

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
JANUARY 19, 2010**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room on Monday, January 19, 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
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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, bill, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved. The reports read as follows:

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$257,465.09 in taxes collected for December with \$26.67 in Collector's commission, and \$2.00 in Clerk's fee.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief reported \$4,232.00 in salaries for December with nine fire calls.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$11,585.28 in turnover to the City for the month of December.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$2,189,564; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; and Bank Star of the Bootheel \$583,400.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$20,140.50 in municipal court fines for December.

Angela Dormer, Bookkeeper for Water Department, reported the following for the month of December:

Water	\$ 40,543.04	Gallons Produced 88,661,000
Sewer	17,305.66	Backwash Totals 6,881,000
Garbage	31,838.97	City Gallons 23,550,000
Meter Ser.	738.41	Adjusted Gallons 43,600
Mo. Spray	525.83	Customers 2448
Dec. Int.	67.30	
Primacy Fee	496.02	
Sewer Ser.	126.34	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,800.00</u>	
Total	\$103,441.57	

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the letter dated January 7, 2010, from SEMA with the Council. SEMA has finally remitted funds for the April 2, 2006, tornado in the amount of \$173,345.86. This is the final payment for the disaster known as DR-1635.

The Mayor reported to the Council that a meeting was held with the architect and the contractor regarding the final punch list for the Municipal Court Building. The list has decreased some, and hopefully within two weeks will be completed. The sign was installed today, and the parking lot has been partially laid.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to accept the adjustment reported in the amount of \$5,861.14 for the Water Department in December. Councilperson Merideth seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then thanked the water and sewer crews for the extra effort and work that was done when the main broke on Ward Avenue. It was cold, and they stuck with it until they got the main repaired. Terry Rushing helped the crews with this effort. Councilperson Hood expressed appreciation for the crews that assisted recently at Hayti Heights.

Chet Moyers, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, then reported it was time to order mosquito control chemical. If the City orders the chemical at this time, we will receive a 10% discount. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve purchasing the chemical with the discount, and Councilperson Pullam seconded the motion. The Council unanimously passed the motion.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, presented the Council with information regarding the ball programs at the recreation center. The past year only one program had made money for the center, and that was the baseball program. Approximate 540 children participate in the programs throughout the year. Mr. Davis felt the availability of programs and functions at the recreation center for the children far outweigh the expense. Mr. Davis reported money has been saved by collecting uniforms for use the following year, and having the football helmets reconditioned.

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

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Pullam motioned to adjourn at 6:05 P.M., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk