

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**February 19, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, February 19, 2013, at 5:00 P.M., at which time and place the following were present:

Diane Sayre	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	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, reports, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, bills, and reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$3,592.00 in salaries for January, with five calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$15,195.19 in taxes collected with \$188.39 in Assessment Fund, and \$72.49 in Collector's commission.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$15,103.06 in admissions to the recreation center for January.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the local banks for deposits of the City, as follows: First State Bank - \$3,525,000; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

Christi Watkins, Municipal Court Clerk, reported \$31.18 in POST funds, \$31.19 in JEF Funds, \$222.32 in CVC funds, and \$3481.04 in fines collected.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following collections for January:

Water	\$ 79,614.45	Water Customers 2369
Sewer	21,845.89	Sewer Customers 2301
Garbage	36,190.86	
Meter Service	801.38	
Mosquito Spray	568.20	
Primacy Fee	6.00	
Sewer Primacy	11.40	
Sewer Bond	18,875.65	
Bond Debt Ser.	<u>541.00</u>	
Total	\$150,454.83	

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Fire Department had responded to three calls from February 4, 20 February 19. A safety meeting was held on February 11 with a representative of Ameren Missouri. Also, the state-wide tornado drill will be held on March 5, at 1:30 p.m.

Councilperson Hood reported the crews have been working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Eastwood lift station, and daily maintenance and testing at both plants. Wednesday the crews will start reading meters. Bids are being sought for new meter reading software, and will be opened on March 15. Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the department has been having a lot of trouble with the hand held readers currently in use. The new system will have new hand held wands and a laptop reader system. The new system will have a mapping system, which will enable the department to map meters, valves, hydrants, and more.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported the house on East 15<sup>th</sup> Street has been demolished. The crews then started working on the exchange building, and placing sign post on Playground and Greenwell Roads. Speed limit signs and no parking signs will be placed on the post in that area.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported basketball games will start on Thursday. Baseball sign-ups will begin this month, and will start preparing the ball-fields for the season. Two guards have been re-certified and certified some from out-of-town. Mr. Davis reported he is hoping to get some of the guards Water Safety Instructor certified. The Colorado timing system has been repaired, and will be shipped back to the center. Once that is returned and checked out, the swim team can host some meets. The roof over the pool has been replaced. Mayor Sayre reported the City is working with the school to get the lights at Kiwanis field replaced. At this time, the type of bulb used in the lights is in question.

Terry Rushing then reported he had sent out a letter regarding the abatement of a nuisance on Highland. Several occupancy permits had been issued, and an inspection had been performed on the work at Taven Apartments. Councilperson Pullam then asked if Mr. Rushing was aware of dogs running loose on Laurant and Beckwith. Mr. Rushing stated there are two packs of dogs the animal control office has been trying to catch. Mayor Sayre asked the Police Chief to work with Mr. Rushing, and check the possibility of getting an officer certified for use of a tranquilizer gun.

Mr. Rushing then reported the PAPI lights and the wind cone at the airport have been repaired. The only thing the City is waiting on is the flight check by the Highway and Transportation Department. Mr. Rushing stated he now has the drainage pipe for the 11<sup>th</sup> and Franklin project, but is waiting on the concrete basins, which should be delivered on Thursday or Friday. The Council was then advised the sidewalk at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Ward will need to be partially busted to repair the electrical for the street lights on the north side of Third Street.

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

**BILL NO. 2013-1**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-1**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 205.100 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR RURAL RESIDENTS AND FOR AMENDMENT OF THE FEES FOR OUT OF TOWN EMERGENCY RESPONSE.**

(Copy on file in City Clerk’s office [Read by title only because it had been posted for more than 24 hours])

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2013-1 which is granted Bill No. 2013-1 No. is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2013-1 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-1 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Mott	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Hood	Yes

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2013-1 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-1 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

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

**BILL NO 2013-2**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-2**

**AN ORDINANCE ELECTING TO MAINTAIN THE CITY’S ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICE BUSINESS LICENSE TAX OR FRANCHISE FEE AT THE CURRENT RATE OF FIVE PERCENT WITHOUT REDUCTION**

(Copy on file in City Clerk’s office [Read by title only because it had been posted for more than 24 hours])

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2013-2 which is granted and Bill No. 2013-2 is read the second time, The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2013-2 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-2 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Mott	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Hood	Yes

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2013-2 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-2 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to adjourn at 5:45 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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Mayor