

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
OCTOBER 21, 2013**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday, October 21, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at which time and place the following were present:

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| Frank Morgan | Mayor Pro Tem |
| Melinda Scifres | City Clerk |
| Lawrence Dorroh | City Counselor |
| Tony Jones | Sergeant at Arms |
| Rodgers | Councilperson |
| Simpson | Councilperson |
| Grantham | Councilperson |
| Hood | Councilperson |
| Merideth (Absent) | Councilperson |
| Morgan | Councilperson |
| Mott | Councilperson |
| Pullam | Councilperson |

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor Pro Tem 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:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$5,790 in salaries for September, with thirteen fire calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$1,548.48 in taxes collected with \$5.35 in Collector's commission, and \$3.29 for Assessment Fund.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$7,508.51 in admissions to the Recreation Center.

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

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$6,019 in fines collected, \$51.89 in JEF Funds, \$51.90 in POST funds, and \$369.98 in CVC funds.

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

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| Water | \$ 84,813.52 | Water Customers 2366 |
| Sewer | 21,327.75 | Sewer Customers 2272 |
| Garbage | 34,301.98 | |
| Meter Serv. | 789.44 | |
| Mo. Spray | 554.85 | |
| Primacy Fee | 112.71 | |
| Sewer Primacy | 35.59 | |
| Sewer Bond | 10,380.74 | |
| Bond Serv. | <u>541.00</u> | |
| Total | \$ 152,857.58 | |

Councilperson Rodgers then reported the fire department had five calls during October 8th through October 21st. There were four fire alarms that were sounding and one apartment fire.

The Water and Sewer Committee had met prior to the Council meeting to discuss purchases that had been budgeted. The Committee asked the Council to approve the purchase of 200 meters in the amount of \$35,600. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next item to come before the Council was a request to advertise a 25 hour a week position to temporarily fill in while another employee is off due to workmen’s compensation leave. This position would be temporary until the injured employee can return to work. Councilperson Hood motioned to advertise the part-time position for the wastewater department, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Committee then recommended the replacement of the check valve on the 9th and Adams lift station in the amount of \$6,246 which will be paid from Sewer Extension. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Hood then reported rotor repairs are needed at the Sewer Plant. The estimated cost for the repairs is \$20,385.00. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the Council agreed to advertise for the repairs

The Committee then reported the impellers at the 10th and Carleton lift station are not working properly. The pumps are running 20-22 hours per day, and the crews are pulling the motors at least once a week. To replace both pumps it will cost \$7,622. This is a single source purchase. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

The Street Department reported that ASA Asphalt has completed their work in the City. However, rain has stopped the City crews from repairing the street breaks. Discussion then turned to the streets within the Housing Units. Police Chief Tony Jones reported the Housing officer has discussed the litter and debris with the Housing Authority Office, and will be working with a group of children to clean up the debris. Councilperson Rodgers then reported she had observed someone throwing trash on a lot where the property owner lives out of the city, and she had been willing to sign a complaint. The Police Chief and the Counselor reported the person could be prosecuted for the violation.

The Parks/Recreation Director reported the custodian at the recreation center will be retiring at the end of October. He will discuss the replacement with the Park Board to determine how the custodian will be replaced.

The Code Enforcement Officer/ Building Inspector reported he had issued two permits , twelve orders to abate nuisances, and one letter requiring a carport be removed from property at 10th and Beckwith.

The Council was then informed that Three Rivers Community College had received a grant to expand their courses, and have looked at the Cupples Building on Truman. They would like to teach welding and Ag precision classes. The Council asked that the College be contacted and put in writing what they feel needs to be done to the building. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the Council then approved moving forward with the arrangement to place the classes in the building.

Police Chief Tony Jones then asked the Council to allocate \$1,500 from Asset forfeiture Funds for the Halloween Trunk or Treat to be held at the Public Safety Center. This is a community based program. Any money that is not used will be put back into the fund. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the use of funds for the Halloween event, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Police Chief Tony Jones then asked the Council to approve the purchase of long sleeve shirts and coats for the Police Department from the Asset Forfeiture account. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the request was unanimously approved.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk