

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MARCH 5, 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, March 5, 2012, at 7:00 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
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	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 Rodgers, 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 Grantham, seconded by Councilperson Mott, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

The next item to come before the Council was the bid tabulation for the mowing of the Cemetery. Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported four bids had been received and opened as follows:

Forked Deer Landscaping	\$2,450.00
Delta Tree Service	749.50
Smith Funeral Home	1,400.00
Riggs Lawn & Landscaping	1,450.00

All bids were quoted per mowing. The average number of mowing's in a year would be between 30-36. Mr. Rushing recommended the low bid from Delta Tree Service contingent upon presentation of proper insurance being submitted to the City. After discussion, Councilperson Pullam motioned to approve the recommendation, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Grantham	Yes	Mott	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Pullam	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
	Simpson	Yes	

Councilperson Morgan then reported the fire department had responded to four calls in the last two weeks. Assistant Chief of Police Tony Jones reported a class will be held to certify all officers in CPR. There will be a group coming to the Public Safety Center on Monday, February 12, to educate the Police and Fire on healthy eating and cooking.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported he is waiting to get the parts for the Third Street water plant installed. Terry Rushing reported the water well that is being repaired is a four bowl pump, but had been reported as a two bowl pump to the contractor. A bad check valve was found, and will need to be replaced at the Industrial Water Plant through the emergency procurement policy. This will be just over \$1,000. At the Industrial Plant there was a bad disconnect box found on the high service pumps at a cost of \$1,800 that will be replaced with emergency procurement funds.

Councilperson Merideth reported the Street and Sanitation crews have been picking up limbs and leaves. They have hauled scrap metal to the salvage yard from the maintenance shed. The crews continue cleaning the trucks and performing weekly inspections of all equipment and vehicles. The street sweeper is still running regularly.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the basketball season is ending tonight. Baseball and softball is starting up. The staff is cleaning and painting the bathrooms in the concession stand. The batting cage has been installed at Kiwanis Field. The staff will start laying mulch at the parks for the safety of the children playing around the equipment.

Terry Rushing then reported regarding the Code Enforcement issues. A right-of-entry has been obtained for 529 E. 12th and 1123 E. 18th. The County Commission has agreed to the demolition of 502 Laurant. Most of the properties discussed previously are ready to be demolished. There are two properties that administrative hearings will be held on. Councilperson Morgan then reported the flag at the City Courthouse is entangled in tree limbs, and needs to be taken down. Mr. Rushing stated he will have the limbs trimmed back.

Mr. Rushing then reported he has been in contact with a paving company for the repaving of Bushey from East Fourth to East Ninth (2" overlay), and Playground Road from Hwy U to the end of the road (1 ½" overlay). He will prepare the bids for advertising with Council authorization. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to authorize the bid be prepared for the streets, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Rushing had discussed the construction of a parking lot for the new tennis courts. The Tennis Association has agreed to pay for ½ of the cost of the parking lot. The cost for the City and the Association would be approximately \$14,000 each. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth

motioned to bid the parking lot for the tennis courts, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Rushing then reported ASA Asphalt will be coming in soon to continue the work caused by the flood on Walker and Bushey. While the company is here, he requests the area at 20th and Chaffin (\$7,400) and Ward in front of the Courthouse (\$1,700) be repaired. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the repairs, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Rushing then reported animals have blocked the drainage ditch behind the Tipton property, which is causing the water in the City’s drainage ditch to remain high. He has talked with Mr. Atchison, and the drainage district will address the problem as soon as possible.

Fire Chief Jones reported the State-wide Tornado Drill will be held next Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. if weather permits. If the weather is bad, the drill will be held on Thursday.

Police Chief Tony Jones then suggested the City place an awning or some type of shade structure over the bleachers at the Sports Plex. Keith Davis reported he had looked at covers in the past, and the cost was prohibitive.

After discussion, Councilperson Pullam offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read by title as it was posted for the first time:

BILL NO. 2012-1

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO TWENTY (20) YEARS (TEN YEARS WITH TWO FIVE-YEAR EXTENSIONS) FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF NATURAL GAS AND FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MAINS, PIPES, PIPELINES, DISTRIBUTION LINES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO DISTRIBUTION OF SAID GAS UPON, ACROSS, ALONG AND UNDER THE HIGHWAYS, STREETS, AVENUES, ROADS, ALLEYS, LANES AND OTHER PUBLIC GROUNDS OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, PEMISCOT COUNTY, MISSOURI.

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2012-1 which is granted and Bill No. 2012-1 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2012-1 to be known as Ordinance No. 2012-1 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Grantham	Yes	Mott	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Pullam	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
	Simpson	Yes	

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2012-1 to be known as Ordinance No. 2012-1 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix his signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Mayor Sayre then reported a Public Hearing would be held on Monday, March 19, at 4:00 p.m. regarding funding from USDA Rural Development to assist in the purchase of a police vehicle.

A resolution had been posted on the City's bulletin board, and distributed to the Council regarding the funding from USDA Rural Development for the police vehicle. At this time, Councilperson Pullam motioned to adopt the resolution with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Grantham	Yes	Mott	Yes
Merideth	Yes	Pullam	Yes
Morgan	Yes	Rodgers	Yes
Simpson		Yes	

The resolution is on file in the City Clerk's office.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk