing reported the Armory needs a total roof, and the old roof will have to be torn off. Mayor Sayre stated she had discussed the financing with the CPA, and he felt funds for the Armory roof be taken from the Capitol Improvement Sales Tax Fund, and the recreation center could be taken from the gaming fund. Hopefully, the insurance will cover at least one-half of the cost of the roof. The roof at the Cupples Building will be patched to fix the worst parts of the roof, and stop the leaks. A cost for patching is being sought. The Mayor then asked the Council to proceed with the repair of the roof at the recreation center and the Armory. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the advertising for bids on the rec center and the Armory, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried.

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

BILL NO. 2012-08

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-08

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE B-2 BUSINESS DISTRICT

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2012-08 which is granted and Bill No. 2012-08 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2012-08 to be known as Ordinance No. 2012-08 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Councilperson Mott then motioned to hold closed session in regards to personnel, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Upon reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Pullam motioned to adjourn at 6:23 p.m., with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk