

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**June 1, 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, June 1, 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
Austin DeLisle	Acting Sergeant at Arms
Mott (Absent)	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	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 Hood, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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 Grantham, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the bid application for the surplus property that was opened on May 28, 2009, at 2:00 P.M. Bids were opened and read as follows:

BIDDER	ITEM #1 (Mack Truck)	ITEM #2 (Trailer)	ITEM #3 (Excavator)
McCoy's Salvage	\$1,650.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,750.00
Don Medlin Company	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$ .00
Riverland Trucking	\$ 400.00	\$1,050.00	\$ .00

Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the high bid from McCoy's Salvage was unanimously accepted.

John Ferguson, Economic Developer, then appeared before the Council to answer questions regarding his report that had been submitted to the Council. Mr. Ferguson stated that due the

availability of grants for demolition, Third Street is looking better. Mayor Sayre then stated Mr. Ferguson has successfully completed several grant applications. The Dream Initiative has been a very big boost to the community. He has worked closely with the Corps of Engineers on the riverfront development project. Currently grant funds are available for home improvements in the Dream Initiative area. He was successful in obtaining the Exchange Building at Third and Ward for the City, and is currently working with a developer for the use of the building. Counselor Dorroh stated Mr. Ferguson has always been very diligent and professional in his work.

Councilperson Morgan reported the Police and Fire Committee will meet immediately following the Council meeting for the purpose of interviewing two additional police officers. Councilperson Morgan then motioned the Council allow the Committee to hire the two men pending approval of the Committee. Councilperson Merideth seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilperson Merideth then reported the Water and Sewer Committee had nothing to report, but he did encourage everyone to vote on the bond issue that is being placed on the ballot Tuesday, June 2, 2009. Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported a large leak had developed behind Jiffy Jim's at Third and Truman. As of Friday, the crews had repaired the line. However, four businesses are under a boil water alert. A sample had been sent to DNR, and results should be back late Tuesday afternoon.

Karol Wilcox, representing the Humane Society, reported the 5k run had been held, and was a big success. She thanked all the City employees that were involved in the event.

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the demolition change order with the Council. The change order was to allow the removal of the buildings for the Public Safety Building. The contractor that is currently demolishing buildings have agreed to make a change order to the contract for these buildings at a cost of \$55,000. The demolition will be for buildings from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> (except Hardesty's Car Lot) on the west side of Ward Avenue. The demolition will include removal of the lights standards and the parking lots, as well as the concrete slabs. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the change order, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Pullam then motioned to hold closed session in regards to personnel and real estate, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre then reminded the Council to vote regarding the bond issue on Tuesday, June 02, 2009.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Pullam motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk