

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**January 22, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Grantham	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, reports, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the minutes, reports and bills were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported six calls in December with salaries in the amount of \$4,537.50.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits of city funds at the banks as follows: First State Bank - \$3,025,000; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$276,730.76 in turnover to the Treasurer, \$66.29 in Collector's Commission, and \$4,593.05 in Assessment Fund.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$8,631.40 in admissions to the recreation center for December.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$25.90 in JEF funds, \$184.74 in CVC funds, \$3757.83 in fines and police school, and \$25.91 in POST Funds.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following:

Water	\$ 66,531.78	Customers 2,371
Sewer	18,671.78	
Garbage Fees	38,614.08	
Meter Ser.	805.13	
Mo. Spray	570.71	
Sewer Bond	10,716.55	
Primacy	3.00	
Sew. Serv.	.70	
Bond Serv.	541.00	
Sept. Bond	<u>10,613.06</u>	
TOTAL	\$147,067.79	

John Ferguson, Economic Developer, then appeared before the Council regarding the plans for the Exchange Building. An architect from A2H has agreed to develop schematics for the first and second floor, which will include the elevator. Mr. Ferguson asked the Council to approve the contract for the building. After discussion, Councilperson Simpson motioned to approve the contract with A2H, and Councilperson Grantham seconded. Roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre stated the City had received a refund of approximately \$27,000 from the Corps of Engineers for the planning study for the riverfront. The funds were deposited into the Community Revitalization fund. The Mayor then recommended the funds for the architect be taken from this fund. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the funding from the Community Revitalization for the exchange building contract, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

John Ferguson then reported the Chamber is asking for additional money to hire staff. They would for the Council to consider their request for addition funds to hire Amanda Irvin. Mayor Sayre then reported the City has been paying the Chamber \$600 per month, and they are asking that the City give them an additional \$3,000 a year. This could be written in an agreement form. This person would help Mr. Ferguson and keep the website up-to-date. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to authorize an additional \$3,000 for the Chamber towards services for the City. Councilperson Grantham seconded the motion, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mr. Ferguson then reported the enhancement grant was approved, and one of the first items to be done would be to hire a consulting firm to explore the possibility of using the exchange building as a museum. Mayor Sayre reported she has met with the Historical Society, and they are positive about the progress of the development of a museum in the exchange building.

Councilperson Morgan reported the Police/Fire Committee had met prior to the meeting. Councilperson Morgan motioned to hire Brandon Cook to the Police Department, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Morgan then reported the committee had discussed hiring three new firemen with the Fire Chief. Applicants were Tommy Halford, Brian Shelton, and Randall Lee. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the appointments, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Counselor Dorroh then reported a petition had been signed by approximately 140 residents of the rural area regarding an annual fee of \$100 for fire protection. No fee will be charged for any property owned by a person who has paid the subscribed fee of \$100. However, tenants would need to pay their own fee. There would be no taxes for a rural fire protection. This alternative would allow the City to respond to all calls. If a person does not pay the subscription fee of \$100 annually, then the call will cost them \$600 for the first hour and \$500 for each hour afterwards. An ordinance would need to be drafted regarding the rural fire protection. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to proceed with the necessary documentation for the rural fire protection, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the well in front of the CRI building has burnt out. The cost to replace the motor will be approximately \$5,800. There are two wells that run

the Industrial Park Plant, and this will leave one of them. Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to authorize an emergency purchase for the purpose of fixing the well. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the purchase of a motor for the well, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported the crews are working on their normal duties. There has been a drainage problem on Laurant the crews have been trying to clear. The City lot behind the cemetery is being cleaned. Demolition has begun on the structure at 506 East Thirteenth.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the swim team has approximately 30 members. Coach Royer is scheduling meets at this time for the swim team. The first meet will be in St. Louis for a one day meet. Kickball season will finish up tonight, and basketball sign-ups are completed.

Mr. Rushing reported he has sent out a letter regarding a metal roof that has blown off of a structure, and he is waiting on a response to that letter.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to consider improving the City Hall. She stated a larger Council room is needed so the area for the Council could be elevated. Also, a small conference room could be created from the space where the police department was located. The City needs a file room, a map room, etc. There is, also, a parking and drainage problem around the building. She asked the Council to authorize contacting an architect such as A2H to look at the building. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve an architect to look at the building, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned to adjourn at 5:40 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk