

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JANUARY 7, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, January 7, 2013, 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
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	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 was the approval of the minutes of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bills and November reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the bills and November reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

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

Water	\$ 73,726.76	Customers 2,367
Sewer Use	21,152.37	
Garbage Fees	36,290.62	
Meter Serv.	795.17	
Mo. Spray	561.42	
Sewer Bond	10,726.23	
Primacy	3.00	
Sewer Serv.	3.00	
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$143,799.57	

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at local banks as follows: First State Bank - \$3,025,000; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star \$583,400

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported ten fire calls during November with salaries in the amount of \$4,675.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$122,919.42 in turnover to the Treasurer, \$83.50 in Collector's commission, and \$1,928.07 in Assessment Fund.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$7,085.91 in admission to the recreation center for November.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the bids for equipment for the recently purchased SUV for the police department. One company had bid, and submitted two bids for equipment. However, one bid did not contain a camera that was specified in the bid. The bid that met specifications from Fleet Safety Equipment was in the amount of \$11,799.04. Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported the USDA will fund \$8,794.00 of the equipment, and the City would have to fund \$3,005.04 from Asset Forfeiture Funds. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the purchase made in December at Hays Grocery for some employees. After discussion, Mayor Sayre stated the bill has been paid by a private individual. Mr. Rushing stated he has written a check for the ticket to be paid. Counselor Dorroh stated if a public purpose is being fulfilled, this could be a legitimate expense.

Councilperson Morgan reported from December 18 through January 7, the fire department responded to three fire calls. There were 116 fires in 2012, and 116 fires in 2011. In 2012 there were 36 out-of-town fire calls.

Councilperson Hood reported the Water department had been repairing water main breaks on 13th and Laurant, East Ninth, Marilyn Drive, Jiffy Jim's and other areas.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported the street/sanitation crews have removed all Christmas decorations in the downtown area; installed a handicap ramp at Fourth and Cotton, repaired a street break at 3rd and Highland; installed signs stating streets are radar controlled; and has measurer for grates to be replaced in several locations in the road drainage.

Mr. Rushing then reported the Civitan Club has adopted East Twelfth and East Thirteenth. They have patrolled the area, and picked up trash to keep it clean. Mr. Rushing reported he has measured for the pipe on East Eleventh, and it is being ordered.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the membership payments are coming in due to the first of the year. Kickball games will be starting soon, then followed by basketball. Sign-up for the basketball league will continue through January 18. The open-house for the pool went very well. Twenty-Eight people have signed up for the swim team. The timing system for the pool area needs to

be sent off for repair. An estimate of \$600 plus parts has been quoted for the repairs. Mr. Davis has been changing out lights at the recreation center to the more energy efficient fluorescent lighting.

Mr. Davis then reported the Mayor, Terry Rushing, and he had met with a representative from Sikeston regarding a bicycle event called "Riding the Fault". The bicyclist will travel through here the last Tuesday in June, and will stay overnight. They will arrive around 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and will stay during the day to see the sights, and have meals. They will stay overnight. Many will be camping out, but some will stay in the gym at the recreation center. The event has the bicyclist traveling through four states in the area before they head back to Sikeston. Local restaurants will be asked to be open on that Tuesday for the tourist that will be coming through.

Councilperson Rodgers then asked if Mr. Davis had checked on the park equipment for the physically challenged. Mr. Davis reported he had met with a representative to get a more detailed plan, and asked Councilperson Rodgers to review the plans with him.

Terry Rushing reported the street crew has been helping with the water breaks. He is waiting on gas lines to be removed from three houses before he demolishes the structures at 506 East Twelfth, 1313 Adams, and 1000 Madison. Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to authorize advertising other vacant lots belonging to the City for sale. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to advertise the lots, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Rushing reported the baffles for the PAPI lights have been installed, but there is now an electrical problem that has been found. This will need to be repaired before the lights will work.

Mr. Rushing reported the roofing contractor has not submitted the necessary paperwork to start the roofing job at the recreation center and the armory. Also, a control panel at the wastewater plant was hit by lightning, and will need to be replaced. When the power was out at the wastewater plant, it was found that the new clarifier and the lift station were not on the generator. An additional generator will need to be placed at the wastewater plant. Prices are being obtained for these items.

Councilperson Rodgers then asked if the pack of dogs had been eliminated. Mr. Rushing stated that one dog had been caught, and they are still working on catching the others. He informed the Council, the animal control officer will be off on Fridays for about the next three months. He has vacation that he needs to take, and this was agreed upon by all concerned.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, wanted to express appreciation to Hayti for using their saw at the break on 13th and Laurant. Without their help, it would have taken his crew two hours to do what they did in fifteen minutes.

Mayor Sayre then reported the City has been approved for \$295,000 grant, which will be an 80-20 match for the City. This is federal funds in the amount of \$236,000, and the City's portion is \$59,000. John Ferguson, John Chittenden, Terry Rushing, and the Mayor will attend a meeting in Poplar Bluff that will be required for acceptance of the grant. The City will advertise in the late spring for the first phase of the plan that the Corps developed. This grant will be to remove the existing flagpole, and install another pole on the south side of Reynolds Park, and extend the walking area for

the walking trail. John Ferguson and the Mayor will be working with the casino to help fund the local match.

Mayor Sayre reported she has been talking with John Ferguson about the museum project. He is moving forward with the plans to do some improvements at the exchange building. An elevator will need to be installed at a cost of approximately \$190,000 from Community Revitalization funds, hopefully, the casino will assist with this project. The museum would be on the first floor of the Exchange Building. The Mayor has asked the historical society to assist with the development of the museum as a river museum. The river has had an impact on the area in the areas of economic development, transportation, and recreation.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to reschedule the next meeting for Tuesday January 22 at 5:00 p.m. due to Martin Luther King Day on January 21, 2013. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the change of meeting date, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk