

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING
May 5, 2014**

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Room at the Municipal Building on Monday, May 5, 2014, for the purpose of receiving input from the public regarding a request from the property owner of the property located on Highway Y (South Ward formerly known as Showcase Lounge and Restaurant). The property is currently zoned R-1, and the owner has requested the zone be changed to a B-1 zone. The Planning Commission has recommended the approval of the request. Present at the hearing were the following:

Sue Grantham, J. J. Bullington, Johnny Hood, Paul Shaw, Randall Lee, Keith Davis, Tony Jones, Randy Guest, John Clyde Thompson, Jimmy Lyons, Richard Lee, Michael Coleman, Emma Campbell, Charlie Jones, B. T. Merideth, JR., Melinda Scifres, Rick Davis, Lawrence Dorroh, and Nick Cartee.

John Clyde Thompson reported the property is in the process of being sold if the rezoning is approved by the Council. The sale of the property is only being negotiated until the property is rezoned by the City.

Police Chief Tony Jones reported the area has not caused problems in the past as a lounge and restaurant, and he does not foresee any problems with the rezoning.

With no further input to come from the public, the hearing was closed.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 5:10 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Rick Davis	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Cartee	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor did call 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 Grantham, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes and bills were approved unanimously

The next order of business to come before the Council was the bid results for the cameras for the Police Department. One bid was received, and opened by Tony Jones and Melinda Scifres on April 30, at 3:00 p.m. The bid read as follows:

Hi-Tech Communications	\$117,159.30
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The Council had approved a maximum of \$125,000 from Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase of the cameras. The bid contained eighteen cameras to be mounted in various locations. Chief Jones stated that one-half of the contract would need to be paid before the installation of the cameras could start. Counselor Dorroh reminded the Council that a performance bond and a payment bond would need to be submitted before any funds are released. Councilperson Bullington motioned to accept the bid, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

Cartee	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Hood	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the Fire Department had seven fire calls from April 24 through May 5, 2014. The annual review of the pumpers had been conducted, and all pumpers

passed inspection. Police Chief Tony Jones reported a DWI check point will be set up this month. He then reported the department is still having problems with juveniles in the area of 12th and 13th on Vest.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported that only one of the four rotors at the wastewater plant is working. It is imperative the rotors be fixed. VanDevanter Engineering has been contacted to make the repairs, and they have submitted a cost of \$11,479.00 to repair the gear box on one rotor, and replace a lip seal on another. The company feels the lip seal will repair one of the rotors. The cost for the repairs would be taken from the Water and Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund (Meter Fund line). After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the repairs as presented, with Councilperson Bullington seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shaw then reported the Post Office has advised him the water bills will be delayed, and the fee will be increased because there is no bar code on the bills. The postal workers would have to hand sort the bills due to the absence of the bar code. He contacted the company that maintains the utility system for water billing. Mr. Shaw stated there was sufficient funds in the Water and Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund (Meter Fund line) to have the program altered to put a bar code on the bills. The cost would be \$5,000. This would save the City money by not having to pay the increase cost. After some discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the expenditures for the bar code, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Terry Rushing, Street Commissioner, then reported an accident had occurred on the new tractor, and caused damage to a fence. The owner of the fence reported the City could do the repairs at a minimal cost.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, thanked the Police Department for patrolling the parks. There was much less trash in the parks after the weekend. Councilperson Bullington then stated she noticed several cars parked in England Park. Mr. Davis reported there was an event that had a blow up house that had to be put in the park, and that was probably what the cars were doing in the park.

Mr. Davis then reported the City had received a grant for ADA accessible playground equipment in the amount of \$13,708. The total project cost is \$31,404. The City had approved a little over \$16,000 for their match on the grant. However, the grant can be spent over a two year period, and funds can be budgeted over that time period.

Randall Lee, Code Enforcement Officer then reported he had sent out 27 letters to abate a nuisance, four notices to have properties demolished, one notice to vacate a structure, and on citation to abate a nuisance. He has spent quite a bit of time removing yard sale signs from utility and street poles, and has notified property owners this is a violation. Eleven parking warnings have been given to people about parking on sidewalks. He has sold five building permits, and is still working on the properties belonging to Churchill.

Councilperson Cartee then motioned to approve the following appointments to the Police Department, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and the appointments were unanimously approved as follows:

Jerry Hudgens, Assistant Chief of Police
Michael Coleman, Captain
Chris Thacker, Lieutenant
Terry Privett, Lieutenant (Chief Investigator)
Jeremy Darnell, Sergeant
Chris Callen, Corporal
Chris Blagg, Corporal
Paul Meacham, Corporal
James Beaver, Patrolman
Dan Kinder, Patrolman
Jeremy Brotz, Patrolman
David Ward, Patrolman
Lucas Horell, Patrolman
Scott Tiedtke, Patrolman
Quntazi Jones, Patrolman
Jonathan Woods, Patrolman
Corey Vaughn, Patrolman

Mayor Davis then asked the Council to approve the appointments of the firemen. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the appointments were approved with Councilperson Merideth abstaining from the vote. The appointments read as follows:

Mike Wright, Assistant Chief	Randall Lee, Firefighter
Richard Lee, Captain	Brian Shelton, Firefighter
Lynn Moss, Lieutenant	Tommy Halford, Firefighter II
Kevin Curtis, Lieutenant/Engineer	Jim Lyons, Firefighter
Charlie Jones, Engineer	Paul Shaw, Firefighter II
Bobby Coleman, Engineer	Thomas Guest, Firefighter
James Rushing, Engineer	Tina Cook, Firefighter II
B. T. Merideth, Jr., Fireman	Ron Warren, Firefighter II
Randy Guest, Firefighter II	Michael Coleman, Firefighter
Tony Smith, Firefighter II	Terry Privett, Firefighter
Jess Cagle, Firefighter	Rickey Floyd, Firefighter II
John Buchanan, Firefighter	Terry Rushing, Firefighter II
Troy Meales, Firefighter I	Jerry Hudgens, Firefighter II

Mayor Davis then recommended to the Council the office hours for the City Hall change to 7:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Currently the hours are from 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. The Clerk is in the building alone after 4:00 p.m. when the Water Department closes, and this can cause a security issue. The Street Commissioner has been staying with her, but he is supposed to get off work at 4:00 p.m. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the change of hours to 7:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Council then discussed the rezoning request for the property on South Ward known as Showcase Lounge. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, the Counselor was authorized to draft an ordinance to change the zoning for discussion and adoption at the next meeting.

After discussion, Councilperson Cartee offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance and the same was read by title for the first time (the ordinance was posted 24 hours prior to the meeting):

BILL NO. 2014-04

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-04

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2014-04, which is granted and Bill No. 2014-04 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2014-14 to be known as Ordinance 2014-04 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Cartee	Yes	Merideth	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Hood	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2014-04 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-04 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Mayor Davis then recommended the appointment of Lawrence Dorroh as City Counselor. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Bullington seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk