

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
NOVEMBER 19, 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, November 19, 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
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	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, bills, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, bills and reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following collection for October:

Water	77,678.16	Customers 2446
Sewer Use	20,688.31	
Garb. Fees	38,015.64	
Met. Serv.	807.25	
Mos. Spray	569.08	
Primacy Fee	21.68	
Sewer Primacy	9.50	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,291.59</u>	
TOTAL	148,081.21	

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$5,496.56 in admissions to the recreation center.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$5,255.50 in salaries for October, with ten fire call responses.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$1,108.67 in taxes collected with \$8.87 in Collector’s commission, and \$7.55 in Assessment Fund.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$5,846.65 in fines collected, with \$43.63 in JEF funds, \$43.64 in POST funds, and \$311.13 in CVC funds.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$3,025,000; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the bids for the equipment and SUV as advertised. One bid was received on equipment from Fleet Safety Equipment of Memphis in the amount of \$6,521.87. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

One bid had been received for the SUV for the police department from Don Brown Chevrolet in St. Louis in the amount of \$29,206. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the bid from Don Brown Chevrolet, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

One item had not been bid for the vehicle - a camera. Mayor Sayre asked the Council to authorize advertising for the camera. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve advertising for the additional equipment, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Morgan reported for the period of November 7 through November 19, the fire department responded to four fire calls. A representative of ISO will here on December 4th to review the fire rating. The Fire Chief has applied for a matching grant to purchase bunker gear for the firemen from Department of Conservation.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Police Committee recommends purchasing another SUV for the Police Department. The Housing Authority will be asked to pay for one-half the cost, and the remaining cost will be paid for from Asset Forfeiture. Councilperson Morgan motioned to

approve the purchase of another 2012 Tahoe police vehicle, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Merideth then motioned to authorize the Mayor to bid for the SUV, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the work had been completed at the water plant, and it is now running. There are some minor things that need to be done. He thanked the street crew that helped with the manhole problem last week.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported the “No Littering” signs have been placed in several locations. The crews have cleaned out most of the Fifteenth Street ditch, and the Christmas lights have been put up on Ward. Mayor Sayre reported the Fifteenth Street ditch looks good, and she appreciates the crew’s hard work.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the swim coach will be starting to work on Tuesday. Kickball starts this week, and the grand opening for the skate park has been re-scheduled. The Council will be notified when a date is set.

Mr. Rushing reported he is getting lots that have been turned over to the County cleaned up. Also, the PAPI lights at the airport are being repaired. The baffles to correct the problem should be installed soon.

Mr. Rushing reported the contractor that won the bid for the roofing has asked that the contract on the armory be broken down into three phases, with three different amounts. The total will be the same as awarded at the meeting, but the contractor is afraid the weather will not allow them to do all the work at one time. Breaking the job into sections will allow them to spread the job out so it won’t be interrupted. After discussion Councilperson Mott motioned to allow the roofing contract to be perform in three sections, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Donna Brooks, City Collector, then appeared before the Council to discuss the 2010 and 2011 delinquent taxes. Mrs. Brooks reported for 2010 that 94% of the taxes had been collected for the real estate, while 89% had been collected of the personal taxes. In 2011 89% of the real estate taxes had been collected, while 91% of the personal had been collected. Councilperson Simpson then asked if a person buys a business license do they have to pay their property and personal taxes before getting

the license. Mrs. Brooks stated a person must pay taxes before getting their license. If there are people on the list they may not have purchased a business license. In January a list is given to the police department and the Code Enforcement Officer, then in February the Collector sends out letters to the business that have not purchased their license.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the adoption of the following resolution. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the resolution was adopted unanimously as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI FOR A \$20,900
COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT FROM RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(COPY ON FILE IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE)**

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned to adjourn at 5:25 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk