

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
DECEMBER 1, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, December 1, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. 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
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (B. T.)	Councilperson
Merideth (Baughn) (Absent)	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	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 Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson B. T. Merideth, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of payment of the bills. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve payment of the bill, with Councilperson Bullington seconding the motion, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Councilperson Cartee then reported the fire department had responded to five calls since November 21 through November 30. A CPR class was held for the firemen on November 24. The Fire Chief has now applied for a 50/50/ grant for twenty pair of boots for the fire department.

Councilperson Cartee reported the Animal Control Officer is turning in reports about how many animals are maintained in the shelter. The Council then agreed that more publicity needed to be made regarding the number and type of animals that are eligible for adoption.

The Police and Fire Department then requested to proceed with the advertising of bids for the fencing in the rear of the Public Safety Building. This would prohibit the public from coming through the back of the building, and they would have to use the front entrance. The placement of the fence had been approved in last year's budget from Asset Forfeiture Funds. Councilperson Cartee to approve the expenditure from Asset Forfeiture, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported he had contacted a contractor regarding the Magnolia sewer. He is trying to find alternative ways to fix the problem with the sewer. He will report to the Committee his findings.

Mayor Grantham reported the Operations Supervisor was on vacation, but had written a report for the Council. The crews have been putting up the Christmas lights on the street poles. The street sweeper has run several times throughout the City so the streets will look clean for the holidays.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, had submitted as report for the Council. I was unavailable due to kick ball games. This will be the last week of kick ball, and then basketball season will start.

The Code Enforcement Office reported he was following up on 25 violations he had warned residents about previously. He is trying to educate the public on the new ordinance regarding parking in residential areas. He will be working closely with Terry Rushing on this problem.

Counselor Dorroh reported the city's insurance company has asked the Council to add an administrative directive to the personnel manual regarding armed employees. After discussion, Councilperson Cheek motioned to table the directive until the Council has a better understanding of the action that would be taken if the directive was accepted by the Council. Councilperson Hood seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mayor Grantham then reported the last appointment for the Library Board was Ellen Madison. She has a conflict with the meeting time, and asked someone else be appointed. The Mayor asked that Beverly Tipton be appointed in place of Ellen Madison. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Bullington seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Bullington then motioned to hold closed session in regards to possible litigation, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Cheek	Yes	Merideth(B. T.)	Yes
Fike	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Hood	Yes	Bullington	Yes
	Cartee		Yes

After reconvening, from closed session, Councilperson Bullington reporter after the October financial has been prepared by the accountant, she will give a budget update to the Council.

Mayor Grantham then invited everyone to attend the Christmas tree lighting on Thursday night, December 4, at the City Hall.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Bullington motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m.. with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding. and

ATTEST:

Melinda Sifras
City Clerk

Sue Graffham
Mayor