

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
JULY 16, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, July 16, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

Diane Sayre	Mayor
Melinda Scifres	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh (Absent)	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Pullam	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood (Present 5:37 p.m.)	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 approval of the minutes , bills, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the minutes, bill, and reports were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged for deposits of the City as follows: First State Bank - \$3,325,000; Focus Bank - \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star - \$583,400.

Fire Chief Charlie Jones reported \$4,107.50 in salaries for June, and eight fire calls.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$8,347.93 in turnover, with \$47.76 in Collector's Commission, and \$15.98 in Assessment Fund.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$8,224.33 in admissions to the recreation center.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$279.36 in CVC funds, \$39.18 in POST funds, \$5,876.25 in fines, and \$39.19 in JEF funds.

Paul Shaw, Water/wastewater Manager, reported the following collections for June:

Water	\$ 83,549.60	Water Customers 2446
Sewer Use	21,732.22	Sewer Customers 2333
Garbage	38,891.13	
Meter Service	832.59	
Mo. Spray	587.88	
Primacy Fee	65.98	
Sewer Bond	10,972.73	
Bond Service	<u>541.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$157,188.73	

Mayor Sayre then reported the specifications are ready for advertising for the skate board park. Bids will be opened on July 30.

Councilperson Morgan reported the Fire Department had twenty fire calls between June 20 and July 16. The Fire Chief Jones reported at least 50% of the fires were out-of-town. This year there have been 25 out-of-town fire calls, and the department has only collected for three calls. Mayor Sayre reminded the Council of their decision to put a fire district on the ballot for fire protection for the area outside the City. The Council was asked to reiterate their decision regarding the fire calls. The City will not respond to any fire calls after the election is certified providing a fire district is not formed. If the residents in that area choose not to pass a fire district, then the fire department will cease service to the area. The Council agreed to stay solid on their decision. Mayor Sayre advised the Council they have no legal obligation to residents outside the City, only to the taxpayers within the City. Councilperson Pullam stated when the fire department responds to an out-of-town fire, they can only contain a fire. Many times the fire is full engulfed before they arrive. Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, stated the City has offered the County residents a great service in the past; it is now in their hands.

Police Chief Tony Jones reported the department has started enforcing the curfew. The problem is mainly with juveniles. The curfew states that if you are below the age of 18 you cannot be out after 10:00p.m. without an adult through the week, or 11:30 p.m. on weekends without an adult. Parents can be cited. The Council passed the ordinance and it is going to be enforced. The other problem is kids walking in the street and impeding traffic. The Police will start picking them up, and the parents will have to talk with the juvenile officer. The first time will be a warning. The charge for this violation will be obstruction. The Mayor thanked the Chief and the department for their efforts in this, and the problem is continually getting worse. Eventually, someone will be seriously injured. The Chief was thanked for enforcing the law. If the Judicial system does not assist in the matter, there are avenues the City can take.

Councilperson Hood then appeared as present at the Council meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Councilperson Rodgers then thanked the police department for their efforts, especially on July 4. The citizens are so grateful for their efforts.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the June Adjustment Report of \$1,116.86, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, then reported the paving company will start on West 16<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday. This is patching the street where cuts have been made for water and sewer taps. The crews are currently working on repairing all street breaks.

Councilperson Mott then asked how far onto a side street does the Highway right-of-way extend on Truman. He reported a pot hole that needs repair badly on 7<sup>th</sup> and Truman. Terry Rushing will call the highway department to see if they can repair the area.

Keith David, Parks/Recreation Director, reported tennis lessons have started, and more children have joined now that the lessons have begun. Caruthersville hosted the Cal Ripken tournament this weekend, and the Caruthersville team came in second. The team will now go to Cape Girardeau for another tournament.

Mr. Davis stated with the need for more adult supervision, he and the assistant director will alternate weekends to supervise the youth.

Terry Rushing reported the ad has been placed for the demolition of six structures within the City.

Councilperson Hood then advised the Council the Farmer's Market was held for the first time last Thursday. The items that were sold are healthy foods, and promote healthy eating for families. This will be held every Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and he encourages everyone to visit the market. It is held next to the Exchange Building on Ward.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Simpson motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:38 p.m., with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk