

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
AUGUST 6, 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 6, 2012, 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Morgan	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. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes were unanimously approved.

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

The next order of business was the demolition bids. Bids were opened on July 25, at 2:00 p.m. with Diane Sayre, Terry Rushing, Melinda Scifres, and Sheila Simpson being present. One bid was received from M & M Tree Service in the amount of \$18,500. The structures to be demolished were 1104 Laurant, 208 East 7th, 301 Bushey, 610 W. 6th, 109 West 14th and 110 E. 14th. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre advised the Council the owner of the property at 110 East 14th has signed all the necessary paperwork to have the structure removed, and will pay for the demolition through a tax lien. The cost for the demolition will be \$2,500 making the city's cost \$16,000. The City has been working with Rick Stewart on his property at 206 East 7th Street. He has agreed to take the structure down at his expense of \$2,500.00.

The next item of business was the concrete bid for the skate board park. One bid was received from Lappe Cement Finishing, Inc., of Perryville, Missouri. The bid was opened on July 26, 2012 at 2:15 p.m., and was in the amount of \$17,650.00. Mayor Sayre advised the funds for the skate park are being provided by the casino. After discussion, Mayor Sayre recommended the approval of the bid. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the bid from Lappe Cement in the amount of \$17,650, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

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

The next item to come before the Council was the fencing bid for the skate board park. One bid was received, and had been opened. The bid was from Montgomery Fencing in the amount of \$3,900.00. Mayor Sayre recommended delaying approval of the bid until clarification of where the post shall be placed – whether they will go into the concrete or not. Councilperson Mott then motioned to table the bid, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bids for surplus property. The City had advertised the sale of the twenty-seven items, and only ten items had received bids, as follows:

Item#	Pemiscot Office	Ben Baker	Bob Churchill	Rick Moyers	Delta Auto
1					\$765.00
2					\$665.00
3					\$1,065.00
4					\$1,165.00
5		\$801.75			
10	\$ 10.00				
16	\$ 5.00				
17	\$ 5.00				
22		\$ 65.00	\$101.00	\$65.00	
27		\$ 65.00	\$101.00	\$65.00	

The high bidders are highlighted. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the high bids, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Rodgers asked if the items that did not sale could be donated. Counselor Dorroh stated generally cities cannot donate unless it is to another city.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the bid for the water control panel at the Industrial Drive water plant. One bid was received from VanDevanter Engineering in the amount of \$58,985.54. The budget contained \$70,000 in the Water and Sewer Operation Fund for this project. After discussion, Councilperson Simpson motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the fire department had answered six calls from July 30 through August 6, and did several annual inspections of buildings within the County.

Police Chief Tony Jones then reported the Police Department has been notified of a grant for surplus property from the Department of Defense. He will be applying for items the department can use.

Operations Supervisor Terry Rushing reported the crews have been working on street breaks on West 16th, Washington, Adams, Pine, and Marilyn Drive. The mechanic came to service the street sweeper, and did the repair work to keep the street sweeper in condition. The control board had burned out on the mosquito sprayer. The mechanic for the sprayer was called, and he repaired the sprayer, and it is now in working order.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then reported the crews will be installing fire hydrants at 3rd and Juliette, and at 11th and Jefferson.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported baseball season is over, and football sign ups have started. He is waiting on school to start so that he can contact the children through the school system. This year the football teams will be playing other cities for the first time in several years. The tennis program will be ending on August 9th, but he is contacting USTA to seek other programs for the tennis courts.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported he has posted the property at 312 E. 12th as condemned. Part of the front wall has fallen, and the property is unsafe for anyone to enter. He is still looking at the property at 505 Carleton, and the property known as the Carter Funeral Home, as well as the home next to it. Councilperson Rodgers reported Mr. Carter has contacted her regarding an extension of 120 days on the property to see if he can get the structure acceptable for use. Mayor Sayre stated that the actual owner would need to make the request, and asked the City Counselor to research who the actual owner is.

Mr. Rushing reported he is moving forward with the improvements to the animal shelter. The crematorium has been inspected, and the report was good on the inspection. Mayor Sayre reported the pound will reopen on August 13. A state inspection was made last week, and the Mayor was present for the inspection. The state inspector felt the progress made at the shelter was very good. The agreement with the Dyer County veterinarian will be finalized soon.

Mr. Rushing reported the City needed to make an emergency purchase regarding the rotor on the oxidation ditch. There were funds set aside in the budget for building improvements and for the cat-walk that will be used to replace the part on the rotor. In the meantime the crews will use the other rotor. A price of \$17,025.00 was obtained from VanDevanter Engineering. This is an emergency repair that must be made. Councilperson Mott motioned to accept the bid for the repair, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote, to-wit:

Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
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Rodgers	Yes	Hood	Yes
	Morgan	Yes	

Aretha Barnham of 209 E. 15th then appeared before the Council regarding her water bill. She reported three people living in her household and the water bill was \$224.40, and the house had no outside water hydrants. She reported she has talked with the water department regarding this matter, and the people have been rude. Paul Shaw reported the meter has been checked, and the water has gone through the meter, and no leaks are indicated. Councilperson Hood suggested putting a new meter at the residence to check the usage. Ms. Barnham then reported when she got her last bill, she called the landlord, and his repairman found a broken water line under the house, and repaired it. After further discussion, Councilperson Hood asked the Water and Sewer Committee to meet on Thursday, August 9, at 4:00 p.m.

The next item to come before the Council was a resolution for the senior housing apartments at Riverview. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to adopt the resolution, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The resolution read as follows:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION BY CARUTHERSVILLE SENIOR HOUSING, LP. TO THE MISSOURI HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – RIVERVIEW APARTMENTS AT 601 West 3rd STREET, CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, Delta Area Community Development Corporation, as General Partner of Caruthersville Senior Housing, LP., is proposing to acquire, modernize, and rehabilitate 40 apartments for low-income seniors location at 601 W. 3rd Street, known as Riverview Apartments; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Caruthersville recognizes the need for the rehabilitation of these apartments due to their age and condition; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state tax credits and financing available through the Missouri Housing Development Commission will provide the financial sources to rehabilitate these apartments; and,

WHEREAS, the Missouri Housing Development Commission required a City Council Resolution of Support for the application submission; and,

WHEREAS, the financing available through the Missouri Housing Development commission is a limited and competitive resource;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The Council of the City of Caruthersville supports the DACDC proposal of 2013 MHDC Multi-family Rental Production Program Notice of Funding Availability.

The City of Caruthersville is authorized to submit a letter of support for the application by DACDC to the Missouri Housing Development Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CARUTHERSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI this 6th day of August, 2012.

S/ Diane Sayre, Mayor

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Simpson motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:57 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk