

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
FEBRUARY 19, 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 19, 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
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	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 Hood, the minutes, bills and reports were approved as presented. The reports read as follows:

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$3,020 in salaries for February, with five fire call responses.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$12,820.62 in admissions to the recreation center for February.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$13,067.81 in turnover to the Treasurer, \$13.80 in Collector's Commission, \$172.56 to the Assessment Fund, and \$1.20 in Clerk's fee.

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.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following collections for February:

Water	\$ 64,122.95	Water Customers	2404
Sewer	18,448.02	Sewer Customers	2316
Garbage	33,573.30		
Meter Ser.	808.42		
Mo. Spray	574.42		
Primacy Fee	3.00		
Sewer Primacy	.70		
Sewer Bond	<u>11,493.70</u>		
TOTAL	\$129,024.51		

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$7,328.68 in turnover for fines, \$32.75 for JEF fund, \$32.74 for POST funds, and \$233.40 for CVC funds.

John Ferguson, Economic Developer for the County, then appeared before the Council to thank them for reviewing the report he had prepared for them. He asked if there were any questions. Councilperson Hood asked if a location for the Men on the Move Project, the Farmer’s Market, had been determined. Mr. Ferguson reported the parking lot next to the exchange building has been discussed. He then presented a letter requesting support from the Council for the Men on the Move project. Mayor Sayre then thanked Mr. Ferguson for his efforts, and the \$586,211 in funds he has been able to acquire for the City.

Councilperson Morgan reported five fire calls have been answered by the Fire Department in the last two weeks. The Fire Chief and two firemen have gone to Appleton, Wisconsin to pick up the new fire truck, and will be back on Wednesday. The Open House will be held from 2-4 on Sunday for the Public Safety Building.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment report in the amount of \$1,384.15 for the Water Department. Councilperson Mott seconded, and motion carried.

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported he is preparing the specifications on Bushey and Playground Road resurfacing. These should be completed by Tuesday. Mr. Rushing will get with the attorney to prepare the bid.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported he is still working on the parks for the spring season. The baseball sign-up is ending and try-outs will held this week.

Terry Rushing then reported one house is being demolished and hauled away. He has more that are ready to be demolished, and one has been turned over to the Building Commissioner to determine what need to be done with the house.

Mr. Rushing reported to build a sidewalk south of the Public Safety Building would cost between \$1,300 - \$1,500 with the City crews doing the work. This project will begin as soon as possible.

Charles Cain then appeared before the Council regarding the mosquito problem. Mr. Cain asked if the City should consider starting early on this program, since the previous year had so much flooding. Mr. Rushing reported the chemical has been ordered and received. Once the sprayer has been checked by the manufacturer, the spraying will begin.

Mr. Rushing then reported the bid opening for the tractor, disk, and honey wagon for the sewer treatment plant will be on Friday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the discussion of Bill No. 2012-02, regarding the Prosecuting Attorney for the City. Counselor Dorroh reported he did not file for the position this year, and the proposed Ordinance will allow the City to appoint an attorney to the position, and set a salary. The statute provides for an appointed position in a Third Class City.

After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read by title only as it had been posted for public viewing. The first reading by title was read as follows:

BILL NO. 2012-02

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF THE CITY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR SUCH APPOINTED POSITION

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2012-02, which is granted and Bill No. 2012-02 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2012-02 to be known as Ordinance no. 2012-02 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2012-02 to be known as Ordinance No. 2012-02 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Counselor Dorroh then reviewed Bill No. 2012-03 regarding the appointment of a Municipal Judge for the City with the Council. The current judge did file for the upcoming term. Any change would not be effective until his term is completed. The proposed ordinance provides that any subsequent term will be appointed, and the person appointed shall be licensed to practice law. The salary is set at \$1,500 per month for the judge to be appointed. The bill also provides \$100 for interim judges who will serve in case of illness.

After discussion, Councilperson Pullam offered and for the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read by title only as it was posted for public viewing. The bill read as follows:

BILL NO. 2012-03

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-03

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD OF SELECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE, AMENDING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND SPECIAL INTERIM MUNICIPAL JUDGES

After discussion, the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2012-03 which is granted and Bill No. 2012-03 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2012-03 to be known as Ordinance No. 2012-03 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2012-03 to be known as Ordinance no. 2012-03 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affixed her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Mayor Sayre then reminded those present about the open house being held on Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Center. She asked the Assistant Chief to have all officers present in uniform and be there by 1:30 to assist with the open house.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned to adjourn at 5:30 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk