

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
APRIL 19, 2010**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, April 19, 2010, at 5:00 P.M., at which time and place the following were present:

Diane Sayre	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Chris Riggs	Chief of Police
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	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 approval of the minutes, reports for March, and the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, reports, and bills were approved. The reports read as follows:

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk report securities pledged at the banks for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$1,196,606.50; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Start 0 \$583,400.00.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$4,425.00 in salaries for the month of March, and nine fire calls.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$17,446.74 in admissions to the Recreation Center for March.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$8,971.85 in turnover to the City, with \$150.01 in Collector's commission, and \$13.40 in Clerk's fees.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, reported \$267.00 in permits and fees.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported collections for March as follows:

Restitution	\$136.74
Due to Debt Collection	20.00
Judicial Education	46.45

Court Automation	325.31
CVC Surcharge	331.36
CVC Surcharge City	17.20
LET-County	90.00
POST – State	46.48
Fines	4,969.00

Angie Dormer, Water/Wastewater Bookkeeper, reported collections as follows:

Water	\$ 39,732.67	Gallons Produced 93,796,000
Sewer	19,280.64	Backwash Totals 3,701,000
Garbage	32,984.87	City Gallons 42,100,000
Meter Service	776.73	Adjusted Gallons 47,500
Mo. Spray	552.15	Customers 2414
March Int.	81.90	
Primacy Fee	55.11	
Sewer Ser.	19.37	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,655.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$105,138.44	

The next order of business to come before the Council was the certification of election from the Pemiscot County Clerk. The certification was read as follows:

MAYOR	Diane Sayre	941
	George Wells Cook	569
City Marshall	Chris Riggs	617
	Frank Cervantes	462
	Ken Chastain	33
	Jerry Hudgens	433
Municipal Judge	Bill Collins	1233
Prosecuting Attorney	Lawrence G. Dorroh	1257
City Collector	Donna Brooks	1268
City Treasurer	Delpha Abbott	1241
Council Ward 1	Barbara Rodgers	151
	Dorothy McClanahan	85
Council Ward 2	Barbara Pullam	267

Council Ward 3	Baughn Merideth	324
	Pat Shade Slentz	119
Council Ward 4	Sheila Simpson	262
	DeWayne McCall	108
	Juan Edward Johnson	117

Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Pullam, the certification of election was accepted unanimously by the Council. At this time, the officials that were victorious in the election were administered the Oath of Office, and was seated.

Ella Thompson with DAEOC then appeared before the Council to report that National Prevent Teen Pregnancy Day will be on May 5th. She asked the community to inspire teens from becoming parents. A rally will be held on the riverfront that day. Letters will be mailed to business leaders to ask them to place positive and inspirational signs in their windows the entire week of the 5th. A cook-out is planned for the teens with gospel entertainment. Local worship teams will be invited on that day. Ms. Thompson then thanked the Council for allowing her to speak, and asked for their support.

Mayor Sayre then introduced the Government class of Jana Merideth. The Mayor then asked Ms. Merideth to promote National Teen Pregnancy Day at the school.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the adjustment report for the water department in the amount of \$3,938.85. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the adjustment report was accepted unanimously.

Councilperson Merideth then reported the Street/Sanitation Committee had met prior to the Council meeting to discuss several items. One item was the resurfacing of Ward and Walker was completed except for the striping and a little bit of brick work. Other patches have been completed at 13th and Ward, Third and Grand, Fourth and Grand, and West 19th Street. Also, a new street sweeper will be purchased through the State bidding process in the amount of \$138,475, which includes the trade-in for the old sweeper.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported baseball season will begin on Saturday at 9:30 A.M. The nine to ten year old traveling team placed third in the tournament. He invited the Council and all present to a Health Fair held by the Pemiscot County Health Center on Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M.

Councilperson Merideth then reported the insurance committee had met with Group Benefits representative, Mike Deren and Mike McGraw, to discuss renewing the health insurance. The insurance will increase approximately \$9.00 per month per employee, for a total of approximately \$30,000. All benefits will remain the same. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the renewal, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then announced an open house will be held on May 2, from 2:00 P.M. through 4:00 P.M. at the Municipal Court Facility at 1000 Ward.

Howard Tillman, Auditor, then appeared before the Council to review the audit. One of the items Mr. Tillman had a concern with was the Protested Tax Account. This has been corrected since the end of the audit year, and is resolved. Mr. Tillman reported the tornado had a drastic effect on the City. The City received a lot of grants and insurance money, but it still spent some of the funds. However, the City is still in sound financial condition. Another concern is the Water Department. It appears if you analyze the water collections, there has been a decrease in each meter collection. Another problem, is federal projects the City has received should be reported according to the project number, and separate accounting should be done for those projects. Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to review the audit, and if they have concerns or questions the auditor will be contacted to answer their questions. The audit will be on the agenda for adoption at the next meeting.

At this time, Counselor Dorroh presented a resolution to the Council for adoption. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the resolution was adopted unanimously. The resolution read as follows:

Mo. Department of Economic Development
Community Development Block Grant Program
FY2010 Application Form K – Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING.

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 does state as its primary objective “the development viable urban communities, by providing decent housing, suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income:’

WHEREAS, Title I does offer to communities the opportunity of monetary assistance in accomplishing its stated primary objectives;

WHEREAS, The Missouri Department of Economic Development is designated to award Community Development Block Grant funding under Title I; and,

WHEREAS, The city does have areas of need which may be addressed through the Community Development Block Grant program.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Caruthersville, Missouri hereby is authorized to prepare and submit documents which are necessary in applying for funding and establishing an administrative organization to implement activities pursuant to the aforementioned act.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applicant will dedicate \$5,100.00 of local cash funds and \$140,000 of in-kind materials or labor to be used in this project.

S/ Diane Sayre, Mayor April 19, 2010

Attested: S/ Melinda Scifres, City Clerk April 19, 2010

Mayor Sayre then appointed the following City officials:

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager
Donald Jones, Wastewater Plant Superintendent
James Lane, Water Distribution/wastewater Collection Chief
James Elliott, Water Plant Superintendent
Charlie Jones, Fire Chief
Chet Moyers, Sanitation Superintendent
John Chittenden, City Engineer
Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director
Christi Watkins, Municipal Court Clerk
Angie Dormer, Water Department Bookkeeper
Lawrence Dorroh, City Counselor
Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement
Melinda Scifres, City Clerk

Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Pullam, the one year appointments for the Cemetery Board were approved as follows:

Grace Prange
Katherine Parkinson
Polly Lunceford
Frankie Stewart
Teresa Lee

Upon motion duly made Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the following appointments were approved for the one year appointments to the Airport Board, to-wit:

Denny Callen
Gary Braswell
Dick Rheade
Jack Tipton, Jr.
Glenn Haynes
Baughn Merideth, Ex-Officio

Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to approve the four year appointment for the Planning and Zoning Commission, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The appointments read as follows:

Sonny Nelson
Jack Hubbard
Sheila Simpson, Ex-Officio

Councilperson Pullam then motioned to approve the appointment of Jane Ellen Lazenby to the Tree Board, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Mott then motioned to approve the three year appointments to the Park and Recreation Board, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried. The appointments read as follows:

Mike Wright
Jason Long
Lavita Williams
Geneva Bryant (2 yr. unexpired term of James White {resigned})

The four year appointments for the Housing Authority Board were then presented to the Council. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Grantham, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the appointments were approved as follows:

Rodney Fisher
Martha Stevens

Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Grantham, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, a three year appointment of Crystal Fugate to the Board of Adjustment was unanimously approved.

Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the three year appointments for the Library Board were approved unanimously, as follows:

Buddy James
Anita Cain
Barbara Meales

Mayor Sayre then appointed the following Council committees, to-wit:

Finance

Johnny Hood
Sue Grantham
Barbara Pullam
Sheila Simpson

Street & Alley

Baughn Merideth
Frank Morgan
James Mott
Barbara Rodgers

Fire & Police

Frank Morgan
Barbara Rodgers
Barbara Pullam
Baughn Merideth

Water & Sewer

Johnny Hood
James Mott
Sue Grantham
Sheila Simpson

Insurance Committee

Baughn Merideth
Sheila Simpson
Barbara Pullam
Barbara Rodgers

Councilperson Morgan then motioned to approve the appointments for the Fire Department, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and the appointments were approved unanimously. The appointments read as follows:

Mike Wright	Assistant Chief
Richard Lee	Captain
Lyn Moss	Lieutenant
Kevin Curtis	Lieutenant
Charlie Jones	Engineer
Bobby Coleman	Engineer
James Rushing	Engineer
James Lyons	Engineer
Ron Warren	Firefighter II
Randy Guest	Fire fighter II
Tony Smith	Firefighter II
Ricky Floyd	Firefighter II
Terry Rushing	Firefighter II
Jerry Hudgens	Firefighter II
Dickie McClendon	Firefighter I
Troy Meals	Firefighter I
John Buchanan	Firefighter
Jess Cagle	Firefighter
Terry Privett	Firefighter
Michael Coleman	Firefighter
B. T. Merideth	Firefighter
Tina Cook	Firefighter
Thomas Guest	Firefighter
Paul Shaw	Firefighter
Mike Nealy	Chaplain

Councilperson Rodgers then nominated Frank Morgan as Mayor Pro Tem, with Councilperson Mott seconding. Councilperson Merideth motioned nomination cease, and Councilperson Morgan be appointed Mayor Pro Tem by acclamation, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Simpson then motioned to hold closed session regarding real estate and possible litigation, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Mott	Yes	Grantham	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Hood	Yes

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Pullam motion to adjourn at 5:45 P.M., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk