

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
APRIL 6, 2009**

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 6, 2009, 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
Braswell	Councilperson
Cornacchione	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	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. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Sayre then welcomed the Caruthersville High School students that were attending the meeting for credit in Mrs. Jana Merideth's class. The Mayor hoped the students found the meeting to be a learning experience.

Counselor Dorroh then presented a liquor application from Edward Isom for a 5% beer license d/b/a Paul's Place at 1206 Vest from Ardelia Isom. The application was in order, and a money order was attached for the license. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the license, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Cornacchione	Abstain	Pullam	No
Hood	No	Rodgers	No
Merideth	Yes	Simpson	No
Morgan	Yes	Braswell	Yes

The application failed to pass by majority of the Council vote.

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the bids for the demolition of three buildings in the downtown area. Five bids had been received on the demolition of the buildings located at 3rd and Highland known as the “old ice house”; and the two buildings located at 4th and Walker, known as Horner Motor Company. The low bid was from Kevin Williams Contracting, L. L. C. of Commerce, Missouri, in the amount of \$47,950.00. The demolition will be expended through funds from Department of Economic Development. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the low bid pending approval of the contract through Department of Economic Development. Councilperson Pullam seconded the motion, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Cornacchione	Yes	Pullam	Yes
Hood	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Braswell	Yes

The next item for discussion was the bid opening for the relocation of the municipal court room. The architect had requested a base bid, an “Add-Alternate A”, and an “Add-Alternate B” for the court room. Add Alternate A consisted of special wood work in the court room around the judge’s bench. Add Alternate B consisted of exterior painting of the building. Four bids had been received with the low bidder being C. A. Walker Construction of Dexter, Missouri with a base bid amount of \$377,000. The Police/Fire Committee had met with the architect to discuss the bid, and is seeking alternate bids from local contractors on the alternates. The committee recommended the bid from C. A. Walker Construction. The City would pay \$200,000 of the project from the Sales Tax Fund, and work with local financial institutions for a four year loan on the balance. After discussion, Councilperson Cornacchione approved the low bid as recommended, with Councilperson Hood, seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Cornacchione	Yes	Pullam	Yes
Hood	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Braswell	Yes

Judge Billy Collins then appeared before the Council to discuss the JIS system for the new court room. This is a program that allows the clerk to input all information regarding cases, and balances of fines into a system. The company that manages the system will collect all old fines, and will add twenty percent to the fine for their collection fee. The City receives the entire amount of the fine, at no cost. For this service there will be a \$7.00 court cost added to each fine that is sent through the municipal court. The only expense to the City will be four days of training for hotel rooms and meals in Jefferson City. Counselor Dorroh reported the program will provide organization for the court. It creates a docket for the court as well. The City will be able to intercept state tax refunds for the fines. The cost for the program comes under a grant at this time. The City will be required to adopt an ordinance for the agreement, and to charge the \$7 court cost. The Council will consider this program in ordinance form later in the meeting. Mayor Sayre reported the City is considering a part-time court clerk that will utilize all of her time to duties of the court.

Mayor Sayre then advised the Council the storm debris clean-up is over. There is still work to be done at the debris pile, however. Any debris set out now will be the responsibility of the City.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, then reported the fish fry held last Friday was a success. The department ran out of fish, and made \$4,835.00 for the Emergency Management Fund. He thanked Lady Luck Casino for their help with the project. The Mayor thanked the casino for the staff that prepared the food.

Councilperson Morgan reported the Police/Fire Committee had met to discuss the hiring of Dan Elder to the Police Department. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the employment of Mr. Elder, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Merideth reported the Street/Sanitation Committee had met to discuss the mosquito spraying for the coming months. Chet Moyers, Sanitation Supervisor, reported a truck will spray on Monday, Wednesday and Friday – two hours at dawn and two hours at dusk on those days. A person has been hired to work part-time for this position at minimum wage. Mr. Moyers will take the sprayer to Kennett to get it calibrated for the season. A stronger chemical will be used this year.

Councilperson Merideth stated the Committee had discussed the parking on East Fourth Street. It has been determined there is not enough room to park and to drive in that area. The street is only 32' wide, which is 6' less than the west side of Fourth Street. Councilperson Cornacchione stated without the parking there is not adequate space for clients at several of the businesses. The Mayor stated the City parking lot on Fourth between Ward and Carleton should be striped. The Council will vote on an ordinance regarding parking on East Fourth Street.

Edward Isom then appeared before the Council to ask when he could re-file for a liquor application. Counselor Dorroh asked Mr. Isom to talk with him after the meeting.

Mayor Sayre reported the City is moving ahead with the paper work for the resurfacing of Ward Avenue. There will be a bid opening on Thursday at 2:00 P.M. for other street resurfacing projects. Then at 2:30 on Thursday, there will be a bid opening for the demolition of two residential structures: one on East Third Street and the other on East Seventh Street.

After discussion, Councilperson Simpson offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and since the Bill had been posted the same was read by title only for the first time:

**BILL NO. 2009-9
2009-9**

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-18 AND REINSTATING PARKING
RESTRICTIONS ON ALL PORTIONS OF EAST FOURTH STREET**

(Copy on file in City Clerk's office)

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2009-9 which is granted and Bill No. 2009-9 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2009-9 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009—9 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Cornacchione	Yes	Pullam	Yes
Hood	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Braswell	Yes

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2009-9 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-9 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

After discussion, Councilperson Cornacchione offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read for the first time:

Bill No. 2009-10

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI OFFICE OF STATE COURTS ADMINISTRATION REGARDING SERVICES RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM AND AMENDING SECTION 135.210 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY BY IMPOSING A COURT AUTOMATION FEE AS A COURT COST IN MUNICIPAL CASES

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2009-10 which is granted and Bill No. 2009-10 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2009-10 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-10 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Cornacchione	Yes	Pullam	Yes
Hood	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Braswell	Yes

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2009-10 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-10 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to adopt the following resolution, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and the resolution was read.

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

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Councilperson Pullam then motioned to hold closed session regarding the purchase of real estate, with Councilperson Cornacchione seconding , and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then asked the insurance committee to meet on Tuesday at 5:00 P.M. at the City Hall.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Morgan motioned to adjourn at 6:26 P.M., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk