

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, October 5, 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
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	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 Simpson, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Jeff Cotner, Information Technology Manager, then appeared before the Council regarding bids for telephone equipment for the Municipal Building. Two bids had been received as follows:

A T & T	\$34,097.40
CDW-G	\$40,310.21

Mr. Cotner reported the new phone system would allow the City to function during a disaster by satellite. The system would have a menu when the public would call, and it would direct them to an extension. Mayor Sayre reported the budget contained \$35,000 in the sales tax fund for the system. The bid from A T & T allowed for a lease option. A lease for two years was discussed by the Council. After further discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to accept the low bid from A T & T, and to negotiate a two year lease for the equipment. Councilperson Morgan seconded the motion, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mr. Cotner then reported bids for the security system at the new courtroom were opened and read as follows:

H & R Alarms	\$1500.00 annual monitor fee of \$240.00
Priority Alarms	\$ 495.00 \$29.99 monthly monitor fee
Security Alarms of America	\$1785.00 \$20.00 monthly monitor fee

Mr. Cotner reported the low bidder had not met specifications regarding wireless equipment, and was recommending the bid from H & R Alarms. The monthly monitor was less with H & R Alarms. This equipment was being purchased through Justice Assistance Grant. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the bid from H & R Alarms, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Terry Rushing, Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, then reported bids had been opened for the building to house the crematorium for the animal shelter. The bids read as follows:

Bruce Martin Construction	\$31,954.00
Hubbard Lumber Company	\$28,239.95

After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the low bid from Hubbard Lumber Company, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mr. Cotner then advised the Council bids had been opened for a metal detector for the courtroom. This item is being purchased through a Justice Assistance Grant. The bids read as follows:

Cape Electrical	\$4,589.25
Ed Roehr Safety Products	\$3,421.00

After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the low bid from Ed Roehr Safety Products, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The next item to come before the Council was the surveillance equipment for the courtroom. This item is being purchased through the Justice Assistance Grant, also. One bid had been received in the amount of \$2,613.21 from Cape Electrical. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre then advised the Council Bootheel Regional Planning Commission is holding its annual meeting on October 15 at the Hickory Log in Dexter. The Council was asked to advise the office if they will attend the meeting.

The Council was then advised the Municipal Court renovation should be completed soon. The crews are working diligently on the finishing work, and are waiting on the fixtures for the bathrooms. The exterior is being painted. Quotes are obtained for the parking lot on the south side of the building. It could be the first of the year before the renovation is completed.

It was reported to the Council the plans for the Public Safety Building have been sent to USDA architects. Once they have approved the plans, it is hoped to bid the project in January.

Mayor Sayre then reported the pump that has been running on Playground Road has quit working. The crews have reported rebuilding the pump would cost \$9,000, and to replace the pump would cost \$11,000. Both options have a one year warranty. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to rebuild the pump, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre then reported the Recreation Center will be closed on Tuesday, October 06, 2009, from 1:00 P.M. through 3:00 P.M. for a funeral.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:44 P.M., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk