

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
APRIL 20, 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, April 20, 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
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Braswell (Absent)	Councilperson
Cornacchione (Absent)	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 Morgan, seconded by Councilperson Pullam, the minutes were approved.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bills and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Morgan, seconded by Councilperson Rodgers, the bills were approved for payment, and the reports were approved as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$2,886.55 in salaries and six fire call responses in March.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$6,223.27 in taxes for March, with \$85.81 in Collector's fee, and \$8.80 in Clerk's fee.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$10,208.85 in admissions to the recreation center for March.

Chris Riggs, Chief of Police, reported \$15,304.49 in turnover to the Treasurer, with \$52.00 in PST funds, \$383.76 in CVC funds, \$52.00 in JEF funds, and \$357.00 in Police Training Funds.

Angie Dormer, Bookkeeper for the Water Department, reported the following collections for March

Water	\$ 70,012.55	Gallons Produced 39,196,000
Sewer	20,587.26	Backwash Totals 3,435,000
Garbage	34,371.81	City Gallons 252,400,000
Meter Serv.	775.19	Adjusted Gallons 66,100
Mo. Spray	554.43	Customers 2456
Interest	48.50	
Primacy Fee	62.82	
Sewer Ser.	<u>11.46</u>	
Total	\$126,470.24	

The next order of business was the approval of the certification of the April 7, 2009 election by Pam Treece, County Clerk. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the certification was approved as follows:

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April 9, 2009

City of Caruthersville
City Clerk
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RE: APRIL 7, 2009 ELECTION RESULTS

This letter is the Certified Results of the April 7, 2009 General Municipal Election for your City.
The results are as follows.

COUNCIL WARD 1

JOHNNY HOOD 17

COUNCIL WARD 2

JAMES MOTT 52
DANIEL CORNACCHIONE 50

COUNCIL WARD 3

SUE GRANTHAM 42

COUNCIL WARD 4

FRANK MORGAN 39

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF PEMISCOT)

I, Pam Treece, Clerk of the County Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct return of the election held on April 7, 2009.

Pam Treece
County Clerk

Frank Morgan, Sue Grantham and James Mott were then administered the oath of office by the City Clerk, and were seated at the Council table. Councilperson Hood was absent, and will be sworn in at a later date.

A liquor application from Ardelia Isom was then presented to the Council. Councilperson Dorroh stated the application is the same that failed at the last meeting. The application could not be considered at this time. The next order would be for the individual requesting the license to ask the Council to repeal the original actions. A new application would need to be completed.

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the bids for the demolition of two residential structures owned by the City. The structures were at 3rd and Bushey and 304 E. 7th. Three bids had been received, with the low bidder being Kevin Williams of Commerce, Missouri at \$11,600. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the low bid, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre reported bids had been sought for the resurfacing of three streets – West Eighth from Truman to Carleton; East Ninth from Ward to Bell; and Marlar Road. Two bids had been received, with Apex Paving being the low bid at \$171,808.87. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the bid from Apex, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the adjustment amount of the monthly report was incorrect, and should have read \$2,397.48. He requested the Council approve the adjustment report for March. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the adjustment report as stated by Mr. Shaw, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

The Council was then advised the work on the French Park ball fields is continuing. The Director feels the fields will be ready in the next week.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector, reported two dilapidated sheds have been removed from properties within the City. The City is hauling the debris to the Dyersburg transfer station. The properties had been under code violation for some time. Mayor Sayre reported the City has done several properties in this manner, and progress is being made on the list of violations.

Charles Cain then appeared before the Council regarding the renovation of the old library into a municipal court building. Mr. Cain did not understand the need to spend \$377,000 for the renovation. He felt the building could be used as it is, and asked the Council to reconsider the renovations. Councilperson Pullam stated to build another building would have been an even greater cost. Mayor Sayre reported the contracts have already been signed, and there would be consequences in cancelling the contract at this time. The Mayor invited Mr. Cain to review the plans of the building. The building is being renovated to meet the standards of the court regulations, and ADA regulations. Counselor Dorroh stated it will meet the needs of the community. A clerk will be on duty part-time to collect the fines. The Council had voted at a previous meeting to join the automated court system through the state, and the clerk will need to put all fines and citations into the system. This work will be done through the system as scheduled into the plan of the building.

Councilperson Mott then asked if the pot holes would be fixed when the resurfacing of streets was being performed. He was advised the City does repairs of all pot holes, and a list would need to be given to the Street/Sanitation Commissioner.

After discussion, Councilperson Morgan offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; the Bill was posted prior to the meeting and the same was read for the first time by title only:

BILL NO. 2009-11

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, AMENDING CHAPTER 600 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES GOERNING THE REGULATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

(Copy on file in City Clerk’s office)

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2009-11 which is granted and Bill No. 2009-11 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2009-11 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-11 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2009-11 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-1 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 reported she had met USDA Rural Development regarding a grant for the Public Safety Building. During the meeting she had requested funding for two police cars. Two apply for the grant for the two cars a resolution is needed for the financial assistance. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to adopt the resolution for funding, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and the vote was unanimous.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Pullam motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:56 P.M., with Councilperson Mott seconding the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk