

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JANUARY 21, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 21, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Frank Morgan (Absent)	Mayor Pro Tem
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson

Due to the absence of the Mayor Pro Tem, Councilperson Merideth motioned to nominate Councilperson Pullam as Acting President Pro Tem, with Councilperson Mott seconding the nomination, and the nominations ceased. Councilperson Pullam took the seat as Acting President Pro Tem with a unanimous vote of the Council.

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Acting President 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, bills, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes, bills, and reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$2,366.52 in salaries for December, with three responses to fires.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$6,744.05 in admissions to the recreation center for December.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$259,366.17 in taxes collected with \$20.18 in commission, and \$4,420.32 in Assessment Fund.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged as follows: First State Bank - \$2,525,000; Focus Bank- \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager reported the following collections for the month of December.

Water	\$63,705.67
Sewer	19,662.64
Garbage	35,893.62
Meter Ser.	797.08
Mos. Spray	564.44
Primacy Fee	6.00
Sewer Primacy	1.40
Sewer Bond	10,663.30
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>
TOTAL	\$131,735.15

The next item of business to come before the Council was the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of January 8, 2014. There were two requests heard by the Planning Commission. The first was from Eric Petersen regarding a preliminary plat on the west side of South Ward north of the Industrial Park. The plat was drawn by an engineer and submitted to the Planning Commission for approval. The Planning Commission approved the preliminary plat for Mr. Petersen. The next request was to rezone the property formerly known as Town & Country Lumber to an I-2 zone so that a recycling center can be located at the building. The Planning Commission had denied the request for the rezoning of the property. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the request in February, also. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission and schedule a public hearing the second meeting in February, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the Fire Department had three calls between January 6 and January 21, 2014. Fire Chief Jones then asked the Council to approve getting quotes for repairs at the old fire station on East Seventh Street. Councilperson Grantham motioned to authorize the Chief to get quotes on the repairs to bring to the Council, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next item of discussion was the bids that had been received for the storage facility at the Public Safety Building. Chief of Police Tony Jones requested all bids be rejected, because they were much more than the budgeted amount. Councilperson Merideth Motioned to reject all bids for the building, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then appeared before the Council to ask the server for the water department be replaced using the same bid the Police Department used. The bid price for the server was \$2,850. Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the replacement of the server using the bid from Hi Tech, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

The Council was then given a bad debt list from the Water Department. The Council was asked to review the list for approval to write the list off at the next meeting.

Keith Davis then reported one hundred one children have signed up for basketball. The sauna in the men’s shower was able to be fixed for \$787, and the additional cost that was requested at the last meeting will not be needed. However, the heaters for the pool need to be replaced. During the severely cold weather that was experienced recently, the two heaters froze and cracked, making it necessary to replace the heaters. A quote was given to the recreation center for \$17,255 to replace the heater. The Director has notified the insurance company regarding the matter, but has not heard back from them at this time. The pool is currently shut down. The swim team has been using the pool, but if it gets any colder they will not be able to use the pool. If the insurance will cover the damage, the cost to the City will be \$2,500. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to allow the Director to order the heaters and continue working with the insurance company on the matter. Councilperson Merideth seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Randall Lee, Code Enforcement Officer, reported four trash violations, eight notices to abate a nuisance, five citations issued, and cited two businesses that have not purchased a business license. He has handled numerous other complaints, as well as investigating properties belonging to Bob Churchill on Hwy 84 – two locations – and one location on Third Street.

The next item for discussion was the replacement of the HVAC on top of the Municipal Building. The unit in question has a busted heat chamber, and has been in place since 1985. Three quotes had been obtained two from Hill Electric as follows: Carrier unit \$9,233.38; Trane unit \$8,633.38. The other quote was from Guy’s Refrigeration in the amount of \$7,350. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to accept the low bid from Guy’s Refrigeration, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried. The cost for the unit will be taken from the Sales Tax Fund.

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

Rodgers	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Simpson	Yes	Merideth	Yes
	Mot	Yes	

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Merideth motioned the meeting adjourn at 6:08 p.m., with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Acting President Pro Tem

City Clerk