

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MARCH 15, 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 15, 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
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	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, reports, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$3,409.00 in salaries for February, and five fire calls.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$12,426.34 in admissions to the recreation center.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$13,814.17 in taxes collected, with \$205.47 in Collector's commission, and \$20.50 in Clerk's fees.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits as follows: First State Bank - \$2,189,564.00; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star of the Bootheel - \$583,400.00,

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$8,681.32 in fines collected, \$70.46 in Judicial Education Fund; \$70.45 in POST funds; \$502.34 in CVC funds, and \$493.18 in CAF funds.

Angie Dormer, Bookkeeper of the Water Department, reported the following collections for February:

Water	\$ 44,173.09	Gallons Produced 95,542,000
Sewer	20,248.07	Backwash Totals
Garbage	33,307.30	City Gallons 40,050,000
Meter Serv.	803.07	Adjusted Gallons 51,320
Mo. Spray	572.25	Customers 2431
Feb. Int.	67.74	
Primacy Fee	113.34	
Sew. Serv.	33.71	
Sewer Bond	11,740.00	
St. Break	<u>500.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$111,558.57	

The next item of business to come before the Council was the bids for the demolition of the structure at 710 Beckwith. Bids were opened at 2:00 P.M. , March 15, 2010, and read as follows:

M & M Tree Service	\$6,800.00
Williams Excavating	\$4,500.00
Randall Rydings	\$8,800.00

Mayor Sayre recommended the low bid from Williams Excavating. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Rodgers, the low bid was approved unanimously.

John Ferguson, Economic Developer, then appeared before the Council to give an update on some of the projects he has been working on. Mr. Ferguson reported the tuck-pointing and the roof have been completed at the Exchange Building. Hopefully, by next week the glass will be replaced on the windows. He then reported an asphalt company will be setting up at the Port in May. Mayor Sayre stated the Exchange Building looks good, and she is looking forward to seeing it renovated.

Mayor Sayre then advised the Council a public hearing will be held on March 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the City Hall to discuss the City's submission of an application for CDBG funds. This would be \$400,000 for street improvements to Ward Avenue and Thirteenth Street. The City would contribute approximately \$122,000 in funds.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment report in the amount of \$831.53, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director then reported a change has been made to the little league traveling tem. This year nine and ten year old boys will be included as a team, along with the 11-12 year old group.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, reported one of the rooms at the armory has been rented to PIN. Classes are being held in one of the office for job readiness, job skills, and GED. The section will be rented 3-5 days a week until October.

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

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

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Pullam then asked if the solid waste company was going to hold a clean-up drive this year. Mayor Sayre stated she would contact the company regarding the matter.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 P.M., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk