

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
JULY 6, 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, July 6, 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
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 Rodgers, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

The next item of business to come before the Council was the bids for mowing private lots. An ad had been placed in the local paper, and one vendor responded. Riggs Lawn and Landscaping submitted a bid. The first mowing of an abandoned lot would be \$50.00, with all mowing afterward being \$20.00. The City will make the decision when the lot needs to be mowed, and the Code Enforcement Officer will inspect the lot after each mowing. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and the motion carried unanimously. The cost of mowing will be placed on a tax bill to collect.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council authorize a change order for the Municipal Court Room. In the original bid, the wood work for the court room was bid at \$27,000. The contractor has worked with a local contractor, and arranged to have the wood work done for \$23,375.00. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the change order, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

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

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Police and Fire Committee had met to discuss hiring personnel. Councilperson Morgan motioned to appoint Charles Youngblood as a patrolman to the Police Department as recommended by the Committee, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

The Police/Fire Committee had discussed the purchase of a generator to be used for shelters during a disaster. The Sales Tax Fund had a budget for the generator of \$25,000. The Fire Chief received a bid of \$23,300 for a generator. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Morgan then reported Terry Rushing will be leaving the Fire Department, and the committee recommended appointing Jim Lyons as a full-time engineer in his place. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Donald Jones, Wastewater Plant Supervisor, then reported to the Council regarding the sink hole at 13<sup>th</sup> & Ward. The crews will have to dig it out to find what the problem is. Also, at 8<sup>th</sup> and Truman, the crews have replaced the ring on the sewer cover that was split when the concrete blew out. The State Highway Department will repair the highway soon. Also, the generator at the South Ward lift station is hooked up and has been tested.

Chet Moyers, Street/Sanitation Supervisor, reported he has been looking for someone to drive the street sweeper part-time. This person must have a CDL license with air-brake endorsement. This person would work at night to do the street sweeping.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the All-Star tournament is being held currently. Also, the Assistant Director, Randall Waldrop, has been hired, and is doing a good job organizing the program. Mr. Davis reported he is maintaining the pool at this time, but will train the assistant to do so.

Mayor Sayre then reported the Water Department has been collecting the fee for the wastewater bonds. The money will need to be placed into a separate account. Authorization to open the account was needed from the Council. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to authorize opening the account for the wastewater bonds, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then reported she had contacted Putnam Chevrolet in California, Missouri, regarding the purchase of a truck for the Park/Recreation Department through the state bid list. The cost for the truck would be \$20,601. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the purchase of the truck through the state procurement, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then reported Terry Rushing has accepted the position of Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector. The job will be a combined position, with one person doing both jobs. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the appointment of Terry Rushing as Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

Counselor Dorroh then reported the Police Department has applied for a \$12,200 for speed enforcement, and a \$7,690.00 grand for DWI enforcement. Chief Riggs stated this would overtime reimbursement program. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve participation in the programs, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 P.M., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk