

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Thursday, February 19, 2015, 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
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (B. T.)	Councilperson
Merideth (Baughn)	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 Bullington, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved as presented. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$6,849.75 in salaries, with fifteen fire calls during the month of January.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$14,938.00 in taxes turned over to the Treasurer, with \$238.02 in commission, and \$219.26 in Assessment Funds.

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

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$12,663.96 in admissions to the recreation center.

Nyoka Rushing, Municipal Court Clerk, reported \$45.94 in Judicial Education Fund, \$344.57 in CVC funds, \$98.00 in Police School funds, \$45.94 in POST Funds, and \$7,714.74 in Fines.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following:

Customers: Water-2266, Sewer=2181, Garbage-2138

Water	\$61,687.85
Sewer	17,194.48
Garbage	36,539.74
Meter Serv.	755.82
Mo. Spray	534.32
Primacy Fee	11.13
Sewer Primacy	3.70
Sewer Bond	10,161.93
Bond Ser.	<u>541.00</u>
TOTAL	127,429.98

Councilperson Cartee reported the Fire Department had answered nine fire calls from February 2 through February 17. Police Chief Tony Jones reported the weather for Thursday night is forecast as additional freezing rain and snow with another 1" accumulation.

The next item of business was the bad debt list from the Water Department. The Council was asked to review the list for discussion at the next regular meeting. Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then asked the Council to allow him to purchase 100 new meters, with eight 1" meters at a cost of \$19,489.44. Sufficient funding exists in the budget for the meters. After discussion, Councilperson Bullington motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Shaw then reported the water plant needed a chlorine analyzer. He had received three quotes, with two of the quotes being the same, except one vendor added freight, which raised the price. The low bidder was HD Supply at \$3,909.95. Councilperson Bullington motioned to approve the low bid, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Terry Rushing then reported the street crews had been doing as much as possible on the streets. However, the blade used to clear the streets is being repaired at this time.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the swim team had placed third in the national competition in Tunica. The children had worked very hard. Life guard classes will be held in the following week. Basketball is still being played at the recreation center.

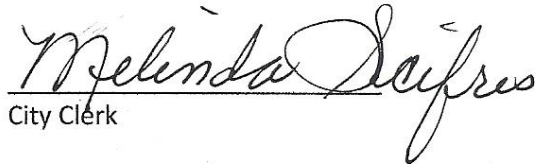
Councilperson Cartee then read a report from Randall Lee, Code Enforcement Officer, reporting he has performed several inspections for new water service, and many of them have passed. Three building permits have been issued. He has inspected structures that have burned, and is preparing letters to the owners to advise them of necessary repairs.

Teresa Tidwell, Librarian, reported the Library has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,130 for new computers, and a \$300 donation for large print books. The traffic for the Library has increased due to the additional time allowed for computer use.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Hood motioned to adjourn the meeting, with Councilperson Fike seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:


Mayor


City Clerk