

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**June 17, 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, June 17, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at which time and place the following were present:

Frank Morgan	Mayor Pro Tem
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

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 minutes, bills, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the minutes, bills and reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

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

Water	\$ 80,833.10	Water Customers 2411
Sewer	20,635.37	Sewer 2309
Garbage	37,663.29	
Meter Serv.	630.22	
Mo. Spray	420.50	
Sewer Bond	11,170.28	
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$151,893.76	

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$5,741.01 in fines collected, \$40.56 in POST funds, \$40.54 in JEF funds, and \$289.09 in CVC funds.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$4,749.00 in salaries, with nine fire calls, and two out-of-town calls for the month of May.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$1,450.60 in taxes collected, with \$22.98 in Collector's Commission, and \$17.71 in Assessment Funds.

Melinda Scifres, City Collector, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$3,525,000.00; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$7,966.42 in admissions to the recreation center.

The next item of business to come before the Council was a request from the Library Board for a credit card with a \$500 limit. The Library is unable to get a card, and this would benefit the Library because they would be able to purchase books online. The staff has been using their personal debit and credit cards to purchase the books at a discount. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the credit card for the Library, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the bid for the fork lift. One bid had been received in the amount of \$28,520 for the equipment which includes a trailer. The bid was budgeted to be paid from the Water Fund with the excess in the chemical line. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the bid, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously. Councilperson Merideth motioned to amend the budget in the Water funds for the purchase of the forklift, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the Fire and Police Committee had met to discuss requests from the Police Department. Chief Tony Jones requested \$800 from the Asset Forfeiture funds for drug buys, and to get approval for proceeding with the survey and engineering of the accessory buildings. Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the engineering agreement for the accessory building, and Councilperson Hood seconded, and motion carried.

Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the \$800 for drug buys from Asset Forfeiture funds, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Doug McDowell then appeared before the Council to recommend budget amendments so the budget would be in compliance with state statutes. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the amendments were approved unanimously.

	Original Budget	Proposed Adjustment	Final Budget
GENERAL FUND			
Disaster Recovery	0	132700	132700
AIRPORT FUND			
Equip/Maint.	12,000	13,000	25,000
Transfer from Gen. Fd.	3,350	13,650	17,000 to zero out
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
Utilities	2,500	4,000	6,500
Equip/Maint.	3,000	3,200	6,200
Insurance	1,000	1,000	2,000
Chamber	7,200	2,300	9,500
TOURISM TAX			
Tourism Tax Expense	10,000	9,000	9,000
COMMUNITY REVITAL.			
Skate Park	0	57,000	57,000
Exchange Bldg.	0	11,000	11,000
Demolition Projects	20,000	2,500	22,500
SEWER FUND			
Equip/Maint.	25,000	11,000	36,000
ASSET FORFEITURE FUND			
Police Equip.	0	7,000	7,000
Supplies	0	1,500	1,500
CIF Expenditures	0	800	800

Councilperson Hood reported the Water and Sewer Committee had met to interview and discuss the hiring of a meter reader. At this time, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the employment of Scott Hudson as meter reader, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Operation Supervisor reported the crews had repaired two street Breaks on Laurant and one on Grand. A house has been demolished at q0th and Truman, and dirt was spread over the drainage area on East Eleventh Street. The City now has possession of the house at 505 Carleton, and will seek a qualified contractor to demolish the structure. The owner of the property at 1206 Washington is willing to give the property to the City if they will demolish the structure. It will cost approximately \$7,000-8,000 to demolish the structure. The Council will consider this request.

Councilperson Morgan then requested the Council allow the employees a day off on Friday July 5 with pay. Most employees will take a vacation day that day, and this would be a good way

to reward the employees for their hard work. Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the employees having the day off with pay, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The engineering agreement for the streets was then presented to the Council. The agreement was for streets as follows:

West Fourth Street from Carleton to Ferguson  
Grand Avenue from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sixth  
Carroll from Sixteenth running north to the existing dead end  
2<sup>nd</sup> Street from Bushey running east to the sea wall opening

The next item to come before the Council was the proposed budget for 2013-2014. The Council determined the budget needed to go before the committees to trim some of the excess. Counselor Dorroh stated if the Council decided not to adopt the budget, the existing budget would automatically extend into the new fiscal year. A special meeting could be held to adopt a new budget before July 1. Councilperson Pullam motioned to redirect the budget to committees and then have a special meeting, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

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Mayor Pro Tem

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City Clerk