

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
OCTOBER 7, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, October 7, 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
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Mott	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 Hood, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

The Council was then asked to approve a change order for the paving of the Grand, Laurant, and 2nd Street contract. Second Street did not require the base that was stated in the contract, and deleting the base reduced the cost by \$20,865.00. Councilperson Merideth motioned the approval of the change order, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

Fire Chief Charlie Jones reported there were nine fire calls between September 18 and October 7, 2013. Fire training was held at the Marquis Company at the Port Authority. Kennett Fire Department brought the LEPC trailer over and foam was used on a railcar. This week is National Fire Prevention Week, and materials have been handed out to the schools for educational purposes.

Police Chief Tony Jones then told the Council that Randall Lee will be a Reserve Officer for the Police Department.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported the first phase of the street paving has been completed. The second phase of street work has begun, and was started on East 11th Street. The backhoe is working again. Trash had been found in the fuel line and the fuel tank of the backhoe. A lock has been put on the fuel tank to prohibit anyone from getting into it. The street sweeper has broken down, and the mechanic has been called. Parts have been ordered and will be installed in a couple of weeks.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the Pee Wee Football has started, and the children are doing well this year. Everything is running smoothly at the recreation center.

Terry Rushing reported he has gotten the owner to cut the grass and clean up behind 300 East 6th Street. He has contacted the owner of the structures on 10th and Beckwith to have the carport removed. He reported he will check on 311 Cotton.

Mr. Rushing then reported the Council had previously approved the consulting fee for the Exchange Building in February. However, it had been left out of the budget for this. Funds had been donated for that purpose, and had been deposited into the Community Revitalization Fund in the amount of \$22,000. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to amend the budget in Community Revitalization in the amount of \$22,000 for the Exchange Building, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Council was reminded the Water and Sewer Budget held \$22,000 for a truck for the equipment. Putnam Chevrolet was on the state bidders list, and the City could purchase a ¾ ton pick-up delivered for \$20,763. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

The Council was then advised that eight skunk traps had been ordered for the Humane Shelter, and should be in next week.

Mayor Pro Tem Frank Morgan then asked the Council to accept the appointment of Takella Motton as Treasurer. This would fill the vacancy left with the passing of Ms. Delpha Abbott. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

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

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

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn at 6:35 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk