

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
APRIL 21, 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, April 21, 2014, at which time and place the following were present:

Rick Davis	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 Hood, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes, bills and reports were approved as presented. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$6,692.85 in salaries for March, with twelve fire calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$4,611.95 in taxes collected, with \$72.84 in Collector's commission, and \$51.50 in Assessment Fund.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$17,890.16 in admissions to the recreation center for the month of March.

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

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$7,170.63 in fines collected, \$46.57 in POST Funds, \$332.13 in CVC funds, \$117.00 in Mo. Sheriff's Retirement System, and \$46.62 in Judicial Education Funds.

Terry Rushing reported \$200 in rent collected for the use of the Armory in March.

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

Water	\$ 68,414.01	Water Customers 2303
Sewer	19,932.43	Sewer Customers 2236
Garbage	35,223.40	
Meter Service	770.44	
Mos. Spray	538.56	
Primacy Fee	4.12	
Sewer Primacy	3.70	
Sewer Bond	10,506.99	
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$134,490.40	

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the fire department had answered four fire calls from April 10 through April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Police Chief Tony Jones then reported the police are enforcing the loud music ordinance, and people will be cited into court. Over the weekend, a crowd had thrown rocks at a Police Tahoe and did some damage. Councilperson Grantham asked if the cameras that are on order will help identify the persons that are doing damage in a crowd. Assistant Chief Hudgens stated it could, but he has told the officers to get out of the cars and start taking pictures of people in the crowds.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the Department of Natural Resources had performed an inspection at the water plant, and no deficiencies were found. The water line on Collins Avenue is almost completed. The City has approximately 2400 water meters, of which 722 meters are radio read. He reported he read the radio-read meters in an hour and one-half, where it took one and a half days to read before. Mayor Davis asked about the leak on South Ward. Mr. Shaw reported he has been trying to get a chlorine test done on the water that is in the area, but it does not come up unless it rains or the water table rises. This would be a way to tell if the water is from the City main.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported quite a bit of trash was left in French Park. The debris was not from the Easter Egg Hunt, but from persons that went to the park after the Easter festivities had been completed. He asked the Councilmembers in Ward One to assist him in the problem by talking with the community. He has asked the Police to assist with the problem, and see that people do not drive in the park. No vehicles are allowed in any of the parks. The Health Fair will be held at the center on Friday, and everyone is invited to come out and be checked. On Saturday a wheelchair basketball game will be held at the center, and on Sunday, a lifeguard in-service training will be held.

Terry Rushing, Street Commissioner, then reported the backhoe needed a new starter, and this had been replaced on Friday. The new grates for Easthaven and Midtown had been built and installed. The cover for the fuel pump at the airport had been erected as requested by the Aviation section of MoDot. Mr. Rushing then asked the Council to allow the purchase of two tires for the backhoe. He had received a quote from Sullivan's Tire Company for three types of tires: Deestone \$544.63 each; BKT \$611, 78 each; and Firestone \$742.85 each. It was recommended by Mr. Rushing to

buy the tires from BKT at a cost of \$1223/56, which does not include mounting. This was the tire recommended by the automotive shop, as being the better tire. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the purchase of the BKT tires, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Rushing then asked for the authority to purchase the mosquito spray supply. The cost of the chemical would be \$7,309.17 if purchased by April 30, 2014, and \$7,500 had been budgeted for the expense. Councilperson Bullington motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Brenda Davis, Librarian, reported the Public Library has joined a consortium of libraries within the State. There are twenty libraries that have joined, and all the books are listed on a computerized list. A courier picks up the books and returns them to the library. The last time the courier picked up books, they had 64 books from Caruthersville.

Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to approve the appointments as recommended by the Mayor, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The appointments read as follows:

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager  
Richard Lee, Wastewater Plant Superintendent  
James Lane, Water Distribution Superintendent  
Charlie Jones, Fire Chief  
Terry Rushing, Street Commissioner  
John Chittenden, City Engineer  
Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director  
Christi Watkins, Court Clerk  
Elizabeth Hardesty, Water Department Bookkeeper  
Melinda Scifres, City Clerk  
Mike Hazel, Municipal Judge

Mayor Davis then recommended the appointments of Sally Fisher, Wenlan Reno, and Jack Grantham to the Library Board. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the appointments, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Davis then recommended the appointments of Karen Meeks, Kyle Hubbard, Don Grable (2 yr. unexpired of Levita Lockridge) and Charles Davis (unexpired of J. J. Bullington) for the Parks/Recreation Board. Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the appointments to the Parks/Recreation Board, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

The next order of business was the appointment of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson

Grantham, the Mayor's recommendation of Lisa Curtis (1 yr. unexpired for Earl Curtis), Mike Trainor (2 yr. unexpired for Pat Cagle), Jackie Hubbard, and Sonny Nelson were approved unanimously.

Mayor Davis then recommended John Sellers for the Board of Adjustments, and Russ Riggs, Martha Fowlkes and Kathy Clark to the Tree Board. Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the appointments, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Bullington motioned to approve the Cemetery Board, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The Board was approved as follows: Kathryn Parkinson, Polly Lunceford, Ida Criswell, Nancy Luber, and Elizabeth Cutler.

Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the appointment of the Airport Board, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The Airport Board was approved as follows: Glen Haynes, Michael Tipton, Jack Tipton, Dick Reade, Denny Callen, and B. T. Merideth, Jr. as Ex-Officio.

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

BILL NO. 2014-3

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR AIRPORT APRON EXPANSION AND T-HANGARS

After discussion, the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2014-3 which is granted and Bill No. 2014-3 is read the second time by title. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2014-3 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-3 pass and become law as read the second time, with the council voting six Aye, and none opposed.

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2014-3 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-3 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bills and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Bullington then nominated Councilperson Grantham as Mayor Pro Tem, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried unanimously. Nominations ceased for Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilperson Grantham was appointed to the position by acclamation.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:28 p.m., with Councilperson Grantham, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk