

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MARCH 1, 2010

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, March 1, 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
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 Merideth the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Counselor Dorroh then advised the Council the City has received permission from the owner to demolish the property that had burned at 8th and Beckwith. The City will need to advertise for bids for the demolition, and a tax bill will be made to collect the cost of the demolition. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approved advertising for bids, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

John Chittenden, City Engineer, then appeared before the Council regarding street improvements. The City has been working with USDA Rural Development to resurface and mill Laurant and Beckwith. Beckwith will be resurfaced from Fifth to Thirteenth, and Laurant will be resurfaced from Third to Thirteenth. Design work will begin this week, and it should be let out for bids within 45 days.

Mr. Chittenden reported the City has received a \$500,000 grant from the State of Missouri to make wastewater improvements. With the \$1.5 million bond issue, the City will have \$2 million to improve the wastewater system. The design for the wastewater has already been completed,

and the plans will go to DNR for review. It will take approximately 60 days to go out for bids. Two lift stations are included in this project, and they are located on Playground Road, and Third and Eastwood.

Councilperson Merideth reported City crews have been working on Playground Road and 13th and Ward. Chet Moyers, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, reported the crews placed a culvert under the road on Playground near Pine Street. The Council was advised the problem at 13th and Ward appears to be seep water. No leaks were found in any of the drainage, water or sewer in that area.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, reported he has been working on obtaining "Rights of Entry" to properties on Sixteenth and Chaffin, where the lots have been overgrown, and tornado debris is still on the property. The owners have been contacted, and are willing to sign the forms for the City to clear the property. Councilperson Merideth reported he is attempting to borrow a dozer to push the items into a pile for the City to burn. The City will obtain a permit from DNR to make the burn.

Fire Chief, Charlie Jones, reported the State-wide Tornado drill will be held on Tuesday, March 9, at 1:30 P.M.

Counselor Dorroh then reported the St. Francis Levee District is requesting a temporary construction easement for several of the sea wall openings to place swinging metal gates. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned the Mayor be allowed to execute a temporary construction easement to the Levee District. Councilperson Morgan seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to approve the following Resolution, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried. The Resolution read as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI FOR A \$219,900
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 \$219,900.00 from the United States of America, acting through Rural Development ("the agency"), United States Department of Agriculture, acting under the provisions of the Community Facilities Grant Program (7 C.V.R. Part 3570, Subpart B) for the purpose of street improvements (herein referred to as the construction); 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 \$219,900 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 take all actions necessary to obtain and complete the

requirements of the Community Facilities Grant under the terms offered by the agency.

The Resolution shall be in force and effect immediately.

(SEAL)

City of Caruthersville

By: S/ Diane Sayre, Mayor

ATTEST:

S/ Melinda Scifres, City Clerk

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:21 P.M., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk