

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**March 2, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, March 2, 2015, 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 (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth (B. T.)	Councilperson
Merideth (Baughn)	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, and payment of the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson B. T. Merideth, and seconded by Councilperson Cartee, the minutes and bills were unanimously approved as presented.

Councilperson Cartee reported the Humane Shelter had 22 dogs and 9 cats at the end of February. There are 15 dogs, and 8 cats that are up for adoption.

Councilperson Cartee reported the Fire Department responded to two calls from February 19<sup>th</sup> through March 2. The Council was then advised the Missouri Severe Weather Drill will be conducted on March 3 at 1:00 P.M. This is also Severe Weather Awareness Week from March 2 through March 6.

Chief of Police, Tony Jones, then asked the Council for authorization to participate in the Highway Safety program. The state will reimburse the City for the overtime that is paid for this purpose. Chief Jones then reported the fence should be completed soon at the Public Safety Building.

Councilperson Fike then presented the water department report. The Water/wastewater Manager stated the meters had to be estimated for billing this month, except for the radio read, and they worked great even under all the ice and snow. A motor went out at the Industrial Drive water plant, but a replacement motor that was on hand was installed. The motor that was removed is being sent in to see if it can be repaired. Flynn Drilling had come in to do their annual maintenance on the water plant, and found that an oiler on one of the wells had a problem, and this was corrected.

Mayor Grantham then thanked the road crews for getting the roads cleared during the recent ice and snow. The crews worked hard to clear the ice and snow from the roads.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported a swing meet will be held at the recreation center this weekend. The baseball and softball leagues are getting ready for sign-ups for the season. He reported the water heater that heats water for the entire building has gone out. He contacted three companies to receive quotes on replacing the heater. One company would not respond, and Hill Electric was the low bidder on the heater in the amount of \$18,171.89. Mr. Davis asked the funded to replace the water heater be taken from Sales Tax. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve amending the Sales Tax Budget in the amount of \$18,171.89 for the replace of the water heater from the low bidder – Hill Electric. Councilperson Baughn Merideth seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Terry Rushing then reported the City Clerk has been in contact with J & M Display Sales for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. This is the company that has done the display for several years. The cost of the display is \$6,000 and is taken from Tourism funds. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the contract for fireworks with J & M Display, with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Teresa Tidwell, Librarian, reported to the Council that she had recently revised the by-laws of the Library Board. The pump on the fish pond had quit working; Terry Rushing is working on replacing the pump. Also, leaks have been found when the ceiling tile fell at the Library. Mr. Rushing is looking into this, also. The Library is gearing up for a reading program this summer. This year it will include adults, as well as children of all ages.

Mayor Grantham then asked the Council to approve the appointment of Trey Cain to the Planning and Zoning Commission in place of Sonny Nelson who resigned. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Fike seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Bullington then motioned to table the draft of the Bill that was on the agenda until further information is obtained. Councilperson Cheek seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Councilperson Baughn Merideth motioned to get a survey of the property in question, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned the meeting adjourn at 6:32 P.M., with Councilperson Bullington seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk