

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
SEPTEMBER 16, 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, September 16, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Frank Morgan	Mayor Pro Tem
Pam Treece	Acting City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 Simpson, the minutes, bills and reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported nine calls during August with \$4,897.50 in salaries.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$7,674.16 in admissions to the recreation center.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$13,388.22 in taxes due the city, with \$138.40 in Collector's Commission, and \$38.30 in Assessment Fund.

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

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported receipts for August as follows: City \$4,233.78, JEF funds – 33.16; POST funds - \$33.19; CVC funds - \$236.60.

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

Water	\$ 74,580.75	Customers - water 2374
Sewer	20,608.75	Customers - sewer 2281
Garbage	35,347.05	
Meter Serv.	544.86	
Mo. Spray	425.01	
Primacy Fee	976.46	
Sewer Primacy	553.04	
Sewer Bond	10,752.26	
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	144,329.18	

The next order of business to come before the Council was the report from the City Clerk regarding the total amount that was posted on the tax rate notice. The Council approved the ordinance per line item and not for the total. However, the Council needs to be aware that the total that was posted was incorrect. The amount posted was \$1.0758, and the actual amount should have been \$1.0847. This does not affect the tax rate as accepted, since it was accepted for individual line items.

The next item to come before the Council was the bids for the airport lighting, fencing and gate. Five bids had been received, and the engineer recommends the bid from Electrical Services, LLC in the amount of \$189,875, which was the lowest bid. Councilperson Merideth then motioned to approve the bid from Electrical Services, LLC, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the fire department had five calls from September 7 through September 16. Fire drills will be conducted on September 17 at the High School and the Middle School.

Tony Jones, Police Chief, reported interviews had been conducted to fill once vacancy in the Police Department, and the Police Committee has approved the recommendation of Randall S. Letsky for the position. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Chief Jerry Hudgens then requested the rear parking lot at the Public Safety Building be fenced in with a vinyl fence and a gate on the end. The funds to pay for the fencing would be from Asset Forfeiture Funds. Motion was made and seconded, and unanimously carried to seek bids for the fencing.

The Police Department then requested that new guns be purchased for the department. On supplier has reported guns could be purchased for \$409 with a trade-in of \$275 each for the old guns. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to advertise for bids for the guns to be purchased from Asset Forfeiture Funds, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item for discussion was the high water bills. Several citizens were present regarding their water bills, and asked if there was a reason the bills were out-of-line. Mr. Shaw reported re-checks were made for the meters. Some of the things we have looked into were possible system malfunctions, reading errors, and normal heat related high bills. After reviewing the bills, it has been determined the water has gone through the meters. If anyone needs assistance in paying these bills out, the option is available to do so.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, then reported the backhoe is inoperable, and needs to get fixed. The Council agreed to get estimates to fix the backhoe.

The recreation center had sought bids for a copier. Two bids had been received as follows: Scheffer's Office Supply \$2,594.00; Shelton Business Machine \$3074.00. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the low bid from Scheffer's Office Supply was accepted.

The next item to come before the Council was the grates for drainage at the Housing units on East Twentieth. Mr. Rushing reported these items were budgeted for replacement. The Council agreed to seek bids for the grates. Mr. Rushing was asked to look at the Housing units in the area to see why there is so much debris.

Bob Lazenby then reported the handicapped areas in the downtown area have faded, and other people are parking in the spots. The street crews will look at having them repainted.

Mayor Pro Tem Morgan reported Teresa Lee had resigned from the Cemetery Board. Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to accept the resignation. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan then asked the Council to approve the appointment of Ida Criswell to the Cemetery Board, and motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the appointment.

Counselor Dorroh then presented the Council a Resolution to review which would give Third Street from Cotton to Eastwood a second name – Diane Sayre Memorial Drive. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made, seconded and carried the meeting adjourn.

ATTEST

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk