

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JUNE 21, 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, June, 21, 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
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	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 Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, 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 May. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the reports were approved as follows:

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$4,476.84 in turnover due to the City, with \$28.45 in Collector's commission, and \$3.90 in Clerk's fee.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$3,660.00 in salaries for May, with seven fire calls.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$8,261.51 in turnover to the Treasurer.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$1,196,606.50; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.00.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$6,029.66 collected in fines, with JEF funds of \$47.40; POST Funds of \$47.70; \$94.00 to Police School Training fund; and CVC funds \$340.10.

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

Water	\$ 42,058.99	Gallons Produced 108,865,800
Sewer	18,776.53	Backwash Totals 3,180,000
Garbage	33,816.31	City Gallons 44,700,000
Meter Ser.	792.19	Adjusted Gallons 32,700
Primacy Fee	78.60	Customers 2448
Sewer Ser.	11.60	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,795.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$108,460.07	

The next item of business to come before the Council was the proposals for a consultant for the airport project. Mayor Sayre reported two proposals were received; Water and Associates from Sikeston, and Crawford Murphy and Tilley from St. Louis. Evaluation forms were completed on both firms. Water and Associates rated highest of the two. The scores were 276 for Waters and 246 for CMT. The Mayor recommended the proposal from Waters and Associates be approved. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the proposal from Waters and Associates was unanimously approved by the Council.

Mayor Sayre reported bids had been opened for the Laurant/Beckwith street improvement project. This project will be completed through a grant from USDA for \$219,000. Two bids had been received as follows: Apex Paving \$294,871.00; ASA Asphalt \$307,287.50. The engineer has taken the bids to review for accuracy and will have a recommendation for the Council at the next regular Council meeting.

Bids had been opened regarding the airport improvement project. The City has received funding through MoDot entitlement funds. This project will consist of resurfacing the runway, relocating the wind sock and installing new lights at the end of the runway. Two bids were received as follows: ASA Asphalt \$518,859.00; R. L. Persons \$506,355.00. One of the bidders did not submit a DBE page in the bid package. The engineer has stated the contractor could file a protest, which would mean the City would have to advertise the project again. Findings from the engineer will be presented at the next regular Council meeting.

The following Proclamation was then read by Counselor Dorroh. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the Proclamation was adopted unanimously. The Proclamation read as follows:

**PROCLAMATION BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**

WHEREAS, the Caruthersville Ministerial Alliance is seeking to promote unity within the City of Caruthersville by and through its "Unity in CommUnity" program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Caruthersville supports the goal of strengthening the Caruthersville community through promoting the unity among its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the celebration of the diversity of its citizens in a manner that strengthens our community rather than allowing that diversity to divide our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, in support of the Caruthersville Ministerial Alliance and its activities to support unity with the Caruthersville community, the City Council of the City of Caruthersville hereby proclaims July 4, 2010 as "Unity in CommUnity Day" in the City of Caruthersville.

ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2010.

S/ Diane Sayre, Mayor

ATTEST:

S/ Melinda Scifres, City Clerk

Mayor Sayre then advised the Council she had contacted USDA regarding the Public Safety Building project, and the wastewater project. The engineers for USDA have made comments regarding the Public Safety Building and forwarded them to the City's architect. Our architect is now working on a response for USDA. The first funds that will be expended on the wastewater project will be the \$500,000 of CDBG funds. The portion of the wastewater project from the bond issue in the amount of \$1,500,000 is being reviewed by the engineers of USDA. The City is awaiting their findings at this time.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Police/Fire Committee will have a short meeting after the Council meeting.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the approved of the adjustment report for the Water Department in the amount of \$2,009.06. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the adjustment report was approved unanimously.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the All-Star tournament will start next Monday. The tournament will bring many teams and visitors to the City.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, then reported the need for light plant generators. He has received quotes for the generators as follows:

Mike's Inc.	\$7,100 plus \$450.00 each for freight (6kw tower with 4 – 1000 watt lights)
Magnum	\$7,325 (6kw)
Magnum	\$8,080 (8kw)

Chief Jones recommended the Baldor lights from Mike's Inc., and have the City crews pick up the generator. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to accept the quote from Mike's Inc. ad recommended by the Fire Chief, and to be paid from the Sales tax Fund. Councilperson Pullam seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Chief Jones then reminded the Council the fire hydrants would be flushed starting Monday, and warned the residents of the possibility of discolored water.

Councilperson Pullam then reported the alleys in her ward needed to be checked, and asked who should be checking them. Mayor Sayre reported she has asked the Code Enforcement Officer to get with the Street Commissioner to identify the alleys that are in bad shape. They have been working together on this problem.

Councilperson Mott then thanked the Mayor for the fish fry on Thursday for the employees. The employees enjoyed the food.

Mayor Sayre then reported a special meeting will be held at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday for the purpose of reviewing and adopting the budget. The Mayor reviewed some of the major expenses of the budget for the upcoming year.

The next item of discussion to come before the Council was an agreement with McDowell, Clark and Middleton regarding revenues and expenses in two areas of the City. One of the items in the agreement to check procedures and programs would be the Water office, and the other would be in the Criminal Investigation Fund. The accountants will charge the hourly rate plus out-of-pocket costs. The Mayor recommended the agreement be approved to gain a clearer understanding of the accounts as questioned by the committees. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the agreement, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then recommended the next meeting be held on Tuesday, July 6th, at the regular time, as the employees will observe July 5th for the holiday. Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the change in meeting, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Grantham motioned to adjourn at 6:41 P.M., with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk