

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, at 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Fike	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth (B. T.)	Councilperson
Merideth (Baughn)	Councilperson
Rodgers (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	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 of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cartee, seconded by Councilperson Cheek, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of payment of the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cartee, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, the bills were approved for payment.

Mayor Grantham then asked the Council to decide which fund payment will be made for the replacement of the lift station at Jiffy Jim's. The Council discussed payment from sewer extension which is from the General Fund, or from the Sales Tax Fund. Another method of payment was a transfer from the Water and Sewer Fund to the Sewer Extension. , Councilperson Bullington motioned to give the Mayor authority to decide the best form of payment, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Cartee then reported the fire ca;;s that occurred from August 23 through September 2. On September 22, the Public Works will begin flushing fire hydrants.

The Council was then advised of the resignation of Lucas Horrell, which will be effective on September 14. Councilperson Cartee motioned to accept the resignation, with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Cartee reviewed the report from the animal control officer with the Council. The report had how many animals were in the shelter, and how many had been trapped. Hopefully, the Council will receive reports regularly from the Animal Control Officer, and adoption days can be set up for the animals.

The Water and Wastewater Manager reported that the tap on Highway U has been completed. Also, Tony Wynne has submitted his resignation, and his last day will be next Tuesday.

The Street Commissioner then reported he has checked on prices for a new front bucket for the backhoe. He checked at the dealer in Cape Girardeau, and the price of a surplus bucket was \$4,500, but the price for a new bucket was \$7,500.00. Mr. Rushing recommended the purchase of the surplus bucket at \$4,500. Councilperson B. R. Merideth motioned to approve the purchase from Sales Tax, with Councilperson Cheek seconding, and motion carried.

The next item of discussion was the repair of a control valve that is leaking on the backhoe. The valve will cost approximately \$1,000, and then the labor to replace the valve will be extra. Councilperson B. T. Merideth motioned to approve the cost and labor for the valve, with Councilperson Baughn Merideth seconded the motion, and motion carried. The cost of the repair will be paid from the street equipment and maintenance fund.

The next item of business was a street saw. Mr. Rushing had gotten quotes from the supplier for a 7 5/8 deep cut saw, and the quote was over \$5,000. He asked the Council to allow him to seek bids for the saw. After discussion Councilperson Baughn Merideth motioned to allow the Street Commissioner to seek bids on a street saw, with Councilperson Cheek seconding, and motion carried..

The next item of business was the changing of the traffic regulation signs to meet the new reflective signs as set by state statute. The Street Commissioner asked that he be allowed to start replacing the traffic signs by ward, starting with Ward I. He had budgeted \$6,000 in the budget from sales tax, Councilperson B. T. Merideth motioned to approve the replacement of signs in Ward I, with Councilperson Cartee seconding the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Rushing then reported that additional money had been spent on the Cupples building for Three Rivers College. He is trying to get Three Rivers to reimburse the City \$20,000 for the HVAC system. Three Rivers has decided to not pay the utilities, until they are the only ones using the electricity. After looking into splitting the meters, he has found that the cost would be less than originally thought. After discussion, Councilperson Baughn Merideth motioned to seek bids for the division of the electrical, with B. T. Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Rushing reported the street crews mowed a lot of lots in the City. Thirty lots had been mowed in one day. The crews have repaired several street breaks Counselor Dorroh reported he has talked with several County Commissioners about the lots under their care. He and Mr. Rushing will meet with the County Commission about keeping the lots mowed. Mr. Rushing reported as soon as he gets a signed right of entry he will remove the carport that is down at 1000 Beckwith. Mr. Rushing then asked to purchase a sprayer to spray chemicals on rights-of-way. Counselor Dorroh stated he wasn't sure the City could spray chemicals on private property. The Counselor would need to research this

matter. Police Chief Tony Jones asked that something be done about West 4th Street behind the car dealership on West Third. The Street Commissioner will look at the street.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the swim teams have 60 children signed up. However, only 13 children signed up for pee wee football which is not enough to have a league. Kick Ball season will start earlier.

Counselor Dorroh reported the Planning and Zoning Commission met on August 25, 2014 to discuss a draft of an ordinance regarding parking in residential areas. The Commission voted to accept the ordinance with two changes: 1) the parking time limit that was proposed in the original ordinance was six hours, and the Commission recommended the time limit be changed to 24 hours. The second change was that a weight limit not be set for restriction of commercial vehicles, but should read no more than one commercial vehicle (as defined in § 301.010 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri). A public hearing would need to be held to receive input from the public. A fifteen day notice before the hearing is required. Councilperson Cartee motioned to advertise for a public hearing, with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Grantham then asked the Council to approve Teddy Cheek to sign checks at First State Bank, Bank Star and Focus Bank. The accounts will be General Fund, Water Works, Sales Tax, Community Revitalization, Wastewater Bond Fund, and 2012 Series "A". Councilperson Bullington motioned to approve Councilperson Cheek signing checks. Councilperson Baughn Merideth seconded the motion, and motion carried.

Mayor Grantham then reported a property owner wants to donate property at 701 Beckwith and 406 Bushey. Mr. Rushing has looked at the properties, and explained it would cost the City quite a bit to raze the property at Beckwith. Councilperson Cartee motioned the City should have a list of the property that is currently owned, and to table the acceptance of the donation until further investigation, with Councilperson Baughn Merideth seconding the motion, and motion carried.

Mayor Grantham then appointed the following Council committees:

Street & Alley

B. T. Merideth 757-8373
Baughn Merideth 359-4186
Nick Cartee 870-926-6815
Barbara Rodgers 333-1670

Water & Sewer

Johnny Hood 757-7561
Jane Fike 359-7230
Baughn Merideth 359-4186
Teddy Cheek 573-429-4071

Insurance Committee

Barbara Rodgers 359-4212
Jane Fike 359-7230
Teddy Cheek 573-429-4071
J. J. Bullington 359-7211

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

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI

BILL NO. 2014-06

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXEC AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 TO THAT CERTAIN STATE BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT EXECUTED BY THE CITY ON APRIL 21, 2014 AND BY THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ON MAY 2, 2014

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, as follows:

Section 1. That the City hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Caruthersville, Missouri, a contract with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for additional financial assistance to the city for improvements to the city's airport including the construction of t-hangars, aprons and pavement

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances heretofore enacted which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

READ TWO TIMES, PASSED AND APPROVED on this 2nd day of September, 2014.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

S/ Lawrence Dorroh
Lawrence Dorroh, City Attorney

S/Sue Grantham
Sue Grantham, Mayor

ATTEST:

S/Melinda Scifres
Melinda Scifres, City Clerk

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2014-06 which is granted, and Bill No. 2014-06 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2014-06 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-06 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Fike	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Baughn Merideth	Yes	Cartee	Yes
B. T. Merideth	Yes	Cheek	Yes

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2014-06 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-06 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Cartee motioned to hold closed session, with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Fike	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Baughn Merideth	Yes	Cartee	Yes
B. T. Merideth	Yes	Cheek	Yes

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Bullington motioned to adjourn at 6:08 p.m., with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk