

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 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, November 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
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	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 from the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Sayre then read a letter from the Caruthersville Public Library Board. One of the Board members, Buddy James, has resigned due to health issues, and the Board is requesting the appointment of Jackie Hubbard in his place. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to accept the resignation of Buddy James and the appointment of Jackie Hubbard. Councilperson Hood seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then reported the City had been granted funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the plugging of the abandoned water well. The engineer will proceed with the necessary paperwork to bid the project.

The Council was advised the drainage work on West Fourth Street is nearing completion. The engineer inspected the Laurant and Beckwith project, and found several issues that

need to be addressed. However 94% of the work was completed. Also, Eastwood Avenue has been milled, and the street should be completed within a couple of weeks.

Councilperson Hood then reported the Water and Sewer Committee had met to discuss several issues. The committee was recommending the following increases in certain rates: late fee be raised for \$10 to \$20; reconnect fee from \$25 to \$50; and the deposit for water \$50 to \$100. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to accept the increases, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried unanimously. Counselor Dorroh will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

Councilperson Hood reported the wastewater plant needs a water sampler in the amount of \$4,000, and could be purchased from the sewer extension funds. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to purchase the water sampler, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hood then reported the water department is need of a new truck for the Water/Wastewater Manager. A one-half tone 4X4 crew cab could be purchased on the State bid contract in the amount of \$24,300, and could be purchased with Sales Tax funds. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the purchase of the truck with Sales Tax funds, and Councilperson Rodgers seconded the motion, and roll call was asked, for which resulted in the following vote:

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

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the walking track and the basketball court will be closed due to cleaning of the rafters and resurfacing of the floor. A meeting had been held regarding the tennis courts. The architect was to conduct a survey of the property, but it rained the day it was scheduled. Mr. Davis will contact the architect to have the survey rescheduled.

Chief of Police, Chris Riggs, reported the signs have been ordered for the Parkview area, and should be in next week. The signs will be erected by the Street Department. However, the Police Department will do routine patrol to warn the semi-trucks and trailers they are not to park in the area.

Councilperson Merideth then entered the meeting at 5:24 P.M.

John Ferguson, Economic Developer, then appeared before the Council to discuss the renovation of the Exchange Building. The purpose of the funds received from DED was to insure the building was structurally sound. The building has be tuck-pointed, and the roof has been replaced. The \$55,000 cost of the steel beams for the front and side walls were an unexpected cost. There are 2 issues – 1) the upstairs windows have not been replaced, and the cost could be \$20,000-\$22,000; 2) the other is the original entrance to the building should be angled to the corner, with an approximate cost of \$8,000. If the Council does not desire to participate in the cost, the windows will need to be boarded up. Mayor Sayre reported the City still had adequate funds in the Community Revitalization account for this project. These funds were originally given to the City from Aztar to improve the area leading to the

gaming boat. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned the City use up to \$30,000 in funds from the Community Revitalization for the improvement of the Exchange Building. Councilperson Rodgers seconded the motion, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote

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

Mr. Ferguson then reported the City is eligible to apply a MoDot Enhancement Program. The River View Walk Trail and the down-town street scape were done with these types of funds. If the City were to apply for funds on this program, an area with a fountain, benches, kiosk, and parking could be constructed on the property at 3rd and Highland. Also, additional walking trails could be added to the River View Walking Trail. The cost of the project would be \$362,850 with 80 percent being from grant funds. The City's cost would be approximately \$72,000, and would be included in next year's budget. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to appropriate the local funds for the City to participate in the MoDot Enhancement Program, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mr. Ferguson then reported to the Council that the re0location of the boat ramp at Reynolds Park has become an issue. State and Federal funds had been used to build the existing ramp, and the new design for Reynolds Park would move the boat ramp and make it wider. The project the Corps of Engineer put together cannot continue with the existing boat ramp. Plans for the Park are continuing at this time, and meetings will be held with the Corps of Engineers, DNR, and other prior to finalizing the plans.

Mayor Sayre then reported a pre-construction conference will be held on November 8 with Robertson Construction, who will be renovating the Eastwood and Playground Road lift stations. Also, on November 16, a meeting will be held closing the paperwork on the Public Safety Building.

Chief Riggs reported the Veteran's Day parade will be held in Hayti this year. Any Council wanting to participate in the parade should be at the Hayti High School by 1:00 P.M. on Thursday for the parade line-up.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:42 P.M., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk