

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**June 3, 2013**

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

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| Frank Morgan    | Mayor Pro Tem           |
| Melinda Scifres | City Clerk              |
| Lawrence Dorroh | City Counselor          |
| Jerry Hudgens   | Acting Sergeant at Arms |
| 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 Pro Tem 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 minutes from the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes were unanimously approved.

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

The next item to come before the Council was the appointment of Mayor. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, and unanimously carried, the Council is open for nominations. Councilperson Merideth nominated Councilperson Morgan for Mayor. Councilperson Pullam nominated Rick Davis for Mayor. Councilperson Rodger then motioned to cease nominations with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried. A secret ballot was then issued, and once the Council had voted the City Clerk tallied the votes with the following results: Frank Morgan received three votes; Rick Davis received four votes; and one vote abstaining. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to table the nominations, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Rodgers reported the Fire department had five calls during the period of May 24 through June 3. At this time 93 residents have signed up for the fire district, with 330 residents eligible. The Fire Department has received a grant in the amount of \$4,500 from the Department of Public Safety for Interoperable Communications Equipment. This will enable the department to upgrade 5 mobile radios so the department can talk with other cities. This is no cost to the City.

Councilperson Hood reported that training has been held in the Water Department for the new system that is now in use. The contract for the Grand Avenue line has laid the line from 6<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Street and from Grand to Laurant. Also, Anthony Smith has tendered his resignation effective on June 6.

During the storm last week, a couple of lift stations were damaged. These stations are now operable. However the manhole behind Jiffy Jim's has sunk due to seep water. This has caused sand to collect in the main on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. The line has been pumped out to remove the sand, and the contractor will be back on Tuesday to start the process over. Another contractor was employed to replace the manhole, but seep water has made it impossible to do the repairs at this time. The City has contacted Department of Natural Resources regarding the problem.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, requested the Council approve ordering another 100 meters for the new system, which would cost approximately \$18,000. This will give the department 450 meters for the new system. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the purchase of 100 meters at \$18,000, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

The Street Commissioner then reported the street sweeper is running on Monday and Friday. The tractor has been cutting grass when the rain will allow mowing. A storm water drainage was hit by lightning, and a contractor was hired to repair the damage on Friday. Sink holes have occurred on East 19<sup>th</sup> and East 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Rodgers then asked about the grates around Easthaven that have cones over them. It was reported the grates would be replaced in the coming budget, as well as the grates on 12<sup>th</sup> and Adams.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported that baseball season is almost over, and the tournaments will start soon. A nutrition class will be held in June for children and adults. The center will be participating with an organization of bicycle riders that are conducting an event called "Ride the Fault" on June 25. The casino and the American Legion are going to assist with meals and entertainment for the group.

Mr. Davis reported a pump motor went out on the pool. This had been anticipated, and the center staff was ready with another pump to make the motor operable once again. Councilperson Mott then asked if there was a leak in the roof at the center. Mr. Davis reported he is aware of a leak, and will have it looked at.

The Code Enforcement Officer then reported he has sent out several letters for grass, and have talked to contractors regarding debris that have been set out next to the curb. The contractors have been asked to remove the debris. The budget had contained \$215,000 to resurface the streets. He has looked at the list of streets, and shortened the list due to availability of funds. The streets he is asking the Council to proceed with are West 4<sup>th</sup> from Carlton to Ferguson; Grand from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, Carroll from 16<sup>th</sup> Street north to the dead end, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Bushey to Sea Wall. The cost for these streets would be approximately \$175,000. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to proceed with the plans as mentioned, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next item to come before the Council was a request by the Housing Authority for reimbursement of the funds for the sale of the Housing Car that was purchased by the Housing Authority. The City sold the car for \$600, and the Housing Director has requested the funds be reimbursed to the Housing Authority. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to reimburse the Housing Authority, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Council was then advised the County Commission had cleaned out the ditch from Taven to County Road 351. The County crews had been working on the ditch for the last two weeks. Once they remove the debris, the City will haul the brush to the vegetation pile. The Council expressed their gratitude to the County for their help.

The next item to come before the Council was a petition signed by all of the residents of an unnamed road just east of Greenwell Road. The residents are requesting the City dedicate the road so the post office will deliver mail to the area. The residents agreed to dedicate portions of their property to dedicate for a road. Counselor Dorroh will research the requirements for the dedication of a roadway, and the standard for a width of a road in a subdivision. Councilperson Mott then motioned to have the attorney prepare the necessary documents to dedicate the road to the city, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Mott then motioned to hold closed executive session in regards to litigation and personnel. Councilperson Grantham seconds, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Pro Tem

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City Clerk