

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
MAY 6, 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 6, 2014, 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
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor Pro Tem 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 Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Councilperson Rodgers then reported that Police Chief Jones had presented a letter from the Dyer County Animal Hospital regarding the use of a tranquilizer gun for animal control. The drug used is not a controlled substance. Dr. Dickerson stated in the letter that the Animal Control Officer has the capability of using the gun. The City has the gun, but would need to get the drugs and darts for use. The Council agreed to utilize the gun.

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the Fire Department had six calls during the last two weeks. Currently there are 70 residents that have signed up for the fire district. Fire Chief Jones reported the City had received the documentation regarding the rating from the ISO. The classification

remained at a 5, but the inspector reported there are two areas that can be improved. Improvements must be made by July 4, 2013 to accomplish a rating of four. Fire Chief Jones stated he is not giving up, and will continue to work to lower the rating. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan stated he appreciated the Fire Chief keeping the Council informed on the ISO inspection, and thanked him for his hard work.

Councilperson Rodgers reported the Committee interviewed a young man for employment with the Police Department Michael D. Hopper will graduate on May 31 from the Police Academy, and the Committee recommended he be employed upon completion of the training. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. Hopper as stated, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Simpson then thanked the Police and Fire Departments for an excellent job on Saturday during the Mayor's funeral. They did an excellent job, and she was very proud of the departments.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then reported there were funds still available to purchase 150 meters in the amount of \$26,700. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, then reported he had added some streets to the advertisement for paving, as follows: 19<sup>th</sup> and Ward, 16<sup>th</sup> and Carroll, 7<sup>th</sup> and Truman, and 2<sup>nd</sup> street at Bushey.

Counselor Dorroh reported he had been working to acquire a new lease on the airport ground. DDAB Farms will be renting the land with the Councils approval. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the lease, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

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

**BILL NO. 2013-02**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 115.130 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY RELATING TO VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR SO AS TO CONFORM THE ORDINANCE TO STATE LAW**

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2013-02 which is granted and Bill No. 2013-02 is read the second time by title. The question

before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2013-02 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-02 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor Pro Tem declaring that Bill No. 2013-02 to be known as Ordinance No. 2013-02 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor Pro Tem did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Pullam then motioned to hold closed session to discuss personnel, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Pullam asked if the Animal Control Officer could be allowed to take his truck home at night. After discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Morgan stated he did not feel that the City should allow the Animal Control Officer to take the truck home.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Pro Tem

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City Clerk