

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 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, November 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
Tony Jones	Acting Sergeant-at-Arms
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	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, bills and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Simpson, the minutes, bills and reports were approved. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$9,591.00 in salaries for October, with twenty-two fire calls.

Keith Davis, Park/Recreation Director, reported \$4,400.02 in admissions to the recreation center for October.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits as follows:
\$1,626,858.75 – First State Bank; \$2,021,899.47 – Focus Bank; \$583,400 Bank Star.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, reported \$248.00 in permits and fees collected, and \$2,680 in rental for the armory.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$1,584.73 in taxes collected, with \$12.18 in Collectors commission, and \$1.20 in Clerks fee.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$7,269.04 in fines collected, with %52.32 in JEF funds, \$52.39 in POST funds, and \$373.37 in CVC funds.

Paul VanDewaal, Bookkeeper for the Water Department, reported the following collections for October:

Water	\$ 51,730.43
Sewer Use	19,104.22
Garbage Fees	28,178.37
Meter Ser.	634.66
Mo. Spray	451.15
Sewer Primacy	166.22
Primacy Fee	505.27
Sewer Bond	<u>7,731.33</u>
TOTAL	\$108,399.32

Mayor Sayre then reviewed a letter from USDA with the Council regarding an event on November 23, 2010 at the site of the Public Safety Building at 11:30 A.M. At that time Rural Development State Director will present the City with Certificates of Appreciation for partnering with Rural Development to obtain \$1,774,390 in federal funding for four projects: Street improvements, police vehicles, emergency generator, and sewer treatment plant improvements. Also on that date the Caruthersville Municipal Facility Improvement Corporation will be presented a certificate for their partnership with Rural Development and First State Bank and Trust a certificate for the construction of a public safety building to house the police and fire department in one location.

Councilperson Simpson then thanked the Street and Police Departments for their combined efforts in placing the signs restricting trucks in Parkview. Councilperson Grantham stated she has had several commends regarding the signs.

Councilperson Pullam then asked if the paving company had finished on Laurant, Beckwith and Ferguson. Mayor Sayre reported the company has left, and a punch list has been sent to the engineer.

Councilperson Grantham then motioned to approve the adjustment report in the amount of \$1,628.10 for the month of October in the Water Department. Councilperson Mott seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Grantham then motioned to approve the employment of Eddie Walker in the Water Department as a laborer. Councilperson Simpson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Fire Chief, Charlie Jones, then appeared before the Council regarding Emergency Management during disasters such as an earthquake. On January 27, Poplar Bluff will be testing communications during such a disaster with all of the Bootheel region. One of the types of communication that will still be enabled during a disaster is a HAM radio. The cost of the equipment to install a radio would be \$1205.90, and he asked the Council to approve the purchase. After discussion,

Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the purchase of the radio from the Infrastructure account, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

After discussion, Councilperson Grantham offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read by title only for the first time: (the Bill had been posted more than 24 hours prior to the meeting)

BILL NO. 2010-9

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 700 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI TO INCREASE THE WATER CHARGES IMPOSED THEREBY

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2010-9 which is granted and Bill No. 2010-9 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2010-9 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Morgan	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Simpson	Yes
	Merideth	Yes	

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2010-9 to be known as Ordinance No. 2010-9 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

After discussion, Councilperson Mott offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was ready by title for the first time: (the Bill had been posted more than 24 hours prior to the meeting)

BILL NO. 2010-10

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-10

AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI AND THE CARUTHERSVILLE MUNICIPAL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION, A MISSOURI NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE SAME

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2010-10 which is granted and Bill No. 2010-10 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2010-10 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Morgan	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Simpson	Yes
	Merideth	Yes	

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2010-10 to be known as Ordinance No. 2010-10 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Counselor Dorroh then advised the Council previously the City had deeded lots 7, 8, and 9 of Block 27 of Hunter’s Addition to the Caruthersville Municipal Facility Improvement Corporation. This property would not be used in the Public Safety Project, and the Corporation needs to deed it back to the City. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the Council agreed unanimously to accept the lots.

At 5:35 Councilperson Simpson motioned to adjourn for a Corporation meeting with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously. At 6:01 the Council reconvened into regular session for further discussion.

Counselor Dorroh advised the Council, the City would need to authorize a transfer of \$158,000 to the Corporation from the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund for their obligation of the construction of the Public Safety Building. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the transfer, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

With no further business, Councilperson Grantham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 p.m., with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk