

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JULY 20, 2009**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building 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
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	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 Hood, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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 Simpson, the reports were approved unanimously as follows:

Angie Dormer, Bookkeeper for the Water Department, reported collections for June as follows:

Water	\$33,445.11	Gallons Produced 79,830,000
Sewer	21,153.21	Backwash Totals 3,798,000
Garbage	34,832.80	City Gallons 46,100,000
Meter Service	827.99	Adjusted Gallons 31,000
Mo. Spray	591.12	Customers 2496
June Int.	62.04	
Primacy Fee	23.17	
Sewer Serv.	<u>6.50</u>	
TOTAL	\$90,941.94	

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$3,581.05 in salaries for June, with nine calls.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits of the City as follows: First State - \$3,422,564; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

City Collector, Donna Brooks, reported \$12,303.88 in turnover to the Treasurer, with \$64.32 in commission, and \$5.50 in Clerk's fees.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$6,723.71 in admissions to the recreation center for June.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, reported \$459.50 in permits and fees collected.

Chris Riggs, Chief of Police, reported \$18,170.96 in turnover to the Treasurer, with \$450.54 in CVC funds, and \$58.00 in POST funds, \$364.00 in JIS funds, \$427.00 in Police training, and \$58.00 in JEF funds.

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 approved for payment.

The discussion then turned to the cost of euthanasia for the animals at the Humane shelter. The Council was given copies of the cost of a crematorium. In the last two years the City has spent \$36,326 with the Animal Hospital in animal disposal. A crematorium that would take up to 75 lbs. would cost \$29,900, while a crematorium that would handle 150 lbs would be \$41,900. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to move ahead with the lease purchase and research the cost of operation for the crematorium that would handle 150 lbs. Councilperson Grantham seconded the motion, and was carried unanimously. The price list included options of which the Mayor would see if any would be necessary for the operation of the crematorium.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the June adjustment reported in the amount of \$529.89, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Paul Shaw then reported several feet of 10" pipe had been replaced at 14th and Ward where the road had fallen in. There are a couple of other areas that may have a similar problem. A camera will be run into the sewers at those locations to see what the problem is. The generator at the Industrial Park Water Plant should be installed by next week, and the generator at the South Ward station has been installed. The wastewater plant is now able to haul sludge. Mayor Sayre reported that engineer had meet with herself, Paul Shaw, and Donald Jones regarding a priority list for the wastewater improvements for the \$1.5 million bond issue. An application for a grant has been made through DNR in the amount of \$550,000 for the wastewater needs. Once the list of repairs has been completed by the engineer, it will be brought before the Council.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation, reported all tournaments have ended, and the Parks Department will start the football league.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, reported he is still working on tall grass. Some property owners have cut the grass, but others have twelve days before the City can take action. When asked about a manufactured home on Lincoln, Mr. Rushing reported the trailer was legal in that area, and met all specifications. Mayor Sayre suggested the Council consider changing the ordinance to allow trailers only in licensed trailer courts.

Charles Cain then appeared before the sewer, and stated the sewer on Ward Avenue was raised in the 1970's or late 1960's. He can remember the street having a trench down the center. Mayor Sayre stated the line at 13th Street may have a break. The City will be checking the problem.

Councilperson Simpson then asked the Council revisit the fence ordinance, especially regarding the materials used as fencing. The Counselor will look at the original fence ordinance, and bring it to the Council for review.

The next item to come before the Council was the accounting agreement with McDowell, Clark & Middleton, L.L.C. The accounting firm has agreed to do the monthly accounting and payroll for \$1,770 per month. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the agreement, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Councilperson Merideth motioned to hold close session, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

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

After reconvening from closed session, Councilperson Pullam motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 P.M., with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk