

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
AUGUST 18, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, August 18, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	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, reports, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Cartee, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, bills and reports were unanimously approved. The reports read as follows:

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$12,878.61 in taxes collected, \$52.13 in Assessor Fund, and \$175.63 in Collector’s Commission.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following

Water	\$82217.29	Water customers 2307
Sewer	23080.33	Sewer Customer 2228
Garbage	35354.58	Garbage 2207
Meter Ser	935.27	
Mos Spray	685.56	
Primacy Fee	6647.14	
Sewer Primacy	1411.64	
Sewer Bond	10342.18	
Bond Serv	<u>541.00</u>	
Total	161568.33	

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$4,637.04 in salaries for July, and six fire calls.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$7,317.34 in admissions for July.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities are pledged at the banks for deposits of the City of Caruthersville as follows: First State Bank - \$ 2,525,000.00; Focus Bank - 2,021,899.47; Bank Star of the Bootheel - 583,400.00.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported 27.04 in POST Funds, 192.77 CVC Funds, \$27.04 in CVC funds, and \$4,218.23 in fines collected.

The next item of businesses was the correspondence from the Housing Authority Director regarding the Housing units on Adams. The Director had sent a letter to the tenants notifying them of a \$40 fine to each resident in the area when any trash was found in the yard or in the area. Counselor Dorroh stated the Code Enforcement Officer could cite offenders each time into court. Chief Tony Jones reported one of the housing officers had taken a group of young people doing community service work into the area to clean up the trash once, but the tenants have littered the area again.

Fire Chief Charlie Jones reported four calls answered in the last two weeks by the fire department.

Police Chief Tony Jones reported he would get a copy of the guide lines for the camera system to bring it back to the Council to make sure the system is completed. He then asked the Council to approve \$3,,000 from the Asset Forfeiture for ammunition for the officers to go to the target range to qualify with their weapons. This will last the officers through the end of the year. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the expenditure as recommended, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Tony Jones then asked for \$700 from Asset Forfeiture for a community oriented project that will assist taking approximately fifty children to the Discovery Park in Union City, Tennessee on August 30. This will be an educational trip for the children. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the expenditure, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

Police Chief Jones then requested \$370 each for two officers to send two officers (Terry Privett and Randall Lee) to basic clandestine class from September 15 through September 19. The funds would come from the Police School training. Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the request, with Councilperson Cartee seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Jones then requested \$800 from the Police equipment and maintenance fund for a mapping system, which would be a one-time charge to the Sheriff's Office. This would be used for the Code Enforcement Officer, and will enable him to find the owners and property descriptions and addresses quickly. Councilperson Bullington motioned to approve the recommendation, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

The Police Chief then recommended to the Council that \$1,000 for clandestine purchases by the police. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to give the \$1,000 from Asset Forfeiture for the expenditure, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next item for discussion was the hours the animal control officer spends at the shelter. The Council will talk with the Police Chief to set up a schedule for his hours at the shelter. A monthly report will be prepared that shows the number of animals at the shelter, when they were picked up, and dogs that are available for adoption. The report will tell how many animals have been retrieved by their owner.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported to the Council the replacement of the Jiffy Jim's lift station has begun. The next item to come before the Council was the purchase of 100 meters in the amount of \$17,500 from the Water and Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund. Councilperson Bullington motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported had tryouts for the Bootheel Racers swim team. Tryouts for the ages five through fifteen will be held. Parents should bring children to the recreation center on Sunday on August 24 from 2:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m.

Randall Lee, Code Enforcement Officer, reported he had sent out 22 notices to abate a nuisance; three notices to vacate, repair, or demolish property; four citations have been issued; and he is still working on other properties that have been a problem.

Terry Rushing, Street Commissioner, stated the bids for the airport t-hangars had been opened on July 9, 2014. ASA Asphalt had been the low bidder for the construction of the hangars. MoDot had been looking for additional funding to assist with the project. The City has been notified that MoDot has found additional funding for eight hangars. The City's portion of the project will be \$90,302.00, and the Council was asked to approve the project in the total amount of \$942,744.. After discussion Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the project with the City's portion of \$90,302. Councilperson Merideth seconded the motion, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Bullington	Yes
	Cartee	Yes	

Councilperson Cartee then motioned to award ASA Asphalt the contract for the t-hangars, with Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Cartee thanked City employees and Terry Rushing and his wife for all the hard work that was done on the Cupples Building for Three Rivers College. The building looks great.

Mayor Grantham then asked the Council appoint Baughn Merideth as Ward III Council. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Hood seconded, and motion carried.

Mayor Grantham then asked the Council to approve the appointment of Jane Fike for Council Ward IV. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Bullington seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Grantham then asked the Council to approve Teddy Cheek as Council Ward II. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Bullington the appointment of Teddy Cheek was approved.

Councilperson Cheek and Fike were then sworn into office and seated. Councilperson Merideth will be sworn in before the next meeting.

Councilperson Bullington motioned to hold closed session in regards to personnel, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote on said question:

Cheek	Yes	Merideth, B. T.	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Fike	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Hood	Yes
	Cartee	Yes	

Councilperson Hood motioned to reconvene into regular session, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote on said question:

Cheek	Yes	Merideth, B. T.	Yes
Rodgers	Yes	Fike	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Hood	Yes
	Cartee	Yes	

Councilperson Bullington motioned to adopt the police salary schedule for increases annually, and all other employees will receive 1.5% increase for this year. Employees who have not been here a year will not receive the increase. Councilperson Cartee seconded the motion, and motion carried unanimously. The increases will go into effect on September 1. Councilperson Bullington will meet with the department heads to review employees eligible for the increase.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor

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City Clerk