

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MAY 17, 2010**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, May 17, 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 Cooley	Acting Sergeant-At-Arms
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	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 Mott, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bills and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the bills and reports were approved as presented. The reports read as follows:

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector, reported collecting, \$1,134.50 in fees and permits.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$10,758.23 in admissions to the recreation center.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits as follows: First State Bank - \$1,196,606.50; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Start \$583,400.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$66.65 in JEF funds, \$5,240.39 in fines collected, \$465.39 in CAF funds; \$474.60 in CVC funds; and \$66.57 in POST funds.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$4,939.00 in salaries for April with eight fire call responses.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$7,443.16 in turnover to the Treasurer, with \$108.13 in Collector's commission, and \$4.70 in Clerk's fee.

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

Water	\$ 48,661.54	Gallons Produced 99,132,000
Sewer	20,158.09	Backwash Totals 3,665,000
Garbage	34,420.56	City Gallons 51,900,000
Meter Service	813.27	Adjusted Gallons 32,400
Mo. Spray	582.65	Customers 2426
April Int.	77.87	
Primacy Fee	68.47	
Sewer Ser.	33.00	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,715.00</u>	
Total	\$116,530.45	

Wayne Smith, Chairman of the Park Board, then appeared before the Council to discuss the proposal of the funding for new tennis courts. Mr. Smith reported the cost to refurbish the old courts would be \$215,000. The Park Board proposes building new courts in front of the recreation center, which will have seating available for spectators. This location will give spectators more parking and restroom facilities, whereas the old location does not. The cost of the new courts would be \$400,000. The Caruthersville Public Schools have agreed to contribute \$25,000 per year for four years by resolution for the project. If the City will agree to donate \$50,000 per year for four years, private funding for the remainder will be sought. Grant funds could be available if the City would commit to the project. The U. S. Tennis Association has \$50,000 in grants funds available for projects such as this, if the City qualifies. However, the City must first commit to the funding of the project. After further discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to commit funding in the amount of \$50,000 per year for four years to the tennis court project, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then reported an adjustment report in the amount of \$1,213.91 for the Water Department in April. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the adjustment report was approved unanimously.

Mr. Shaw then reported the fire hydrant at 11th and Beckwith was put back into service today. The hydrant at 12th and Vest has been repaired, but needs to settle before putting into use again. The hydrant at 8th and Beckwith should be fixed later this week.

Chet Moyers, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, reported the mosquito sprayer will be calibrated, and will start spraying for mosquitoes next week. The employee will spray three days a week.

Bill Collins, Municipal Judge, reported that court is running very smoothly in the new court facility. People respect the new surroundings. He thanked the Council for making this space available; it will be a great asset for the City.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Pullam motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:28 P.M., with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk