

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JULY 1, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, July 1, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Frank Morgan	Mayor Pro Tem
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	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. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the Fire Department had five fire calls in the last two weeks, and all calls were within the City. Also, the fireworks display will be held at approximately 9:00 p.m. Thursday evening on July 4 behind the City Hall.

The Police Department had made a request to purchase two Rangers for the department. The cost of the vehicles would be \$25,281.96, and would be purchased from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Chief Jones reported the vehicles would be used in parades, special events, and during searches for missing persons. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the purchase from Asset Forfeiture Funds, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the ball season has ended, and the tournaments are starting. He thanked all the people who participated in feeding and accommodating the bike riders that came through last week. The riders were very impressed with the community. The swim team has been doing well in competitions, and participated recently in Cape Girardeau.

The Code Enforcement Officer then reported the owner of the property at 1206 Jefferson is willing to sign the property over to the City if the City will demolish the property. An estimate of \$2,500 had been received by a local contractor to raze the property. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to accept the property and remove the structure, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

The next item to come before the Council was the replacement of the HVAC at the recreation center. Bids will need to be sought for the project. Councilperson Grantham motioned to advertise for bids for the replacement of the HVAC, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

The owner of the property at 15th and Ward has agreed to donate the structure on the property to the City. The structure is an old train depot building. The City was going to utilize the structure in the museum with a caboose as part of the exhibits. After further discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to seek cost estimate to move the train depot, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Chief Tony Jones then reported the dealership where the City had checked on the state bid for a Tahoe had stated he would give a trade-in on a truck owned by the City of \$9,700.00. This would bring the cost of the new Tahoe to \$20,373.00 for the new vehicle. This is budgeted in the 13-14 budget as accepted last week. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the trade-in and purchase, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Terry Rushing then reported there are four dead trees at Fourth and Eastwood. If one of the trees falls it will break a decorative light pole which cost \$2,500. He requested the City remove the trees. An estimate had been received to remove the trees in the amount of \$1,250. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the removal of the four trees, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

The next item to come before the Council was the bills question of where to expend the surveying and architecture fees for the accessory building at the Public Safety Center. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the expenditure from the Asset Forfeiture fund, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Pullam then asked if the fire at 5th and Laurant was so bad the house could not be inhabited. Mr. Rushing reported it was not a big fire, but repairs will need to be made before people can live in it. The garbage truck picked up a lot of the debris today that was pulled outside.

John Ferguson of the Planning and Zoning Commission then appeared before the Council to discuss the recommendations of the Commission on two requests for rezoning. White and Associates had requested a zoning change for the lot on Hwy U and Carroll, and the lot that abuts it. Currently those sections are zoned R-1, and the Commission recommended the zone be changed to B-1. White and Associates intends to build an office on the lot facing Carroll. The other request was from Earl Bullington for property at 7th and Maple to rezone the property from I-2 to B-1. Mr. Bullington is unable to farm the property with the improvements that were made for the FEMA trailer park. He would like to sell the property, but would like to have it rezoned so new owners would have a variety of use for the property. If trailers were to be placed on the property, there would need to be additional hearings. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to accept the recommendations of the Commission on the two requests, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried. A hearing will be scheduled in August.

Councilperson Rodgers then requested a survey of administrative personnel be conducted regarding the wages, and a comparison of the retirement plan.

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

BILL NO. 2013-03

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR RUNWAY LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS, NEW FENCING, AND GATES.

(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. 2013-03 which is granted and Bill No. 2013-03 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2013-03 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-03 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Rodgers	Yes	Hood	Yes
Simpson	Yes	Mott	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Pullam	Yes
	Hood	Yes	

Upon the Mayor Pro Tem declaring that Bill No. 2013-03 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-03 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor Pro Tem did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

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

BILL NO. 2013-04

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-04

AN ORDINANCE OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS

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After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2013-04 which is granted and Bill No. 2013-04 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2013-04 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-04 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Rodgers	Yes	Hood	Yes
Simpson	Yes	Mott	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Pullam	Yes
	Hood	Yes	

Upon the Mayor Pro Tem declaring that Bill No. 2013-04 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-04 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor Pro Tem did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to hold closed session regarding personnel as allowed by state statute. Councilperson Mott seconded, and roll call was asked for which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Hood	Yes
Simpson	Yes	Mott	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Pullam	Yes
	Hood	Yes	

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned the meeting adjourn at 6:20 p.m., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk