

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
NOVEMBER 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, November 18, 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	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 Merideth, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved as presented. The reports read as follows:

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$6,285.87 in admissions to the recreation center for October.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$5,574.00 in salaries for October, and nine fire calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$1,126.73 in collections for October, with \$6.21 in Collector's Commission, and \$4.69 in Assessment Fund.

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

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$3,666.39 in fines collected, with \$48.00 in Sheriff's Retirement; \$19.16 in POST Funds; and \$19.16 in JEF Funds.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following collections for the month of October:

Water	\$ 86,707.59	Water 2356
Sewer	23,733.92	Sewer 2271
Garbage	34,396.93	
Meter Serv.	799.77	
Mo. Spray	559.34	
Primacy Fee	12.00	
Sewer Primacy	9.08	
Sewer Bond	10,612.40	
Bond Serv.	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$157,372.03	

Councilperson Rodgers reported the Police and Fire Committee had met prior to the meeting to review the plans for the storage facility for the Police Department. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve seeking bids for the building, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried. The cost for the construction will be taken from the Asset Forfeiture Funds.

Police Chief Tony Jones reported that on November 25th and 26th, he and Lieutenant Coleman will go to Chicago, where Lt. Coleman will be honored for his efforts with the ATF. His efforts are what aided the City in receiving the Asset Forfeiture Funds, and have enabled the Police Department to acquire items that could not have been purchased otherwise.

Councilperson Hood then reported that bids will be opened on December 3 for the Collins water line and for the Jiffy Jim lift station. Also the 15th Street water tower is undergoing maintenance. When it is refilled the water will probably be yellow, and the residents need to be careful when washing clothes. There are 424 radio read meters that have been installed.

The Council then discussed the sewer behind Magnolia. The sewer needs to be replaced, and the cost will be approximately \$20,000. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the replacement of the sewer for \$20,000 from the Sewer Extension fund, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The Council was advised the one ton truck was repaired at a cost of \$1,100. Also the Christmas lights have been placed on the upper portion of the decorative poles. The lower section will be placed on the poles at a later date. The crews are still cutting low-hanging limbs off the street for the bus traffic.

The Parks and Recreation Department needs to replace the custodian that has just retired. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve advertising for the position, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried. The position is a full-time position.

The Council was then advised the old train depot that was at 15th and Ward has been moved to the Maintenance shed until the City decides what to do with the structure. The cost to move the building was \$1000.

Quotes had been obtained to cut the trees and bushes at the Cupples Building. The low bid was from M & M Tree Service for \$650. There was only one window replacement company in the City, and the cost to replace the windows was approximately \$1,400. After contacting cleaning services, it was found the cost to clean the building is more than the procurement policy would allow without getting bids. Advertisements will be placed for the cleaning of the building.

The engineer has asked that finishes for the pavilion be determined so the final papers can be completed for addition of the River View Walk Trail that was submitted to MODoT on the Enhancement Program. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan appointed Councilpersons Grantham, Rodgers, Simpson and Merideth to meet with the trustees of the property from First State Bank to determine the finishes.

Councilperson Rodgers then asked if the locks had been changed on the armory building to prevent losses such as those that have recently occurred. Too many people have access to the building, and there is no way to know who they are. The Council was advised that as soon as the owner of the lumber shed returned from deer hunting, the locks could be ordered. Councilperson Rodgers, also, asked for a financial report regarding the rental of the armory on a monthly basis.

John Ferguson Economic Developer, then appeared before the Council to request a letter that he drafted be approved to send to Three Rivers College about the City's involvement in locating classes in Caruthersville. The Council had been send copies of the letter, and Mr. Ferguson asked if there were any changes that needed to be made. The letter did not obligate the City to any funds. The letter was to show the college the community interest without committing a dollar amount. After discussion, Councilperson Simpson motioned to approve the letter, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Mott then motioned to hold closed session in regards to personnel, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

After reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Pullam asked if the signs for Dr. Lane and Diane Sayre Drive had been ordered. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan stated he would check into the matter. Councilperson Pullam then asked if the handi-cap signs had been painted in the designated parking on Ward. Mayor Pro Tem Morgan stated he would see that it would be done.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned the meeting adjourn at 6:47 p.m., with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk