

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
DECEMBER 21, 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, December 21, 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
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, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, reports, and bills were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$6,309.86 in turnover to the Treasurer for the month of November.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$3,182.00 in salaries for November, with six fire calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$110,628.78 in taxes collected with \$2.00 in Clerk's fee, and \$6.60 in Collector's Commission.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits at the bank as follows: First State Bank - \$2,189,564; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star of the Bootheel - \$583,400.00.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported the following receipts for November: Dept. of Revenue - \$554.26; CVC Funds - \$571.06; POST funds - \$81.19; and Court fines - \$14,280.65.

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

Water	\$ 41,238.49	Gallons Produced	75,613,200
Sewer	18,402.60	Backwash Totals	5,173,200
Garbage	31,953.51	City Gallons	14,841,000
Meter Serv.	754.51	Adjusted Gallons	41,000
Mo. Spray	539.48	Customers	2445
Int.	75.06		
Primacy Fee	797.99		
Sewer Serv.	216.29		
Sewer Bond	<u>11,765.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$105,743.14		

The next item to come before the Council was the bid opening for the sale of lots by the City. Bids were opened on December 15, at 2:00 P.M. The Council reviewed each bid individually. The first bid was for the property at 704 Ferguson, which one bid of \$1,000 was received from Russ Riggs. Councilperson Merideth motioned to accept the bid of \$1,000, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Mott	No	Grantham	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Hood	Yes

The next lot was at 804 Beckwith, which two bids were received as follows: Russ Riggs bid \$500.00, and John Wallace bid \$4,000.00. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the bid from John Wallace, with Councilperson Simpson 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

The next bid was for 1001 Grand, which one bid was received from Russ Riggs in the amount of \$500. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to rejected bid, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and roll call was asked for which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	No	Rodgers	No
Morgan	No	Simpson	Yes
Mott	Yes	Grantham	No
Pullam	Yes	Hood	No

The motion being defeated, Councilperson Morgan then motioned to accept the bid of \$500, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Simpson	No
Mott	No	Grantham	Yes
Pullam	No	Hood	Yes

The next bid to come before the Council was on the lot at 304 East 7<sup>th</sup>. One bid had been received in the amount of \$1,000 from Russ Riggs. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Grantham 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

One bid was received on the lot at 308 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street from Russ Riggs for \$500. Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Mott	No	Grantham	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Hood	Yes

One bid was received on the lot at 202 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$200 from Linda Burnett. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Morgan	Abstain	Simpson	Yes
Mott	No	Grantham	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Hood	Yes

Councilperson Rodgers had then presented a proposal to the Council to increase the Council pay by \$50 per meeting. Mayor Sayre asked the Council to take this information, as well as the information from the survey taken of surrounding cities for similar positions, for review at the next meeting.

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the information from State Emergency Management regarding the tornado of April 2, 2006. The City Clerk reported to the Council that FEMA is requesting an additional \$26,866.22 be returned as an overpayment. The total cost of the tornado was \$3,564,581.39, with insurance recovery of \$1,616,699.57. After returning funds to FEMA, the City had received \$1,328,155.70 from FEMA. Once the funds have been returned, there will be an additional \$132,000 due from SEMA. The final cost to the City was approximately \$620,000 for DR#1635.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment report of \$7,960.38 for the Water Department, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the business at the recreation center is picking up. Basketball sign-ups have started. The secretary at the recreation center decorated for Christmas, and the center placed third in the judging by the Garden Club.

Councilperson Hood then advised the Council the Water and Sewer Committee had met to recommend the filing of an application for a loan with USDA for the wastewater improvements. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the filing of the application for a loan, with Councilperson Grantham 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

Councilperson Mott then reported he had received a request to name a road off of Woman’s Club Road. Counselor Dorroh will look at the procedure for naming a county road.

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

**BILL NO. 2009-18**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-18**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR CITY MARSHAL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI**

(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. 2009-18, which is granted and Bill No. 2009-18 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2009-18 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-18 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2009-18 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-18 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature, and was attested by the City Clerk.

The Mayor then advised the Council the City is hosting an appreciation luncheon on Thursday for the employees. The City Hall will close after the employees have had lunch.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Pullam motioned the meeting adjourn, at 5:34, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk