

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JULY 21, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Rick Davis	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee (Absent)	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 Hood, seconded by Councilperson Bullington, the minutes, bills, and reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$8,495.95 in fines collected, \$441.02 in CVC funds, \$61.86 in POST Funds, \$186.00 in Sheriff's Retirement, and \$61.83 in Judicial Education Funds.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following collections for June:

Water	\$ 68,893.57
Sewer Use	19,148.38
Garbage	34,942.17
Meter Ser.	831.13
Mosquito	549.78
Sewer Bd.	17,382.14
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>
TOTAL	\$142,288.16

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$4,487...43 in salaries for Junes, and eight fire call responses.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$11,899.78 in taxes collected with \$89.76 in Collector's Commission, and \$25.28 in Assessor's Fund.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits of the City of Caruthersville as follows:

First State Bank	\$ 2,525,000.00
Focus Bank	2,021,899.47
Bank Star of the Bootheel	583,400.00

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$9,049.47 in admissions to the recreation center for June.

Mayor Davis then reported the bids had been opened for the airport hangar bids. The engineer is reviewing availability of funds with MoDOT for additional funding. All bids had come in more than expected. At this time the bid will not be awarded.

Police Chief Tony Jones advised the Council and public that a reception will be held at the Police Department on Friday, July 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to say farewell to Captain Michael Coleman who is leaving the department to work with the ATF. Everyone is invited to attend the reception.

Councilperson Rodgers then thanked the Police Department for taking the time to work the youth at a Day in the Park. The children talked with the Policeman, looked at the cars, and the equipment that is carried in the cars. The Fire Department had participated in the activities and had a fire truck for the kids to look at. The children were very excited to interact with the departments, and to know the officers from both departments. She then reported the Civitan Club had cleaned up East Twelfth and East Thirteenth as a community project.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the crews have been working with the phone company to lay the fiber optic lines in areas of the City. The Water and Sewer Committee is still trying to design the offices so they would be more secure.

Street Commissioner, Terry Rushing, stated the crews have been picking up limbs and leaves for six straight days. Other City employees have been working on the repair of the Cupples Building. The roof has been patched, that HVAC is being repaired, and the lighting has been repaired. Jerry Hudgens thanked Mr. Rushing for assisting in getting the parking lot of the building ready so that safe driver classes could be held for the regional departments.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the Junior Babe Ruth tournament for boys under fifteen was held last weekend, and the Caruthersville team took first place. They will now go to Booneville for the state tournament, which will begin Friday.

Randall Lee, Code Enforcement Officer, reported 23 notices to abate a nuisance had been sent out, four notices to vacate, demolish or repair a structure had been sent, and he had cited a contractor into court for not purchasing a business license. Several business properties within the city have violations, and he is working with the owners to make the corrections.

Counselor Dorroh had drafted an ordinance regarding zoning changes prohibiting certain placement of vehicles in a residential area, and restricts the number of them. The Council was asked to review the draft, and discussion would follow at the next meeting.

Ella Coleman then appeared before the Council regarding a dog on Dudley. The owner had passed away, and a family member has been coming to the residence to care for the dog. However, the dog gets lose and has been using roaming the neighborhood. She asked if there wasn't something that could be done about the dog so he doesn't stay in the neighbor's yards. Mayor Davis asked the police to check into the matter.

Mayor Davis then asked the Council to approve the renewal of the contract with McDowell and Middleton. The firm has not raised their price, and they have been doing a fine job for the City. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the contract, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Davis then asked the Council to amend the budget from Sales Tax in the amount of \$1,500 to repaint the helicopter in Veteran's Park. This project had originally been approved in last year's budget, but the weather had not allowed the job to be done. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motion to approve and amend the budget in Sales Tax in the amount of \$1,500 to have the helicopter painted. Councilperson Rodgers seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Grantham then motioned to hold closed session in regards to real estate, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Tes	Hood	Yes
Grantham	Yes	Merideth	Yes
	Rodgers	Yes	

Upon reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Bullington asked about revenue for the Humane Department, and where the funds have come from in the past. It was explained that the funds were from impoundment fees.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m., With Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk