

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
NOVEMBER 16, 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, November 16, 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
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 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 October. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the reports were approved unanimously as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$3,704.00 in salaries for October, with seven calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$5,541.18 in turnover to the Treasurer, with \$82.07 in Collector's Commission, and \$1.60 in Clerk's fees.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$5,456.22 in admissions to the recreation center.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits, as follows: First State Bank \$2,189,564.00; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star \$583,400.

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

Water	\$ 44,606.78	Gallons Produced 76,517,320
Sewer	18,308.83	Backwash Totals 4,541,000
Garbage	33,497.30	City Gallons 16,078,000
Meter Service	746.58	Adjusted Gallons 44,000
Mo. Spray	544.57	Customers 2430
Oct. Int.	64.01	
Primacy Fee	1,476.30	
Sewer Ser.	509.07	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,685.00</u>	
TOTAL	111,456.44	

Councilperson Morgan then advised the Council the Police/Fire Committee had met, and was recommending the employment of Terry Privett and Derek Dye to the Police Department. Terry Privett will graduate the Police Academy on November 20, 2009, and will come to work at that time. Derek Dye could come to work in two weeks. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the employment, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to accept the adjustment report for the Water Department in the amount of \$3,822.39. Councilperson Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Councilperson Merideth then reported the Street/Sanitation Committee had met to review the preliminary engineering report for street improvements. A grant from USDA is available in the amount of \$250,000. Streets to be improved through the grant would be Laurant and Beckwith. The Committee is asking for submission of the paper work to USDA for the grant. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve and authorize the submission of the application for the grant, with Councilperson Rodgers seconded, and motion carried unanimously. Mayor Sayre reported this project would be in next year's budget.

Councilperson Merideth then reported the Street/Sanitation Committee is recommending the paving of West Nineteenth, Third and Grand, 4th & Grand (railroad patch), and Fourth and Laurant (railroad patch). After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to accept the recommendation, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Karol Wilcox then wanted to thank Terry Rushing and the contractor that demolished the house next door to her. The crews were very experienced, and worked well with the neighborhood. The area is much improved, and the lot has been leveled nicely.

Councilperson Pullam then asked the intersection at 7th and Truman be inspected. It is very rough upon entering 7th from Truman. Also, she requested lights be placed on 7th and 6th along Truman. Mayor Sayre stated the lights on Truman are all on the west side of the road.

John Ferguson, Economic Development, then appeared before the Council regarding NAP funds that are available for renovation in the DREAM area. The Exchange

Building is owned by the City, and would benefit greatly from the \$200,000 in funds. He has proposed to the state to restore the building to its original design from 1916. In order to receive the funds, PCEDI would need to have an office in the building. Estimates for tuckpointing and a new roof have been obtained, and would be the first items necessary to repair. Counselor Dorroh has prepared a five-year lease on the property for PCEDI. The improvements to the building would be the only lease payment made for that period. The current tenant would continue to pay the City for the lease. If other offices were to be leased during this period, PCEDI would retain only a percentage of administrative fees for the lease, and the remainder would be submitted to the City. The Council would have prior approval of tenants. After further discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to authorize the Mayor to enter into a five-year lease agreement with PCEDI, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

John Ferguson then advised the Council that a DREAM Initiative meeting will be held on December 9, 2009, at 5:00 P.M. at the Public Library, and asked everyone to attend.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 P.M., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk