

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
December 20, 2010**

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 20, 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
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers (Absent)	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	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 Mott, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$4,015.55 in fines, with \$186.54 in CVC Funds, \$26.16 in POST funds, and \$26.17 in JEF funds.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$100,175.15 in taxes collected with \$10.91 in Collector's commission, and \$.60 in Clerk's fees.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$5,968.00 in salaries for November with twelve fire calls.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$6,390.08 in admissions to the recreation center for November.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$1,626,858.75; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star \$583,400.00.

Paula VanDeWaal, Bookkeeper for the Water Department, reported the following collections for November:

Water	\$ 46,363.64	
Sewer	20,602.10	
Garbage	34,223.04	City Gallons 192,700
Meter Serv.	778.32	Customers 2407
Mo. Spray	562.73	
Primacy Fee	147.25	
Sew. Ser.	47.76	
Sew. Bond	<u>10,460.11</u>	
TOTAL	\$113,100.79	

John Ferguson, Economic Developer, then appeared before the Council to introduce Susan Lawrence of the Mid-South Economic Development Alliance. Ms. Lawrence stated she wanted to observe and learn what the Council does, and to learn about Caruthersville.

Mr. Ferguson reported the upstairs windows have not been installed in the Exchange building at this time, but will be soon. The Port Authority and the Extension office will be moving into the building next week.

Mayor Sayre reported she had met with the architect for the Public Safety Building. Mr. Malone had inspected the construction site of the Public Safety Building, and found it was progressing properly.

Councilperson Hood then reported the Water/Sewer Committee had met, and motioned to approve the adjustment report of \$1,440.75. Councilperson Merideth seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then reported the City Hall will be closed this Friday for Christmas, and next Friday for New Year's. Sanitation services for those days will be on Thursday according to Branum's Disposal.

Charles Cain then appeared before the Council in regards to the condition of Thirteenth Street from Truman to Ward. Mr. Cain stated the City needed to resurface the street since the Public Safety Building would be in that area. After further discussion, Mayor Sayre stated the street is on the list to be resurfaced at a cost of \$375,000.

Mr. Cain then made comments regarding the financing of the Public Safety Building, and asked if the City had shopped with other banks for an interest rate. After some discussion, Counselor Dorroh stated the Council did not make the loan, and the questions should be directed to the Corporation that is handling the financing. Mr. Cain reported he did not see the necessity for a new Public Safety Building, and mentioned several reasons he did not feel it was necessary.

Councilperson Mott then thanked the Fire and Police Department for the great job that was done during the fire at Taven Apartments last week. The loss of the apartments at that site ended with no loss of life due to their excellent work.

With no further business, Councilperson Simpson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 P.M., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk