

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
APRIL 7, 2014
PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Bob Lazenby, Jane Ellen Lazenby, Teddy Cheek, John Christian, Randall Lee, Paul Shaw, Keith Davis, Sue Grantham, Sheila Simpson, Barbara Pullam, Tony Jones, B. T. Merideth, Johnny Hood, Marshall Grubbs, Michael Coleman, Rick Davis, James Mott, Ricky Moyers, Baughn Merideth, Charlie Jones, Barbara Rodgers, Melinda Scifres, and Lawrence Dorroh

The purpose of the hearing was to consider a request to change zoning for Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Block 27 in Hunter's Addition to the City of Caruthersville. The property is located at the northeast corner of Schult Avenue and West Fifteenth Street and extends to West Fourteenth Street. Part of the property is owned by Jim Brands, and the other part is owned by the City of Caruthersville. The request was to rezone the property from R-1 to B-1 General Business District. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended to the Council the approval of the request.

Marshall Grubbs asked what the rezoning would allow on the property. Counselor Dorroh reported that any type of light business would be allowed in the area, which could include a pharmacy or doctor's office or retail merchant.

With no further input to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned to close the hearing, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
April 7, 2014
Regular Session**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, April 7, 2015 at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Barbara Pullam	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

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 and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes and bills were approved unanimously.

The next item of business was the bids for the utility tractor. Three bids had been received on the tractor, and all bids included a trade-in for the old tractor. The bids were as follows:

Baker Implement (Portageville)	\$34,220
Don Medlin Company (Caruthersville)	\$34,297
Legacy Equipment Company	\$40,585

The Council was advised the purchase of the tractor was not budgeted. Due to the cost repair for the current tractor, and the age, the Council had decided to see what a replacement would cost. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to accept the low bid from Baker Implement, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Mott then motioned to amend the budget from Sales Tax (Street Equipment) for the purchase of the tractor in the amount of \$34,220, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

The Fire Department reported they had answered ten fire calls from March 19, 2014 through April 5, 2014.

The Police Committee had met regarding the use of the tranquilizer gun. The Animal Control Officer had taken a course on the use of the gun, and asked to be reimbursed \$100 for the course. The Council agreed to reimburse him for the class. The veterinarian will mix the drugs for the gun, and a police officer will accompany him while it is in use.

The Council was advised the Collins water line is almost complete. The company that is doing the work, has done a great job, and should be completely finished within 2 weeks. Also, an inspection of the water plant by Missouri Department of Natural Resources was conducted approximately a week ago, and no deficiencies were found.

The Street Commissioner reported the crews did get cold patch and has been filling several potholes. Five street breaks have been repaired. Recently a snow blade for the tractor was purchased, but has not been paid for at this time. Funds are available in the sales tax Street Equipment to pay the \$5,000 for the blade. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to pay for the blade from the sales tax fund, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Parks/Recreation Director, Keith Davis, then reported a new HVAC and condenser unit was budgeted for the recreation center. He asked for the authority to advertise for the replacement of these units. Thirty Thousand Dollars was budget from Sales Tax for this project. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to advertise for bids for the units, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Davis then reported \$4,500 was budget for weight room equipment. He had received three bids for comparable pieces for the weight room that would be a replacement elliptical. The quotes read as follows:

Advance Exercise Equipment	\$4,308.23
Any Body Fitness	\$4,311.25
OrthoTec	\$4,295.00

Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the low bid from Ortho Tec, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Davis reported the sign-up period for baseball has been extended. This time, he has 294 children signed up with 23 teams to play this season. A new girl's softball team will be playing this year, and it will be a traveling team. This will be for Seventh and Eighth grade girls. Lifeguard training will be held on April 10th. Kyle Hubbard has started a basketball league at French Park, and will be working with children. He thanked all the people who have volunteered to assist with the programs and that helped create the new leagues.

The Code Enforcement Officer then reviewed his report with the Council. He reported three trash violations, 5 notices to abate a nuisance, three notices to vacate, repair, or demolish structures, and he has followed up on several complaints.

Minutes of the Planning Commission had been given to the Council for consideration. A request from David Ross, owner of the Showcase Lounge on Route Y, had made a request to change the

zoning from R-1 to B-1. The zoning of the property had reverted to R-1 because the business had been closed for over a year and the zoning was no longer grandfathered for a business. Mr. Ross wants to sell the property, but would like to have the zoning changed to B-1 so a business could be operated. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the change in zoning be approved by the Council. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and hold a Public Hearing on May 5, 2014. Councilperson Grantham seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

John Christian then appeared before the Council regarding the lack of sidewalks in some neighborhoods. He asked if the City could not require construction of sidewalks in new subdivision. Counselor Dorroh reported an ordinance is in place to require sidewalks for new subdivisions. However, the Council can allow the absence of items such as sidewalks or street lights in new subdivisions. Mayor Pro Tem Pullam stated the Council appreciates his concerns, and will at the problem for future construction.

Rick Davis, a representative of Ameren Missouri, reported funding is available for energy efficient units. If the Recreation Center is going to get new units, the funding could be used for that purpose. The funding would not be available after the units are here. He asked the Parks/Recreation Director to contact him for help with the application.

Councilperson Mott motioned to hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. to swear in the new officers for the City, as well as nominate persons to sign checks. Councilperson Grantham seconded the motion, and motion carried unanimously.

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

BILL NO. 2014-1

ORDINANCE No. 2014-1

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR CITY MARSHAL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI

After discussion, the unanimous consent of the Council was asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2014-1 which is granted and Bill No. 2014-1 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2014-1 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-1 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	Abstain	Merideth	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Mott	Yes

Upon the Mayor Pro Tem declaring that Bill No. 2014-1 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-1 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor Pro Tem did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

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

BILL NO. 2014-2

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-2

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE B-1 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

After discussion, the unanimous consent of the Council was asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2014-2 which is granted and Bill No. 2014-2 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2014-2 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-2 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	Merideth	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Mott	Yes

Upon the Mayor Pro Tem declaring that Bill No. 2014-2 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-2 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor Pro Tem did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Mott then addressed the Council to read his letter of resignation. He thanked the residents of his ward for allowing him to make decisions on their behalf, and wished the Council luck for the future. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to accept the resignation, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Rodgers	Yes	Hood	Yes
Simpson	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Grantham	Yes		

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk