

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
MARCH 18, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, March 18, 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
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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, reports and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes, reports and bills were approved as presented. The reports read as follows:

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$10,312.20 in taxes due the city, with \$180.04 in Collectors Commission and \$13600 in Assessment Fund.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$3,908.50 in salaries for February and five fire call responses.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$13,359.14 in turnover in admission to the recreation center during February.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk reported securities pledged at the banks as follows: First State Bank - \$3,525,000; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; and Bank Star - \$583,400.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$33.00 in POST Funds, \$5,575.70 in fines collected, CVC funds \$235.29, and \$33.00 in JEF funds.

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

Water	\$ 69,430.21
Sewer Use	19,891.31
Garbage Fee	36,854.16
Meter Serv.	803.25
Mo. Spray	570.33
Sewer Serv.	13.44
Primacy	4.40
Sewer Bond	10,824.81
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>
TOTAL	\$137,832.91

Councilperson Morgan reported the Police and Fire Committee had met prior to the meeting, and reported two fire calls had been answered between March 4 and March 18. Eleven fire inspections had been conducted along with two fire drills conducted at the schools. The Caruthersville School District participated in the state-wide tornado drill. Fire Chief Jones reported the City had been denied the grant for the tanker truck. The Police Department was short one officer, and was requesting that Corey Vaughn be hired after his interview. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the appointment 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

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, then reported the crews have been filling potholes, cleaned out the drainage at East Third Street, and had the lights repaired on the north side of Third Street. "No Parking" and speed limit signs had been placed on Playground Road. The engine on the one ton truck was replaced at Delta Auto at Portageville in the amount of \$1,650, and \$2,000 was spent on repairs on the backhoe.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the swim team had a swim meet in St. Louis, with sixteen children attending the meet. The Coach reported he was very pleased with the way the children competed. The next meet will be in Cape Girardeau. Coach Royer is doing a good job with

the children. Baseball sign-ups will continue until the first of April. Games will tentatively start the third week in April.

Terry Rushing advised the Council the hearing on the property at 312 E. 12<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. A notice has been sent to abate a nuisance on the property known as the Economy Inn on Truman. Jerry Dudley, owner of the property located just north of 10<sup>th</sup> Street on the east side of Truman has signed a right-of-entry for the City to demolish the structure. He will pay the landfill fees for the removal of the debris. Also, the property at 5<sup>th</sup> and Walker structure has been found to be a safety hazard, and the property owner has signed a right-of-entry. The County will demolish the building. Mr. Rushing is still working on the nuisance at 305 East 5<sup>th</sup> and 505 Carleton. The Carleton property has four property owners to contact on that property.

Mr. Rushing reported the City is still waiting on a flight check before the PAPI lights can be placed into operation at the airport. MoDot has been contacted about cleaning the overpasses within the City; and currently they have cleaned the overpass on Highway U.

Karen Hartung then appeared before the Council to ask if the demolition at 5<sup>th</sup> and Walker will affect the Day of Hope Thrift Store during business hours. Mr. Rushing stated the store will have access from the Walker side of the area.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the bid opening for the grand Avenue water line project. All of the bids for the project exceeded the budget. Councilperson Simpson motioned to reject the bids and rebid the project with the Fourth Street section being an alternative. Councilperson Grantham seconded the bid, 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 Hood reported the Water and Sewer Committee had met to discuss the bids for the radio based automatic meter reading system. The cost per meter is a big issue. The low bid from HD Supply meters are \$58 more per than the L & J Supply meters. This would result in a cost savings of nearly \$140,000 in the next step of the program. Schulte Supply does not meet the specifications as bid and they would supply Neptune meters. The City went through a program with Neptune a few years ago and was not happy with the quality of the meters. L & J Supply is the only bid that meets the specifications prescribed to the bidders. The bid from L & J Supply is in the amount of \$26,901.25. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the bid from L & J and reject the two low bids,

with Councilperson Grantham 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

John Ferguson, Economic Developer, appeared before the Council regarding the consulting services for the architect for the museum. The firm of PGAV has agreed to offer the contract for \$20,965.00 plus reimbursable expense estimated to be around \$1,000. This is the same consulting firm that helped the City with the DREAM Initiative as accepted by Department of Economic Development. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the contract with PGAV, with Councilperson Grantham 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

Mayor Sayre stated the Council had agreed to allow adjacent property owners to purchase lots sold by the City for a comparable price as sold when they were bid. The lot at 1000 Madison is adjacent to Sandy Hooker, and she is interested in the property at an average cost of similar lots at a \$1,000 price. Councilperson Simpson motioned to approve the sale of the lot to Sandy Hooker for \$1,000, with Councilperson Morgan 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

Mayor Sayre then reported the Spring Clean-Up will be conducted by Branum's Disposal the week of April 8. The service will last one week, and will be conducted on the resident's regular garbage day. A brochure will be handed out to advise people what can be picked up.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:30 p.m., with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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City Clerk