

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**March 16, 2009**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, March 16, 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
Braswell (Absent)	Councilperson
Cornacchione(Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	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 item to come before the Council was the approval of the minutes, bills, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Morgan, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the minutes, bills and reports were approved. The reports read as follows:

Chris Riggs, Chief of Police, reported \$302.58 in CVC funds, \$41.00 in POST funds, \$287.00 in Police training funds, \$41.00 in Judicial Education funds, and \$13,537.17 in turnover to the Treasurer.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$5,651.05 in salaries for February, and fifteen fire calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$16,762.72 in turnover to the Treasurer, with \$240.20 in collector's commission, and \$18.80 in Clerk's fee.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$6,992.79 in admissions to the recreation center for February.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank \$3,403,756.00; Focus Bank \$2,021.47; Bank Star \$583,400.00.

Angela Dormer, Bookkeeper for the Water Department, reported collections for February as follows:

Water	\$12,576.52	Gallons Produced 36,129,000
Sewer	19,897.16	Backwash Totals 3,175,000
Garbage	34,641.78	City Gallons 54,700,000
Meter Ser.	868.20	Adjusted Gallons 64,000
Mo. Spray	619.12	No. of Customers 2464
Feb. Int.	48.50	
Primacy Fee	154.16	
Sewer Ser.	<u>41.27</u>	
Total	\$68,837.71	

The next item of business to come before the Council was the floor plans for the Municipal Court building, which is to be constructed at the old Library. The Mayor advised the Council, the bid opening will be March 26, at 2:00 P.M. at the City Hall. She then reported the City is still working on acquiring property for the public safety building.

The next item presented to the Council was a liquor application from Alice McDaniel d/b/a Morgan’s Hide-A-Way Lounge for liquor-by-the-drink at 1202 Walker. Counselor Dorroh proclaimed the application was in order, and the license fee was attached, as well as the “No Sales Tax Due” letter from the Department of Revenue. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Morgan, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the application was approved unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then reported a “DREAM” meeting will be held at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday to meet with consultants and the Corps of Engineers to share the initial draft of the riverfront development. A representative of Eco Digital Development will present a proposed development for the City. The meeting will be held at the First State Bank Community Room.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, then appeared before the Council to request signatures on the promulgation statement for the Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Caruthersville. The Council then signed the statement.

Councilperson Morgan then motioned to hire Paul Meechum to replace Austin DeLisle who has been placed in the Code Enforcement Officer position. Councilperson Rogers seconded the motion, and motion was carried unanimously.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then asked the Council to approve the adjustment reported for the Water Department in the amount of \$1,053.07 for February. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Pullam, the adjustment report was approved unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then presented the Council a copy of the scope of work as proposed by the City Engineer for the wastewater treatment plant. Hopefully, some of the improvements can be done with Federal stimulus recovery money. The Council was asked to review the plans as presented by the engineer.

Mayor Sayre then reported a public hearing will be held on March 23 at 2:00 P.M. at the City Hall regarding an application for CDBG funds for street improvements.

Kimberly Singleton then appeared before the Council to discuss speeding on West Fourth Street. Several residents were present, and stated there are children playing in the area, and the front yards are very small. After discussion, the residents were asked to get a license number of the car, and a description of the driver. This will enable the police to issue citations for the speeding.

Charlie Blagg then appeared before the Council regarding a "private club" that is operating at 1206 Truman. The people are playing loud music, drinking, wandering onto other people's property throughout the night, and peeping in windows. Counselor Dorroh suggested the residents sign a complaint for the loud noise, and he will look at what recourse the police can take on this problem. Chief Riggs stated the people renting the building are calling it a private party, and he has discussed the problem with the owner.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to authorize the City to advertise for bids for street work on West Eighth from Grand to Carleton, and East 9<sup>th</sup> from Ward to Bell. After discussion, Councilperson Simpson motioned to advertise for bids, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

The matter of calling a bond election can on for consideration. Councilperson Merideth introduced Bill No. 2009-7, being for an Ordinance entitled as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE CALLING A BOND ELECTION IN THE CITY OF CARUTHRVILLE,  
MISSOURI AND AUTORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

On motion duly made and seconded, the Bill was placed upon its second reading and final passage and was ready title, considered and discussed. Thereupon, the question was put to a roll call vote, and vote thereon was as follows:

Hood	Yes	Pullam	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Simpson	Yes

The Mayor declared said Bill duly passed and the Bill was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2009-7, and was signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:32 P.M., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk