

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
OCTOBER 15, 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, October 15, 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan (Absent)	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	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 Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$40.91 in POST funds, \$291.68 in CVC funds, \$6,449.89 in fines collected, and \$49.01 in JEF funds.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$5,931.59 in admissions to the recreation center.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$3,982.92 turned over to the Treasurer, with \$60.50 in Collector's commission, and \$24.85 in Assessment Funds.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported, \$2483.00 in salaries for September, and four fire calls.

Securities are pledged at the banks for deposits of the City of Caruthersville as follows: First State Bank-\$3,025,000.00; Focus Bank-\$2,021,899.47; Bank Star of the Bootheel-\$583,400.00

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following for the month of September:

Water	\$100,446.77	Water Customers 2449
Sewer	25,756.43	Sewer Customers 2332
Garbage	35,536.71	
Meter Service	795.58	
Mo. Spray	560.49	
Primacy Fee	62.30	
Sewer Primacy	26.15	
Sewer Bond	10,613.06	
Debt Reserve	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$174,338.49	

Mayor Sayre then reported the City had received \$10,500 from the insurance company for the repair of the recreation center roof. When the roof is being repaired the city will need to address the problem with the down spouts.

Councilperson Pullam then stated the City had taken bids on the Armory Roof in 2010, and inquired if the roof had been fixed at that time. Mayor Sayre stated the City did not repair the roof at that time.

Fire Chief Charlie Jones reported the City had four fire calls between October 3 and October 15. He reported the fire at the Slentz Apartments could have been much worse. The metal roof that had been applied hindered the fire department because there was no ventilation. Chief Jones thanked Karen Hartung and the CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) team for the assistance to the residence of the complex. Ms. Hartung reported many of the displaced

residents have been placed into hotels or other accommodations. Councilperson Rodgers reported the Civitan Club is meeting tonight to discuss assisting the residents with rent for their relocation.

Councilperson Simpson stated she was a witness to the activity by the fire and police department on the afternoon of the fire at the apartment complex. She thanked them for their quick response, and for getting the residents out of the building safely.

Police Chief Tony Jones reported the trunk or treat at the Public Safety Building is still on. Children can still go door-to-door if accompanied by parents. Everyone is asked to bring their children to the Public Safety Building to participate in the events there. There will be hot dogs and juice served before the children go home, and there will be two bouncy houses for them to play in. The event at the department will not interfere with the trunk or treat held at churches.

Councilperson Hood then reported the position at the wastewater treatment plant for the superintendent of the plant, will be advertised in the newspaper. DNR will be contacted to see if there are any qualified applicants for the position in the area.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported all the fire hydrant repairs have been completed.

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Mayor Sayre reported a letter has been sent to the ISO so that an onsite survey can be done. This should take only three to four weeks for the request to be completed. The Mayor thanked the Fire Chief and Mr. Shaw for the work that has been done so far.

Terry Rushing, Operation Supervisor, reported the crews have been assisting the water department on replacing the fire hydrants, cutting lots, and the usual day-to-day operations. He has received rights of entry to mow several lots.

Mr. Rushing reported he is working on a quote for pipe for the drainage at 11th and Franklin. There will be pipe installed on East 11th and on Franklin. The pipe will go all the way to

East 12th. The replacement lid for 13th and Grand has been obtained, and the plan is to set it on Wednesday morning.

Mayor Sayre reported the skate park equipment has been delivered, and it will take about 2 days to install. The fencing will be installed in another week. Councilperson Pullam then asked if the insurance will cover the park. Counselor Dorroh stated the insurance will cover the skate park as long as the City keeps it in a safe condition.

Mr. Rushing then reported he has sent out four letters to abate nuisances, weeds, and junk. He has been working on the area in Chaffin to reach the property owners. An administrative hearing is pending on the property at 12th and Vest. Counselor Dorroh stated the hearing will be held at the court building.

Councilperson Pullam then inquired about the restrictions on placing trash at the curb. Mr. Rushing stated trash can be put out the night before if put out in a trash receptacle with a lid, or it must be put out the morning of trash pick-up. If someone is violating the regulations, the police department should be called and they can issue a citation.

Councilperson Simpson then inquired how long a property owner is given to demolish or repair a burned home. Mr. Rushing stated the property owners are given thirty days from the time the house is burned to determine whether or not to repair. Once a permit is issued, the owner is given a period of time to make progress on the repairs. After that time has elapsed the owner will have a hearing to determine the action to be taken.

Councilperson Pullam then asked if the City has an animal control officer; she has seen quite a few dogs running loose. Police Chief Jones reported the animal control officer is trying to catch the dogs. The dogs are running in packs and have been very difficult to catch.

Mayor Sayre then reported the City had excess entitlement funds from the Missouri Department of Transportation Aviation Section in the amount of \$44,212. These funds have been used for improvements to the airport. We have been able to redo the runway, make a taxi-way, and install lighting. The City would have had to have a project determined 18 months before the

end of the year to use the funds. Once the funds build back up for airport improvements, the City could request funds for other projects, such as fencing on the east side of the airport, additional taxiways for proposed hangars, etc. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to transfer the entitlement funds back to the state, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk