

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
AUGUST 3, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 5:00 P.M., at which time and place the following were present:

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| Diane Sayre              | Mayor           |
| Melinda Scifres          | City Clerk      |
| Lawrence Dorroh (Absent) | City Counselor  |
| Chris Riggs              | Chief of Police |
| Hood (Absent)            | 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 of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Pullam, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of payment of the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Mayor Sayre then advised the Council the Corps of Engineers will be holding a public meeting regarding the Riverfront Development on August 13, 2009, at 4:00 P.M. at the Public Library in the Baxter Southern Auditorium. The Council was asked to attend the meeting.

The next item of discussion to come before the Council was the use and purchase of a crematorium for the humane Shelter. The Council had discussed the matter at the last meeting, and clarification had been sought on several issues. The first issue was the size needed for the shelter. After talking with a representative of the company, the smaller size would be adequate for the City's needs. The BL 400/75 crematorium would allow the staff to dispose of 400 pounds per incineration. Currently, the veterinarian is disposing of 250 lbs. a week. The Mayor gave the Council documentation regarding the options that would be required for the operation of the crematorium. After options are added, the total cost of the crematorium would be \$35,820. Then an addition \$18,000 would be required for the construction of a metal building to house the crematorium, as well as a concrete slab to erect the building on. The site would need to be prepared, and drainage corrected. The company offered the

City three payment options. The first option (Plan A) required the City pay 30% of the cost of the incinerator down, and 30% thirty days from signed contract; another 35% would be due when the unit is ready for shipping; and the remaining 5% due upon start-up. The second option (Plant B) requires a 10% deposit upon signing of the contract, with 40% due on start of manufacturing after receipt of air permit; 45% due when unit is ready for shipping; and 5% due upon start-up to be picked up by the technician. The third option (Plan C) was an 84 month lease agreement. The Mayor stated the City could finance the equipment for a three year period, or pay for the equipment with the settlement from AT&T funds. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to move forward with the purchase of the crematorium, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Morgan | Yes | Rodgers  | Yes |
| Mott   | No  | Simpson  | Yes |
| Pullam | Yes | Grantham | Yes |

The Mayor then asked the Council for authorization to proceed with advertising for the building. Councilperson Mott motioned to proceed with the advertising for construction of the building for the crematorium, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

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|--------|-----|----------|-----|
| Morgan | Yes | Rodgers  | Yes |
| Mott   | No  | Simpson  | Yes |
| Pullam | Yes | Grantham | Yes |

The next item of discussion was the option for paying for the crematorium to the company that will build the equipment. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to pay according to Plan "B", which would require a 10% down payment, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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|--------|-----|----------|-----|
| Morgan | Yes | Rodgers  | Yes |
| Mott   | No  | Simpson  | Yes |
| Pullam | Yes | Grantham | Yes |

The next order of business to come before the Council was the specifications regarding materials used for fencing. The Council had been given copies of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held in 2007 regarding fencing, along with copies of ordinances that had been proposed at that time. The Council had adopted an ordinance that would allow 6' chain link fences in the front yard. The Counselor has stated the Planning and Zoning Commission would have to have a meeting, and another public hearing would be required to change the fence specifications. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to notify the Planning and Zoning Commission of the request. The Council would be notified of the time and date of the meeting.

Mayor Sayre reported official notice had been received from MoDot regarding the approval of the paving of Ward Avenue and Walker Avenue. Bids will be opened on August 27, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. This will be performed through a MoDot grant.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported a contractor is being brought in to look at the ball fields. The fields are holding water, and need to have clay added. The first field to be repaired will be Kiwanis Field. This was a budgeted item, and should have been done every other year. It has not been done in approximately five years.

After discussion, Councilperson Mott offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read for the first time by title only: (Ordinance had been posted)

**BILL NO. 2009-13**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS**

**(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. 2009-13, which is granted, and Bill No. 2009-13 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2009-13 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-13 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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|--------|-----|----------|-----|
| Morgan | Yes | Rodgers  | Yes |
| Mott   | Yes | Simpson  | Yes |
| Pullam | Yes | Grantham | Yes |

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2009-13 to be known as Ordinance No. 2009-13 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

The next item to come before the Council was a resolution to allow the City to participate in a grant in the amount of \$27,500 from USDA Rural Development for the purchase of police cars. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Grantham, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the resolution was adopted as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI FOR \$27,500.00 COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT FROM RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Caruthersville (hereinafter called Grantee) intends to apply for a Community Facilities Grant in the amount of \$27,500 from the United States of America, acting under the provisions of the Community Facilities Grant Program (7 C.F.R. Part 3570, Subpart B) for the purpose of purchasing two police vehicles (herein referred to as the equipment); and

WHEREAS, as a condition to and in consideration of receiving financial assistance in the form of the Community Facilities Grant from the agency, this Resolution is being adopted.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises, Grantee agrees as follows:

- (1) The Grantee hereby applies for, approves and accepts a Community Facilities Grant in an amount not to exceed \$27,500 in accordance with the terms specified in the Letter of Conditions, the Grant Resolution and the General Requirements for Administration of Community Facilities Grants (RD Instruction 3570, Section B).
- (2) The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to apply for, approve, accept and talk all actions necessary to obtain and complete the requirements of the Community Facilities Grant under the terms offered by the agency.

This Resolution shall be in force and effect immediately.

The voting was Yeas: 6 , Nays: 0 , Absent 2 .

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Roll call was asked for on the question of adoption of the Resolution, which resulted in the following vote on said question:

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| Morgan | Yes | Rodgers  | Yes |
| Mott   | Yes | Simpson  | Yes |
| Pullam | Yes | Grantham | Yes |

Councilperson Grantham then motioned to hold closed session regarding real estate, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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|--------|-----|----------|-----|
| Morgan | Yes | Rodgers  | Yes |
| Mott   | Yes | Simpson  | Yes |
| Pullam | Yes | Grantham | Yes |

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:55 P.M., with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk