

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
April 2, 2012

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, April 2, 2012, 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
Merideth (Absent)	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	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 of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes were approved unanimously.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Mayor Sayre then reported bids had been sought for equipment to handle the sludge removal at the wastewater treatment plant. On February 21, 2012 bids were opened by the City Clerk, the Operations Supervisor, the Water/Wastewater Manager, and the Wastewater Plant Operator. The bids read as follows:

COMPANY	TRACTOR	DISKS	VACUUM TANK
Don Medlin Company	\$135,481.00	\$32,212.00	\$32,235.00
Jim Hodel (Roanoke, IL.)			\$30,200.00
Legacy Equipment, LLC	\$154,000.00	\$37,000.00	

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, recommended the tractor and disks be purchased from the low bidder – Don Medlin Company. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to accept

the bid from Don Medlin Company for the tractor and disks, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Morgan	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Grantham	Yes
	Hood		Yes

Mr. Rushing reported the delivery date would be sixty to ninety days.

The next item of business was the vacuum tank. Mr. Rushing stated if the vacuum tank is accepted from the company in Illinois, the cost for repairs would be higher since they would have to travel. If the vacuum tank is purchased from a local dealer there would be no travel cost, and maintenance cost would be less expensive. The difference in the two bids is \$2,035. However, the high bid is a local company, and readily available for maintenance. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to accept the higher bid from Medlin’s due to the maintenance and travel time for the other company. Councilperson Simpson seconded the motion, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Morgan	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Mott	Yes	Simpson	Yes
Pullam	Yes	Grantham	Yes
	Hood		Yes

Terry Rushing reported the delivery time would be 60 days.

Mayor Sayre stated this is a good example that the water and sewer rates have for the first time in history been able to pay for this equipment from the Water and Sewer Fund. This is approximately \$172,000 that will not have to have a lease because the funds are available for the equipment. The Council has done a good job in raising the rates and watching the funds.

Councilperson Morgan reported the police department has spent all but \$2.48 of the Asset Forfeiture Funds for the surveillance equipment the Council had allowed \$7,200.00. Mayor Sayre stated she is pleased the department listed all the items that were expended for the equipment. However, the three charges to the Visa should be explained as to what equipment was purchased.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the fire department had two calls from March 21 through April 2. The new truck placed into service on March 30. The Pipeline Association will have training on April 17. A storm spotter class will be held on April 24 at the Public Library.

Councilperson Rodgers advised the job done at 18th and Lincoln is greatly appreciated by the community, and she asked Mr. Rushing to tell how many loads were taken from the property. Mr. Rushing stated there were 17 loads of construction debris taken to the landfill in Dyersburg, several loads of limbs taken to the vegetation pile behind the humane shelter, and two or three loads of tires to the site where we are stacking tires for pick up. The City hauled more debris from that particular lot than what is hauled from a demolition site.

Mayor Sayre reported ASA Asphalt will be in town soon to repair some of the streets. They will be doing the repair on Ward Avenue in front of the Courthouse and the manhole area on 20th and Chaffin.

Mr. Rushing reported the Spring Clean-up will be held April 16 through the 20th. Branum's will pick up items on your regular garbage day only. The City crews will pick tires if they are separated from the other debris.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported he has finished the sign-up for baseball this year with 301 children to establish 23 teams. Both England and French Park will be the sites for Easter Egg hunts this year.

Mr. Rushing stated he has had a set back with the Code Enforcement, a bolt has come out of the rear axle and the bolt will be in Cape to be picked up soon. Mayor Sayre reported the owners of the property at 4th and Bushey have deeded the property to the City. The 610 West 6th Street is a two story house the City owns. The structure at 110 E. 14th is read for its administrative hearing. Almost all of the paperwork to remove 505 Carleton is ready, which is a rather large structure. The property at 208 E. 7th is very close to the structures on either side of it. All of the structures mentioned are more than the City crews can handle. Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to allow the City to seek cost from a contractor to remove the structures. The City does not have the equipment to do the two story houses. This will allow the City crews to continue with their day to day jobs so they won't get behind. The Council agreed unanimously to seek cost.

Mr. Rushing then advised the Council the Third Street water plant should come online Wednesday. Paul Shaw, the Water/Wastewater Manager should be back to work soon, and the crews will go through the checklist to get it back online. On Wednesday, April 4, at 2:00 p.m. bids will be opened on the Bushey, Playground and Tennis Court parking lot at City Hall.

Councilperson Mott reported he has received a lot of compliments regarding the Public Safety Center.

Councilperson Pullam then asked if there is anything in the Code Book regarding the number of pets a person can have. Counselor Dorroh stated there is nothing currently on the books regarding the number of pets some can own. There could be a problem however that causes a nuisance that can be regulated. Councilperson Mott stated a resident on Beckwith has five large dogs in a small area and it has created a horrible smell. Counselor Dorroh stated the Humane Officer can take pictures of the nuisance and then they can be taken to court.

Mayor Sayre then reported while the water and sewer crews have been cleaning their area at the maintenance shed, they have determined that a 4" pump made in the 1960's that does not work. Paul Shaw has requested of the Council the pump be given to MRWA. MRWA has assisted the City with several problems, and they would repair the pump. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the request, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then reviewed a letter from Bootheel Regional Planning Commission. BRPC is responsible for maintaining the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County. The City has to adopt the plan by resolution. The plan is on file in the City Clerk's office for review. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the resolution, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The title of the resolution read as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION AND TO WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Simpson motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:37 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk