

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

A Public Hearing was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, September 21, 2009, at 5:00 P.M., at which time and place the following were present:

Chet Moyers, Keith Davis, Frank Morgan, Barbara Pullam, Sue Grantham, Sheila Simpson, James Mott, Paul Shaw, Johnny Hood, Diane Sayre, Donald Jones, Terry Rushing, Melinda Scifres, and Billy Collins

The tax rates are set to produce the revenues which show to be required from the property tax. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so the tax will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

ASSESSED VALUATION	CURRENT TAX YEAR 2009	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2008
Real Estate	\$30,396,314	\$29,813,314
Personal Property	<u>\$10,871,304</u>	<u>\$11,401,812</u>
Total	\$41,267,618	\$41,215,126

The following tax rates are proposed:

	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted	Tax Rate Ceiling (Per \$100)
General Fund	\$ 234,606.41	\$.5685
Special Sewer Tax	79,605.24	.1929
Library Fund	37,718.61	.0914
Public Health	67018.62	.1624
Cemetery Fund	<u>16754.66</u>	<u>.0406</u>
TOTAL	\$ 435,703.54	\$ 1.06

Mayor Sayre reported the tax rate ceiling is set by the State Auditor's office. The previous year the ceiling had been set at \$1.16. The Council elected to lower the rate to \$1.04. The Auditor has now lowered the rate because of the voluntary decrease.

With no comments to come before the hearing, Councilperson Morgan motioned the hearing closed, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried. The hearing adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

BE IT REMEMEBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met for regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, September 21, 2009, at 5:05 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
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers*	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth(Absent)	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 Pullam, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$7,737.51 in admissions to the recreation center in August.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$16,166.78 in taxes collected, with \$231.31 in Collector's commission, and \$13.80 in Clerk's fees.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$4,141.00 in salaries for August, with seven fire calls.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$4,189,564.00; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

Chris Riggs, Chief of Police, reported \$5,494.69 in turnover to the Treasurer with \$234.56 for CVC Funds; \$32.00 in POST Funds; \$32.00 in Judicial Education Funds; \$224.00 in Police Training Funds, and \$224.00 in JIS Funds.

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

Water	\$ 53,103.96	Gallons Produced \$84,440,000
Sewer	20,028.33	Backwash Totals 3,359,000
Garbage	36,818.15	City Gallons 22,000,000
Meter Ser.	915.63	Adjusted Gallons 47,300
Mo. Spray	653.12	Customers 2464
Aug. Int.	83.75	Gallons Billed 15,319,934
Primacy Fee	1,763.32	
Sewer Ser.	427.90	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,860.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$125,651.16	

The next item of business to come before the Council was the approval of payment of the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the bills were approved for payment.

Mayor Sayre then advised that bids were opened regarding the cameras and metal detector for the courtroom. The Technology Administrator is out of town this week at schooling, and need to be reviewed by him. Until he can review the bids, the decision will be postponed until the next meeting.

Mayor Sayre had presented the Council with a letter from MoDOT regarding the approval of ASA Asphalt as the contract for the Ward and Walker project. Once the contracts are signed on the project they will approve the bid, and the notice to proceed can be sent.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment report in the amount of \$2072.32, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried. Councilperson Hood reported the Water and Sewer Committee had met concerning the sewers on Ward. The engineer contacted a company that will check the sewers. The minimum amount for the job would be \$4,747, with any repairs being additional. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the contract with ADS Environmental Services and the funds will be taken from Sewer Extension, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre asked the Street/Sanitation committee to meet immediately following the meeting.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported sixty-four children have signed up for Pee Wee football this year, which is an increase over the last years. Three teams have been formed, and games will start October 3. Councilperson Mott then inquired regarding the status of the tennis courts. Mr. Davis stated he has contacted a company to see what needs to be done to the courts to get them

back in shape. The courts will need fencing and lighting. This would be a project for the next budget. Mr. Davis feels the schools will assist once the project is started.

Code Enforcement Officer, Terry Rushing, reported he is trying to keep lawn companies from mowing the grass into the street. He will continue to work on the overgrown lots on the east side. If the Council has concerns, do not hesitate to give him a call.

Mayor Sayre then reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had met regarding fencing issues. The Counselor is reviewing the fencing ordinance, and will submit changes to the Commission.

The next item to come before the Council is the tax rate for 2009 as set by the State Auditor's office. The rate was set forth in the Public Hearing. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the tax rate, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried, with one no vote by Councilperson Pullam.

*At 5:21 P.M., Councilperson Rogers appeared before the Council, and was shown as being in attendance.

After discussion, Councilperson Mott offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read for the first time:

BILL NO. 2009-16

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-16

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION AND LEVYING THE TAXES AND DECLARING THAT PURPOSE OF WHICH THE SAME SHALL AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THE YEAR 2009

(Copy on file in City Clerk's office)

After discussion, the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for second reading of Bill No. 2009-16 which is granted and Bill No. 2009-16 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2009-16 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-16 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Pullam	No	Grantham	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Hood	Yes
	Simpson	Yes	

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2009-16 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-16 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Mayor Sayre then reminded the Council of the earthquake preparedness meeting at 6:30 Tuesday night at the Public Library.

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With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Pullam motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:25 P.M., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk