

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JULY 7, 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, July 7, 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
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cartee, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, the minutes and bills were approved unanimously.

Police Chief Tony Jones then advised the Council that Michael Coleman will be resigning from the Police Department to work with the ATF on July 28, 2014. Chief Jones stated he would make changes in the department, and would advise the Council.

Councilperson Cartee then reported the fire department had responded to one out of town fire call on Highway D since the last Council meeting. The Fire Chief was successful in obtaining the Storm Ready status for the community renewed for three years. One Hundred people have renewed their subscription to the out of town fire call list, and nineteen have yet to renew their subscription.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported he will have a report at the next meeting regarding the progress on the leaks throughout the City. One of the distribution employees will be out for surgery.

Terry Rushing, Street Commissioner, reported the storm drains have been installed near Easthaven. The crews have mowed thirty vacant lots in preparation for the holiday. The mosquito spraying will begin on Wednesday of this week, and will continue in the evenings on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Parks/Recreation Director, Keith Davis, thanked the Police Department for patrolling when the bike riders were at the recreation center.

Councilperson Merideth reported he had talked with the Code Enforcement Officer who is out sick today. He wanted to let the Council know he had road around and made sure things were picked up before the holiday last week.

Michael Barrett with Three Rivers College then appeared before the Council to confirm the college is committed to locating the welding classes at the Cupples Building on Truman. He has received his welding certification. Three Rivers hopes to have classes in the building by August 18. There will be three types of classes in the building: 1) advanced manufacturing 2) agriculture 3) arc Welding.

Jana Merideth then appeared before the Council on behalf of the Caruthersville Area Arts Council. Ms. Merideth stated that grant funding was one of the ways the improvements had been made to the Exchange building at 100 East Third. The Arts Council has looked at applying for grants to further the improvements to the building. With the assistance of funding, the building could be made into a museum. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to allow the Arts Council to proceed with applying for grant funds to improve the building, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried unanimously. John Ferguson reminded the Council that as a condition of the Neighborhood Assistance Grant that was received for the building, the Pemiscot County Industrial Board received a five year lease on the building.

A resident of 9th and Bushey then appeared before the Council in regards to the placement of the stop signs at that intersection. Many people are not stopping at the stop signs, and this could be dangerous. The Police Chief reported the department would keep an eye on the area.

Counselor Dorroh had presented a proposed restrictive covenant on the ground adjacent to the recreation center. The owner of the property has implemented certain corrective actions in accordance with the Department of Natural Resources. The City would place a covenant on the property, which would prohibit a residential dwelling or drinking water well. The groundwater could only be used as a monitoring well. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the Counselor drafting a covenant in regards to the property, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis then asked Councilperson Hood to say a prayer for Elizabeth Hardesty and her recovery. Ms. Hardesty is recovering from an attach in the water department, and all the staff wish her a speedy recovery.

Councilperson Merideth then asked the Council to consider adopting an ordinance regarding cats. He asked that a limit be placed on the number of cats that someone can own. Counselor Dorroh stated he will look at what can be done on this matter.

A motion was made and seconded to hold closed session regarding employees and regarding possible litigation. Roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

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

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Cartee motioned to amend the budget from Community Revitalization in the amount of \$100,000 to improve the Cupples Building. Councilperson Bullington seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk