

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MAY 3, 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, May 3, 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
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the bills were approved for payment.

The Council then turned the discussion to the proposal for administration services for a Street Improvement Grant from USDA Rural Development for Laurant and Beckwith. One proposal had been received from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$22,000. Mayor Sayre recommended to the Council the approval of the proposal. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to accept the proposal, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and the proposal was accepted unanimously.

Fire Chief Charlie Jones then appeared before the Council to present amendments to the Emergency Management Plan. The amendments were recommended by the State. The Council was asked to sign the promulgation statement to that it might be turned into the Emergency Management Agency. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the amendments, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the audit for the 08-09 fiscal year. The Mayor had given the Council information regarding questions that had arisen after the auditor had spoken at the last meeting. Full disclosure of the items in question were in the financial statements. However, the auditor was requesting separate pages for any federal grants in the future. Also, a spread sheet was given to the Council regarding revenues in the Water Department. It appears the revenues are decreasing over the years. The accountant will be asked to come to the next meeting to answer specific questions. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the audit, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then appeared before the Council to announce two of the City workers have been given awards through the MWWC. Donald Jones has been made Vice-Chairman of the section for the organization, and James Lane received Operator of the Year.

Mr. Shaw then reported a fire hydrant had been hit at 11th & Beckwith, and there was no valve to shut it off for repairs. A company was hired to place an inserter valve so the hydrant could be replaced. There are two more hydrants that need valves placed on them before they can be repaired on Belle and on 8th and Beckwith. This would cost \$3,500 per hydrant. Mayor Sayre recommended the work be performed under the emergency funding. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to proceed with the repairs to the hydrants, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then reported the City is waiting on the permit from DNR for the wastewater grant that was approved from DNR.

Chet Moyers, Street/Sanitation Superintendent, reported receiving a letter from Clarke Mosquito regarding the contribution made by Clarke on behalf of the City. Forty DuraNet mosquito bednets were donated to the Carter Center to protect children from the devastation of malaria and lymphatic filariasis. The City now has a credit of \$1,776.28, and will be able to purchase another 55 gallon drum of chemical for mosquito spraying.

Mayor Sayre then reported the City has submitted a grant for the Ward Avenue project. The grant is for \$400,000, and the City would contribute \$146,000 in local effort.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the baseball season has started. The teams are playing tonight, even after all of the hard rain over the weekend. This is due to all the hard work that was put in over the winter months.

Jana Merideth then appeared before the Council to announce this would be the last meeting that students would attend for this school year. She thanked the Council for allowing the students to visit again this year.

Annette Hunter then appeared before the Council to ask for thoughts or assistance on developing a Performing Arts Area for 14-17 year old children. This would be a place for children to display their talents through art, music, dancing, etc. Mrs. Hunter felt there was a need for this type of recreation for the children. James Hunter then appeared and presented a drawing of a performing arts building he had designed. He expressed the need for a place for the children to have something to do other than walk the streets.

Mayor Sayre then reported to the Council repairs need to be made to the historic water tower. Chunks of the concrete surrounding the lower part of the tower has fallen off, and almost hit a car. A contractor has now removed the sections that were loose due to condensation in the building. The contract has proposed to repair the places for \$2,000 in labor, and \$2,000 in material. Mayor Sayre recommended the repairs, and to pay the expense from tourism funds. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the repair cost, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried.

At this time, Councilperson Morgan motioned to hold closed session in regards to personnel, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Grantham motioned the meeting adjourn at 6:10 P.M., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk