

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MAY 19, 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, May 19, 2014, at 5:00 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
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor 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 Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$7,044.13 in salaries for April with thirteen fire calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$5,830.77 in taxes collected, with \$74.32 in commission, and \$50.26 in assessment funds.

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

Terry Rushing, Street Commissioner, reported \$250.00 collected in rent for the armory in April.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$10,571.15 in admissions to the recreation center for April.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$34.08 in POST funds, \$6,209.32 in fines collected, \$87 to the Sheriff's retirement System, \$243.06 in CVC funds, and \$34.12 in JEF funds.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following:

Water	\$ 71,201.82	Water Customers 2346
Sewer	19,293.31	Sewer Customers 2255
Garbage	36,666.71	
Meter Serv.	795.66	
Mo. Spray	563.04	
Primacy Fee	3.00	
Sewer Primacy	.70	
Sewer Bond	10,629.73	
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	139,634.97	

The next item for discussion was the Enhancement Grant for phase 4 of the Riverfront Development. Five bids had been received on the project, with the low bid being from Gilmore Construction of Advance, Missouri in the amount of \$257,272.50. John Chittenden, Engineer, reported engineering fees for preliminary engineering in the amount of \$23,484.13, and construction engineering in the amount of \$34,885.14, which brought the total cost to \$315,641.67. Mr. Chittenden reported the plans for the riverfront was to remove the current flag pole and base at Reynolds Park to construct a new pavilion in its place, enlarge the parking lot, and place a flag pole in the circular sidewalk in front of the Reynolds monument. Sidewalks will connect this phase with the existing portion of the Riverview walk trail. Funding for the project would be an 80% grant from MoDot, with the casino contributing \$50,000 towards the project, and the City will fund the remainder of the project. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mr. Chittenden then reported the Collins water line project should be completed next week.

Mayor Davis then read a letter from the Caruthersville Housing Authority regarding a vacancy that is upcoming on the Housing Authority Board. Karen Hartung Hamm will be resigning her position on the Board to move to Tennessee. Liz Hightower, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, recommended placing Pam Gardner to the unexpired term of Mrs. Hamm with an effective date of July 1, 2014. Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried.

Police Chief Tony Jones then reported he had a memorandum of understanding for a "High Crime Task Force" to work in conjunction with surrounding areas on areas of high crime in the region. This would be funded through a MoDot grant for the overtime. Counselor Dorroh stated he would need to review the memorandum prior to giving an opinion. The Council asked to consider the memorandum, and consider the option at the next meeting.

Councilperson Cartee then reported the fire department had answered five fire calls from May 5 through May 19, 2014.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then reported that Utility Service Company will be in Caruthersville next week to paint the 13th Street Water Tower, and put the logo back on the tower. This is part of the maintenance contract the City has with the company.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported he had sent out 62 letter regarding violations of tall grass. When asked about residential property on Hwy U and Parkview, the Code Enforcement Officer stated no meeting had been held at this time with the owner and the City Counselor. After discussion, Counselor Dorroh stated he would look at drafting an ordinance that limits the number of vehicles that can be parked at a residence.

Mayor Davis then reported Hi-Tech will begin installing the cameras for the Police Department, but they have requested 50% of the funds prior to starting the work. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to allow payment of 1/3 upon receipt of materials, 1/3 as work progresses, and the final 1/3 upon completion and acceptance. Councilperson Grantham seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilperson Hood offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance and the same was read by title only for the first time:

BILL NO. 2014-05

ORDINANCE NO. 2014—05

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

After discussion, the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading by title only of Bill No. 2014-05, which is granted and Bill No. 2014-05 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2014-05 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2014-05 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-05 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk