

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**June 18, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, June 18, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

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| Diane Sayre     | Mayor            |
| Melinda Scifres | City Clerk       |
| Lawrence Dorroh | City Counselor   |
| Tony Jones      | Sergeant at Arms |
| Grantham        | Councilperson    |
| Hood            | Councilperson    |
| Merideth        | Councilperson    |
| Morgan          | Councilperson    |
| Mott            | 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 order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the minutes, reports, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham the minutes, bills, and reports were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk reported \$1,323.17 in fines collected, with \$16.42 in POST Funds, \$117.07 in CVC funds, and \$16.41 in JEF Funds.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$6,353.50 in salaries for May, with sixteen fire call responses.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$\$9,920.96 in admissions to the recreation center for May.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$5,860.64 in turnover to the Treasurer, with \$45.70 in Collector's Commission, and \$17.39 in Assessment Funds.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank \$3,325,000; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.00.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following collections for May, 2012.

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| Water        | \$ 65,283.74     | Customers 2430 |
| Sewer Use    | 18,186.41        |                |
| Garbage Fees | 36,275.03        |                |
| Meter Serv.  | 799.70           |                |
| Mo. Spray    | 567.80           |                |
| Sewer Bond   | <u>11,356.05</u> |                |
| TOTAL        | \$132,468.73     |                |

Assistant Chief Jerry Hudgens then appeared before the Council to report he had checked the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and Carleton as was suggested at the last meeting. An order has been placed for tags that will stick to the windows of vehicles to advise the owners of the correction that need to be made to their parking. The Police Department has been checking the loud music on East Nineteenth and the surrounding area. The Department has received one call since June 1, and one citation has been issued.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Fire Department has responded to five calls since July 11. The Committee interviewed two applicants for the Police Department. Councilperson Morgan then motioned to approve the appointment of Jonathan Woods and Lucas Horrell, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment reported in the amount of \$781.76, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried. Councilperson Simpson then asked that the adjustment report be explained; there are quite a few residents that feel adjustments are being given for leaks. Paul Shaw stated the adjustments are only given when it is an error on the City's part, such as an over read or a computer error. Councilperson Hood then reported the crews have done a meter tap on Pine, fixed a leak at Riverview Apartment and on Hwy 84 near the old Raben building, and has completed training on the new tract, disk, and honey wagon. The water bills will include the annual fees in July for the Primacy fee charged by the Department of Natural Resources.

Donald Jones, Wastewater Plant Operator, reported he has used the new tractor to disks, and it makes the operation much easier. Six people are trained to work on it. An older tractor was used to disk the field, and it turned up some large rocks. The crew has spent some time clearing those out of the field to insure no damage to the new disks. Mayor Sayre reported the cost of the new tractor, disks, and honey wagon was close to \$200,000, and this is the first time in many years that the Operation and Maintenance Funds have been able to purchase this type of equipment.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported the crews are continuing to run the street sweeper. They are making a list of street lights that are out, and cleaning drains.

Keith Davis reported the sign-up for tennis lessons has ended. Twelve children have signed up for lessons. The Rec Center feels the number of children taking lessons will increase once the word is out about the lessons. The recreation center furnishes the equipment for the tennis lessons.

Also, the 11-12 year old all-star ball team went to Jonesboro over the weekend, and came back with the first place trophy. He stated he is very proud of the coaches and the players.

Terry Rushing reported he is still working on the structures for demolition. He is preparing a list of right-of-ways that need to be cleaned before the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Councilperson Rodgers then asked if the Police Department is working with him to cite people that are littering; is the City going to put up signs regarding this? Mr. Rushing reported there will be signs erected, and the ordinance number will be on the sign.

Mayor Sayre then asked when the demolition of the structures will be bid. Mr. Rushing replied the contract needs to be prepared, and the deeds must be completed so the contract can be completed.

Police Chief, Tony Jones, reported he has done a news release regarding the Fourth of July. All officers will be working that day, and parents have been advised of the fines and consequences against shooting fireworks in the City. He hoped everyone had a safe holiday. With the actions being taken by the police department, it is hoped the City will have a much more peaceful and safe holiday.

Mayor Sayre then requested the Council approve the pay-off of the fire truck with a sales tax CD that is coming due in July in the amount of \$300,000. The Corporation had borrowed \$300,000, and the City was to pay a lease monthly for the truck over a 15 year period. Approximately \$91,000 worth of interest would be paid in that time. The City could save the money by cashing a sales tax CD to pay off the loan to the Corporation, who would in turn, pay off their loan to USDA. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the pay-off of the loan with the Sales Tax CD, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre then reviewed the budget with the Council for the 2012-2013 year. The Mayor then called for a special meeting on Wednesday, June 20 at 5:00 p.m. to adopt the budget. The Council agreed to the special meeting.

After discussion, Councilperson Simpson offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance and the same was read for the first time:

**BILL NO. 2012-01**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2012-05**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI**

(Copy on file in City Clerk's office)

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2012-05 which is granted and Bill No. 2012-05 is read the second time. The question before the

Council now shall Bill No. 2012-05 to be known as Ordinance No. 2012-05 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2012-05 to be known as Ordinance No. 2012-05 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Mayor Sayre then reported the audit for the Corporation has been completed and submitted. The cost for the audit is \$10,000, and the Corporation needs \$1722.83 to finish paying for the audit. The Mayor recommended the funds be taken from the Community Revitalization Fund. Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the transfer, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried. The Corporation will hold a meeting directly after the Council meeting on Wednesday.

Counselor Dorroh then reported a Resolution will need to be adopted regarding the bond issue for the Series A 2012 Wastewater Bonds, as follows:

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING COMPLIANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI**

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Revenue Service has advised issuers of tax-exempt bonds to adopt separate written procedures for monitoring post issuance federal tax requirements for such bonds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Approval of Tax-Exempt Financing Compliance Policy and Procedure.** The Tax-Exempt Financing Compliance Policy and Procedure in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved. (Copy in City Clerk's office)

**Section 2. Further Authority.** The City hereby authorizes and empowers the officers and representatives of the City to do all such acts and things and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents as may in their discretion be deemed necessary or desirable in order to carry out or comply with the terms and provisions of this Resolution in connection with the approval of the Tax-Exempt Financing Compliance Policy and Procedures. All of the acts and undertaking of such officers and representatives that are in conformity with the intent and purposes of this Resolution, whether heretofore or hereafter taken or done, shall be and the same are hereby in all respects, ratified, confirmed and approved.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Caruthersville, Missouri, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

S/ Diane Sayre, Mayor

S/ Melinda Scifres, City Clerk

Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the Resolution, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned the meeting adjourn at 6:15 p.m., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk