

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JANUARY 5, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, January 5, 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
Merideth (B. T.)	Councilperson
Merideth (Baughn) (Absent)	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	Councilperson
Hood	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 minutes of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Bullington, seconded by Councilperson B. T. Merideth, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The next order of business to come before the Council was payment of the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson B. T. Merideth, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

The next item to come before the Council was the audit as compiled by Metheny and Smith, CPA, for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The auditors were present at the last meeting to review the audit with the Council. Councilperson Bullington stated the audit reported the City was financially sound with over \$5 million on deposit, and the General Fund continues to grow with the collection of taxes. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to accept the audit, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Cartee then reviewed the shelter report with the Council for animals that were picked up in the month of December.

Councilperson Cartee then reported five fire calls for the month of December. A total of 108 fire calls were answered for the 2014 calendar year.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported try-outs for basketball have started. There have been approximately 89 children signed up for the league. The life guards have been certified in CPR. All the weight room equipment has been re-upholstered. Some of the equipment needs to be updated, and Mr. Davis is looking at the cost to replace a couple of pieces of weight equipment.

Randall Lee, Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, then reviewed his report with the Council. He had eight notices to abate a nuisance; one notice to vacate, repair, or demolish a structure. He continues to work on the licensing of the salvage yard, and it remains closed at this time. He reported he is working with Ameren Missouri to have protective covers put on street lights that have been knocked out on several occasions. He is now working with the court system to have community service workers to clean up areas of the City. Mr. Lee reported he has given merchants until January 15, 2015 to get their business licenses. He is waiting for the City Collector to get him a list of those that have purchased license.

Councilperson Hood then thanked the police department for their participation with the Salvation Army during the holiday season. He is proud of the community involvement by the Police.

Councilperson Cartee then motioned to hold closed session in regards to personnel, and to receive privileged documentation from the attorney, with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth, B. T.	Yes	Cartee	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Fike	Yes
	Hood	Yes	

Councilperson Bullington advised the Council she had reviewed the October financial statement. Most departments are within their budget guidelines. She then asked the Department Heads and committees to present requests for purchases to the Finance and Budget Committee prior to asking the Council for purchase approval. The Finance and Budget Committee will need to look at the amount of purchase, and the budget before it is presented to the Council.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to reschedule the next meeting from Monday, January 19 to Tuesday, January 20, due to Martin Luther King Day. Councilperson Cartee seconded the motioned, and motion carried.

With no further businesses to come before the Council, Councilperson Fike motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m., with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:


Melinda Scissors


Mayor