

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
AUGUST 17, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, August 17, 2009, at 5:11 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 (Absent)	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 of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the reports for the month of July. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Morgan, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the reports were approved as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$7,794.00 in salaries, with seventeen calls for July.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$3,422,564; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Start of the Bootheel -\$583,400.00.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$5,999.07 in admissions to the recreation center for July.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$5,068.08 in turnover, with \$59.17 in Collector's Commission, and \$5.00 in Clerk's fee.

Chris Riggs, Chief of Police, reported \$7,657.83 in turnover with \$250.92 in CVC funds, \$34.00 in POST funds, \$238.00 in JIS funds, \$238.00 in Police Training Funds, and \$34.00 in JEF Funds.

Angie Dormer, Bookkeeper for the Water Department, reported the following:

Water	\$ 49,589.69	Gallons Produced 83,730,000
Sewer	14,343.19	Backwash Totals 4,344,000
Garbage	38,867.02	City Gallons 41,400,000
Meter Serv.	953.76	Adjusted Gallons 43,000
Mo. Spray	682.26	Customers 2468
Int.	76.39	
Primacy Fee	18.92	
Sewer Se.	4.90	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,905.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$116,441.13	

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

The next item to come before the Council was the bids for the drainage improvement on West Nineteenth and Truman. Six bids had been received. The engineer had reviewed the bids, and recommended the low bidder; Jethero Gater Construction of Sikeston in the amount of \$54,416.00. The total cost of the project with engineering will be \$62,916. Adequate funds were placed in the budget for this project. After further discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the low bid of \$54,416.00, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Merideth then motioned to approve the engineering fees of \$8,500, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the letter from B & L Cremations regarding the payment option for the crematorium for the Humane Shelter. The Council had previously approved Option B, which was a 10% down payment, and the construction of the incinerator would take 12 weeks. With Option A (30% down), the incinerator would only take 6-8 weeks to construct. With Option B, the manufacturer must wait on all of the environmental permits before construction can begin. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve Option A, and to pay the additional 20% down, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Police/Fire Committee had met regarding the hiring of personnel. A position had been opened with the resignation of Dan Elder. Councilperson Morgan motioned the appointment of Susan Ogden, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment report for the water department in the amount of \$3,125.30. Councilperson Simpson seconding the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayre reported the committee had met with the engineer to review the final documents for the revolving loan fund for the wastewater improvements. The engineer was instructed to make changes to the plans to submit to DNR, and move forward with the revolving loan fund. Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager then reported the Fifteenth Street water tower will be filled on Tuesday. Also, the generator at the Industrial Drive Water Plant should come on line Tuesday afternoon.

Counselor Dorroh then reported to the Council regarding the AT&T Settlement in the amount of \$84,507.63. In order for the City to receive the funds, an ordinance has been posted for acceptance by the Council.

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

BILL NO. 2009-14

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-14

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AT&T/SBC LAND LINE

(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. 2009-14 which is granted and Bill No. 2009-14 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2009-14 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-14 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2009-14 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-14 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Mayor Sayre then recommended to the Council the next meeting be moved to Tuesday, September 9, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. due to Labor Day weekend. Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the recommendation, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:24 P.M., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk