

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
NOVEMBER 4, 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, November 4, 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
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 the minutes of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Councilperson Rodgers reported the Police/Fire Committee had met prior to the meeting. The Committee recommended the Humane Officer be placed under the supervision of the Police Chief. Currently he is working under the supervision of the Mayor. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the recommendation, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

The Committee had interviewed Quantazi Jones for the position of Patrolman. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the appointment was approved unanimously.

The Council was advised the fire department had five fire calls between October 22, 2013 and November 4, 2013. A training session was held in the use of all types of ladders. The Fire Chief reported 113 subscribers had paid for the fire district protection. A total amount of \$5,365.00 has been billed since the first of the year that has not been paid for out-of-town fire calls. Counselor Dorroh stated he would meet with the Fire Chief to bring action on those that still owe for fire calls. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan stated he will see that letters are sent out.

Fire Chief Jones reported he had sought bids for a display case to put in the front lobby of the Public Safety Center. The cheapest case would be from Custom Oak at a price of \$3,850.00. The budget had set aside \$4,000 for this project. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the bid from Custom Oak, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the sewer on Hwy 84 west of the Truman Boulevard intersection, had been completed. The private line would be hooked up this week to the sewer line. Also, the Department of Natural Resources had approved the replace of the Collins Avenue water line. 2300 lineal feet of 2" galvanized line will be replaced with 6" PVC line. This project would start after the first of the year.

Terry Rushing then reported the Street crews have been cutting low hanging tree limbs that had been hitting the school buses. The crews have continued to pick up limbs, and putting Christmas lights on the decorative poles on Ward Avenue and Third Street. The street sweeper has broken down, but hope to have it running by the end of the week. The shift changer on the tractor used for mowing lots has broken and fallen into the transmission. The mechanic could not give a price to repair the tractor. Mr. Rushing felt the City might need to buy a new one. He felt a tractor without air conditioning or windows would be more feasible. The Council asked to get prices on repair and replacement.

Mayor Pro Tem Frank Morgan advised the Council that the custodian at the recreation center, Everette Guy, is retiring after twenty years. The Council was asked to approve a drop-in will be held on Friday, November 8, from 11:30 a.m. through 1:00 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the drop-in, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Terry Rushing then reported he had written letters to the residents at 1607 Davis and 1109 Bushey regarding the time the trash is put out for pick-up. Discussion then turned to the carport that has fallen at 1000 Beckwith. Counselor Dorroh will contact the trustee regarding the property.

Mr. Rushing then asked the Council to allow advertising for demolition of 505 Carleton and 1206 Jefferson. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the advertising for demolition, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried. Counselor Dorroh will prepare the contracts for the demolition.

The next item of discussion to come before the Council was the trimming of the trees at the Cemetery. Delta Tree Service that mows the cemetery has agreed to trim the trees and remove the debris for \$750.00 per day, and it would not take more than two days. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the removal of the limbs by Delta Tree Service for no more than \$1500, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

The next item for discussion was the painting of the helicopter in Veteran's Park. E. R. McClendon has quoted a price of \$1500 to paint the helicopter. The decals would be covered to prevent damage to them. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the quote and amend the budget in Sales Tax, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Council was then asked to approve advertising for bids for the search and storage building at the Public Safety Building. The Council had approved \$200,000 in the Asset forfeiture Fund for the building. After discussion, the Council determined they would like to review the plans prior to advertising.

Mr. Rushing informed the Council the City Clerk had totaled all of the expenses for street repair. Now that the repairs are completed and the checks have been written, there is \$30,000 remains. This does not include the Collins Avenue paving. Councilperson Rodgers reported the patching on East Tenth Street is very rough, and asked that it be checked.

Police Chief Jones then reported the funds that had been asked for last week was for DNA testing relating to a murder within the city.

Terry Rushing then reported the City was not granted the funds for the elevator at the exchange building. The City was turned down for the funds for the ADA project. He reported that Logan Meeks, Architect, will look at the plans for the City Hall at no cost to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan then appointed a committee to review the applications for the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement position, as follows: Councilperson Rodgers, Mott, Grantham, and Simpson.

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

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

After the Council reconvened into regular session, Counselor Dorroh stated he would review the adjustment policy for the water department . The Water and Sewer Committee will meet to discuss the matter , and will report at the next Council meeting.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk