

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
FEBRUARY 4, 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 4, 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	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. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes were unanimously approved.

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

The next item of business to come before the Council was the bid opening for the sale of lots. Terry Rushing, Operations Director, reported one bid had been received from Mark Tillman on lots located 208 (#5) and 206 (#4) East Seventh. Mr. Tillman bid \$1,100 on lot #5, and on #4 he bid \$650. The lots are located next door to his home place. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the bids from Mr. Tillman, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rushing then reported Adam Riggs had bid on (#6)300 East 4<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$1,604, and (#3) 610 W. 6<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$903.00. Mr. Riggs bid was the highest bid on the lots. Mayor Sayre reported he intended to build housing on the lots. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Russ Riggs bid \$1,000 on a lot at 10<sup>th</sup> and Laurant, which was the highest bid. He intends is to build a rent house for one of his workers. Councilperson Simpson motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

Larry Wallace bid \$1,300 on lot #2 at 604 Ferguson. Concerns were expressed about the condition of his current property. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to reject the bid, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayre reported the City has other properties to sale, and feels the City should stipulate the use of the properties.

The Council then discussed the property at 1104 Laurant. This property was not on the list to bid. Counselor Dorroh stated if the City wanted to sale the lot to the church that abuts the property, an average of the cost of lots sold tonight could be taken as a market value for the lot. The Assembly of God could purchase the lot for that price. Councilperson Grantham then motioned to allow the Mayor to enter into negotiation for the sale of 1104 Laurant to the Church. Councilperson Morgan seconded the motioned, and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then reported the Council would need to authorize the Mayor signing the contract to enter into the agreement for the enhancement grant for improvements to the Riverview Walk Trail. Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the Mayor signing the contract, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Morgan reported from January 25 through February 4, the Fire Department had four calls, and one training session with their air paks. Councilperson Rodgers then reported a sidewalk needed to be constructed from the north side parking lot to the rear of the building, as well as handicap access. Mayor Sayre reported visitors are not to enter into the back area of the Public Safety Building. If someone needed to see an officer after hours, a call should be placed to have the officer meet the person there so they can gain access to the building. Council could enter through the back if an officer is available. Mayor Sayre stated they would look at the handicap access in the rear of the building.

Assistant Chief Jerry Hudgens reported several search warrants were executed last week. The department was called by the Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's office to assist with an accident on the bridge. He thanked the Council for allowing the police to have the four wheel drive vehicles for incidents such as this.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the well on Industrial Drive is working once again. Mayor Sayre reported the engineer is finishing the specifications for the water line on Grand Avenue, and will be getting them ready for bid. Other lines that are scheduled for replacement are on Collins, East Fourteenth, and Gayoso over to Taven Apartments. The line on Gayoso would be a back supply line for areas around the nursing center. The City crews will get the supplies ready to do some of the lines, but the line from Gayoso to Taven will need to be contracted.

Paul Shaw then reported he is placing the meter program on hold to make sure the funds will still be available to purchase the necessary items. The water plant has been the priority. At this time, He is looking at purchasing the software only. Mr. Shaw will prepare a map for the committee to show how the upgrades will be completed with the new meters.

Richard Lee, Wastewater Plant Supervisor, reported the plant is running smoothly. However, he is still battling with the insurance company regarding the lift station that was hit by lightning. The engineer feels a second generator is needed for the lift station and the clarifier.

Terry Rushing then reported the crews have been hauling debris for 506 E. 13<sup>th</sup>. They have finished working on a lot south of the cemetery. The crews have started removing interior walls at the exchange building in preparation of the improvements for the museum. The pipes have been ordered for the drainage project on East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and should be here in two weeks. The crews will then then install them.

Mr. Rushing reported he has sent out two notices regarding construction debris that needs to be removed. He has done one electrical inspection, and one plumbing inspection. He reported he met with the ISO representative and reviewed the items necessary to lower the insurance rating. Also, the roofing contractors have begun repairs at the recreation center. The PAPI lights are operable, but they Highway and Transportation must do a fly over to test them before they can be used. The street lights on the north side of Third Street are not working, and repairs are being researched.

Mayor Sayre reported the City has built up quite a sum of money (approximately \$460,000) from the entitlement fund for the airport. These funds will be used to replace the runway lights, additional fencing on the east side of the airport, and a street going into the Ag-Ops section of the airport. The City's share of this project is approximately \$23-\$24,000.

Counselor Dorroh then reported Ameren Missouri has been authorized an increase of 7% for the electric rates. When the rate is increased, the law reads the municipality can take one of two options: 1) lower the franchise fee to compensate for the increase in rates; 2) leave the franchise rate the same. Mayor Sayre reported the funds received from the franchise fee for electrical rates do not always cover the cost of the utilities for the City. The City will now have an increase in their utility expense as well. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to keep the franchise fee at 5 percent, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Counselor Dorroh will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

Mr. Rushing then reported the budget for the Police Department needed to be amended due to the expense of the vehicle for the department. A total of \$22,183 is requested for increase the Police Equipment and Maintenance line of the budget. After discussion, Councilperson

Merideth motioned to approve the amendment with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next item to come before the Council was a resolution regarding Solid Waste and Senate Bill 13. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to adopt the resolution, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The resolution read as follows:

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PRE-FILED SENATE BILL 13 OF THE 2013 REGULAR SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE LEGISLATURE THAT PROPOSED TO ELIMINATE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts serve specific regions of the State which have proven to be effective in managing solid waste and meeting waste reduction goals which are successful at promoting regional solid waste planning through the Districts made up of local government representatives who understand the infrastructure, capabilities or unmet needs of every Missouri city and county; and

WHEREAS, the Districts use their share of Missouri's Solid Waste Fund to support and enhance the expansion of best practices that reduce the flow of recoverable material from Missouri's waste stream through grants which identify community needs, provide services to unserved or underserved areas, provide educational programs for local schools regarding waste reduction and special programs for clean-ups including illegal dumping and litter control programs which employ local citizens in green jobs; and

WHEREAS elimination of the Districts alters the original intent of the existing laws and would eliminate all local expertise, oversight and control and place yet another financial burden on already strained Cities and Counties, which is not in the best interest of those citizens; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of the Districts will have negative fiscal impacts on Solid Waste Management Districts, the Department of Natural Resources, job creation/retention, small businesses, local governments and other organizations working to expand Missouri's recycling industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, THE MAYOR CONCURRING HEREIN, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Council of the City of Caruthersville Missouri does hereby oppose the passage and enactment of Senate Bill 13 or any other substitute bill which calls for the elimination of Missouri's Solid Waste Management Districts which will increase City and County costs and place another financial burden on already strained Cities and Counties, and take away local knowledge, expertise and control over the waste reduction efforts which are not in the best interest of City and County residents.

Read, discussed and approved by the City Council of the City of Caruthersville this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

ATTEST:

S/Diane Sayre  
Mayor

S/Melinda Scifres  
City Clerk

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

**BILL NO. 2013-1**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-1**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING RIVERFRONT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS.**

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

Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Caruthersville, Missouri a contract with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for financial assistance to the City under the Transportation Enhancement Program for improvements to the city’s riverfront, which improvements are generally described as follows: construct sidewalk from the Transportation Museum at the corner of Third Street and Ward Avenue to the Riverview Walk Trail at Reynolds Park; addition of new parking spaces at Reynolds Park with a path linking the new parking lot and a new pavilion/visitor center and relocate an existing flagpole.

Section2. 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

S/Lawrence Dorroh, City Attorney

S/Diane Sayre, Mayor

S/Melinda Scifres, City Clerk

After discussion, the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2013-1 which is granted and Bill No. 2013-1 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	Pullam	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
	Grantham	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.

Mayor Sayre then requested the next meeting be held on Tuesday, February 19, due to President's Day. Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the change of date for the next meeting, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Mott then motioned to hold closed session due to litigation, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Grantham motioned to adjourn at 6:07 p.m., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk