

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
DECEMBER 2, 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, December 2, 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
Merideth	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	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 unanimously approved.

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

Councilperson Pullam then inquired if preparation was being made for the repainting of the handicap parking areas on Ward Avenue. Terry Rushing reported he has the stencil, and is waiting on the weather to allow the painting to be done.

Councilperson Hood then reported the water tower at 15th & Adams has been inspected by the contractor, and it is back in operation. Maintenance on the Third Street tower will begin on Thursday. Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported he has placed an ad in the newspaper for a meter reader position.

Terry Rushing then requested permission to advertise for twelve grates for the drainage around East Haven and Midtown. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the Council allowed the placement of the ad.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the sauna in the ladies shower area has quit working. Two suppliers have been contacted with only one company responding. Davis Sauna can replace the sauna at a cost of \$1,863.00, which could be paid from the equipment line of the budget. Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the replacement of the sauna from Davis Sauna, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Davis then reported that kickball practice has started, and more children have signed up this year than in years past. One hundred eight children have signed up, where there have only been sixty to eighty that have signed up in previous years.

Councilperson Rodgers motioned to take the salaries off the table for discussion in closed session. Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to increase the salary for the Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector to \$26,105, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

The Fire Department reported one fire from November 25 through December 2. The Fire Chief reported He has funds in his equipment budget to update the radio on the MoSWIN system at a cost of \$1,150.00, if the Council will allow the expenditure. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the expenditure, with Councilperson Hood seconding and motion carried.

Fire Chief Jones then reported he has applied for a grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation for 15 portable radios. Award announcements should be made by January 31, 2014.

Randall Lee, Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector, reported he has issued 30 warning tickets to residents that have been putting their trash out early. Twelve notices to abate a nuisance have been given in the last two weeks, and he will be checking on the progress of those citations. He has also, given a notice to repair, vacate or demolish the property at 310 East 20th Street to the owner for faulty wiring in the structure.

Terry Rushing then reported that an ad has been placed for the demolition of the properties at 505 Carleton and 1206 Jefferson. Bids will be opened on December 12 at 2:00 p.m.

The next order of business was the contract for consulting agreement for the hangars at the airport through a MoDot grant. Waters Engineering has prepared a consulting agreement for their services, and is requesting the Mayor Pro Tem sign it and forward to them. After discussion,

Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the agreement pending the approval of the City Counselor, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Rushing reported he has contacted a company to get the signs for the “Diane Sayre Memorial Drive” and the “Dr. Alan Gubin Memorial Drive”. The company that gave the lowest quote will return drawings for the Council to review before the signs are posted.

Councilperson Simpson then requested the employees be allowed to have Christmas Eve as a holiday with pay this year. After discussion, Councilperson Simpson motioned to approve the additional day for the employees, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business to come before the Council was from Tapianne Reeves to donate two properties to the City. After discussion, the issue was tabled until further information could be presented regarding the properties.

Councilperson Simpson then motioned for a closed session, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Simpson motioned the meeting adjourn at 6:27 p.m., with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk