

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
May 20, 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, May 20, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Frank Morgan	Mayor Pro Tem
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth	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, bills, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes, bills, and reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$176.95 in CVC funds, \$24.82 in JEF funds, \$5,024.19 in fines, and \$24.82 in Post funds.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$14,684.04 in taxes collected, with \$213.18 in Collector's Commission, and \$114.78 for Assessment fees.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$5,814.50 in salaries for April, and ten fire call responses.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$13,212.23 in admissions for April.

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

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

Water	\$ 64,225.86	Customers	Water-2395
Sewer	17,034.47		Sewer-2318
Garbage	34,486.10		
Meter Ser.	798.56		
Mo. Spray	566.28		
Sewer Bond	10,742.01		
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$125,394.28		

Counselor Dorroh then reported that Municipal Judge Bill Collins has requested a long term leave of absence without pay. Mike Hazel has been serving as Municipal Judge during Judge Collins illness, and will continue during this period. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the request from Judge Collins, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Police Chief Tony Jones then appeared before the Council to request the replacement of a 2008 Crown Victoria Police car. A 2013 Tahoe could be purchased on the State bid for \$28,300 to replace the Crown Victoria. Equipment for the Tahoe would be purchased, also. Funds for the items would be taken from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the purchase of the Tahoe and equipment with the Asset Forfeiture funds, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

Police Chief Jones reported the officers that had been appointed to the DWI task force from the region held a DWI check point on Hwy 84. The event had been advertised, and 296 vehicles were stopped during this period. There was one DWI ticket written, and various others were cited for no driver's license. The next checkpoint will be held elsewhere.

Fire Chief Charlie Jones then reported that within the last two weeks, one extrication had been done, and one fire alarm was answered. Currently there are over 300 people eligible for the fire district, and only 75 have opted to pay the fees. Chief Jones recommended putting the availability of the fire district fees on the radio and newspaper.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then requested the Council approve the advertisement of a forklift and trailer for the water plant to move the drums of chemicals. There are adequate funds in the chemical line of the budget in the Water Fund to purchase the equipment. After

discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the advertising for a forklift and trailer. Councilperson Grantham seconded the motion, and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Shaw then reported the contractor has started on the Grand Avenue water line. Also, the software for the new meters is in, and training will be held on that soon.

Councilperson Rodgers then asked if the water lines on 11<sup>th</sup> and Franklin have been installed. Mr. Rushing reported he plans on completing the installation of water lines on Wednesday.

Mr. Rushing then explained the roof at the Armory is finished, and now new floor tiles and ceiling tiles need to be installed. He reported he has sold three building permits, and written several letters regarding tall grass. Councilperson Simpson then asked the status of the house at 505 Carleton. Mr. Rushing is waiting for the deed to be signed and returned to him.

Mr. Rushing then explained that the paving of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street would need to be designed by an engineer. The Corps of Engineers and the Levee District will require certain permits because it is adjacent to the seawall. The Council agreed that engineering would need to be designed for all street paving.

Mr. Rushing then reported the City would need to approve funding the project for ADA accessibility at the Exchange Building in the amount of \$100,000. This would make the building ADA compliant for the use as a museum. The City has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for this purpose. The casino has agreed to fund \$50,000 of the City's portion, and the City could budget the remaining \$50,000 from the Community Revitalization Fund. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the grant from Community Revitalization, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Charles Cain then appeared before the Council regarding the City's method of mosquito spraying. He reported Hayti is going to do the aerial spraying, and asked if this was more effective. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan reported the City has not had success with the aerial spraying; it has not been effective. Mr. Rushing stated the cost of aerial was too great to consider.

Karen Hartung then appeared before the Council and thanked them for their service. Change affects everyone in the City, and you represent all the people in the community.

Counselor Dorroh then reported the Council had two options of voting once nominations for Mayor had been done. The City ordinance and the state law grant the Council the ability to fill the vacancy for Mayor through ballot or roll call. The Council could vote by ballot for your choice of candidate, and the City Clerk would count the ballots. Filling the vacancy would take a majority of the Council Vote. Councilperson Simpson stated that the Council should wait until all the

members were present at the next meeting. Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to table the matter until the next meeting, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to use the ballot method of voting to fill the vacancy of Mayor. Councilperson Grantham seconded the motion, and motion carried.

The next item of business to come before the Council was approval of a notice to proceed to Waters Engineering for the Riverview Walk Trail design. This is the portion of the trail from the exchange building to the riverfront. MoDot approved the choice of engineer, and has agreed to allow the notice if the Council agrees. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the notice to proceed with Waters Engineering, and Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Pullam then reported the Historical Society has asked the City to remove the old minute books from the Historical Society Room so they would have room for the Steele newspapers at the Library. It was agreed the books would be returned to City Hall.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Simpson motioned to adjourn at 5:55 p.m., with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Pro Tem

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City Clerk