

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
AUGUST 20, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, August 20, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Diane Sayre	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh (Absent)	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers (Present at 5:21 p.m.)	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, reports, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the minutes, reports, and bills were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$9,335.50 in salaries for the month of July, with twenty-one fire calls for the month,

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits of the City as follows: First State - \$3,325,000; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$10,453.72 in taxes turned over to the Treasurer, \$145.08 in Collector's commission, and \$48.88 in assessment fund fees.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$9,056.70 in admissions to the recreation center.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$8,529.51 in fines collected, #367.30 in CVC funds, \$51.51 in POST funds, and \$51.52 in JEF funds.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported receipts for the water department as follows:

Water	\$ 92,738.88	Water Customers 2422
Sewer	24,655.15	Sewer Customers 2308
Garbage	36,579.59	
Meter Service	824.28	
Mos. Spray	580.03	
Primacy Fee	7,394.50	
Sewer Primacy	1,896.63	
Sewer Bond	10,810.05	
Debt Service	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$176,020.21	

The next item of business to come before the Council was the bid opening for the skate board equipment. One bid had been received from American Ramp Company in the amount of \$27,682.45. Mayor Sayre reported the casino had contributed \$52,000 for the skate board park. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the bid from American Ramp, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Mott then motioned to remove the fencing bid from the table. The bid had been presented at the last meeting from Montgomery Fencing in the amount of \$3,900, and was the only bid received. Terry Rushing reported a decision was made to place the post for the fence on top of the concrete. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the fencing bid in the amount of \$3,900 from Montgomery Fence, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Morgan reported the fire department had responded to five fire calls during August 6 through August 20.

Police Chief Tony Jones reminded the Council they are to have ID's made at the police station. Everybody needs to have an ID in case of another disaster. The ID will allow the National Guard to let you back into town if you are out of town when it hits. Also, all of the new bullet-proof vests have been given to the officers, and they are now wearing them. He thanked the Council for buying the new vests for the department.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the Third Street water plant was started, and a problem was found with the well that feeds the plant. He has contacted Flynn drilling to obtain a quote to repair the well. Mayor Sayre stated the committee decided to move forward with the repair of the well.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, stated the street crews are working on street breaks and sidewalk repairs.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported his staff is getting the playground equipment up to code. Everything is running smoothly at the recreation center.

Councilperson Rodgers then appeared before the Council at and was marked present.

Janie Davis then appeared before the Council on behalf of Donnie Pickens. Ms. Davis read a statement regarding the character and work ethic of the former animal control officer. She stated Ms. Pickens did a good job as ACO, and felt her name should be cleared.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to approve changing the next meeting to Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., because of the Labor Day holiday. Councilperson Pullam motioned to change the date, with Councilperson Simpson seconding the motion, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Mott then motioned to hold closed session regarding personnel, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m., with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk