

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
OCTOBER 18, 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, October 18, 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	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 from 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 bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mood, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the bills were approved for payment.

The next order of business was the approval of the reports for September. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the reports were approved as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$6,092.00 in salaries for September with fifteen fire calls.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$4,418.35 in admissions to the recreation center.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$1,471.02 in taxes collected with \$10.57 in Collector's commission, and \$1.00 in Clerk's fees.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits 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:

Water	\$ 59,133.30	Gallons Produced	472,565
Sewer	27,747.26	City Gallons	236,200
Garbage	40,077.07	Customers	2408
Meter Service	890.15		
Mo. Spray	633.21		
Monthly Int.	92.23		
Primacy Fee	2,914.91		
Sewer Ser.	738.95		
Sewer Bond	<u>9,460.66</u>		
TOTAL	\$141,687.74		

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported fines collected in the amount of \$13,811.89, JEF funds \$75.03, POST Funds 74.98, CVC funds \$534.74

The next item of business to come before the Council was the bids for the portable shed. Three bids had been received as follows:

Dustin Cutler	\$626.51
Marlene McNatt	\$625.00
James E. Lane	\$702.39

Councilperson Mott motioned to accept the highest bid from James Lane, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the engineers report regarding the lift station bids as reported at the last meeting. The bids will renovate two lift stations – Third & Eastwood and Playground Road. The City has received CDBG funds to renovate the stations. The lowest qualified bidder was Robertson, Inc. in the amount of \$428,681. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the bid as recommended by the engineer, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

David Madison with the Pemiscot County Port Authority then appeared before the Council to discuss the re-organization of SMEDA. Mr. Madison reported the organization will be changing their name to Mid-South Economic Development Alliance, and will still consist of the six county area, but will include Butler County as well. The Alliance is soliciting investors for funding. Mayor Sayre reported the City has paid dues to SMEDA annually in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Madison stated the

office will moved to Sikeston, but will retain a satellite office at the Delta Center in Portageville. The Alliance would like a three year commitment from investors. Mr. Madison reported the programs that have been offered through SMEDA will still be held. Councilperson Rodgers stated the programs have helped many people in the area, and she is very appreciative of their work. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve \$5,000 per year for three years for the Mid-South Economic Development Alliance, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre then thanked Chet Moyers and the street crew for their work in preparation of the Chili Cook-off held by the Chamber of Commerce. The crews cleaned up after the event, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment report for the September Water Department collections in the amount of \$7,929.90. Councilperson Grantham seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hood then reviewed a report from the engineer regarding the water plant on Third Street. The engineer reported to upgrade the well and pump control system it would take approximately \$20,000. This would allow the operator to start the plant and make water without the need to continuously monitor the pump levels to keep the plant running and prevent flooding of the basement. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the expenditure, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the recreation center is mid-way through the Pee-Wee football season. Sign-ups for kickball have started for kindergarten through sixth grade. He asked volunteers to come by the recreation center if they wanted to coach or referee.

Terry Rushing, Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, reported the property at 303 Bushey is ready to be demolished. Two trailers at 10th & Laurant will be ready to demolish as soon as the utilities have been removed.

Mayor Sayre then reported the Halloween parade will be held on Saturday, and trick or treating will immediately follow the parade from 5:00 P.M. through 7:00 P.M. Nothing will be allowed on Sunday for Halloween.

Mayor Sayre then reported John Ferguson is working on an enhancement grant for the Riverview Walk Trail. A report should be ready soon to give to the Council regarding the progress and design.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Simpson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 P.M., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk