

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
September 15, 2014**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 5:10 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth (B. T.)	Councilperson
Merideth (Baughn)	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Cartee	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Fike	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 Hood, seconded by Councilperson B. T. Merideth, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved unanimously. The reports read as follows:

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$8,999.41 in taxes due the City, with \$117.81 in Collector's commission, and \$25.76 in Assessor's Fund.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged as follows:
 First State Bank - \$2,525,000; Focus Bank - 2,021,899.47; Bank Star - 583,300.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$2,850.49 in salaries for August, with five calls for the month.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$5,573.12 in turnover to the Treasurer.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported a total of \$5967.35 in fines turned over to the Treasurer, with, Sheriff's retirement account - \$114.00, \$41.87 in JEF funds, \$298.29 in CVC funds, and \$41.83 in POST funds.

Paul Show, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported 2324 water customers, 2215 sewer customers, and 2177 sanitation customers. Collections for August were as follows:

	Water Fund	Meter Deposit Fund
Water	\$ 64,535.88	\$ 1,269.11
Sewer	17,428.68	84.62
Garbage	33,512.34	147.34
Meter Serv.	615.59	54.55
Mos, Spray	405.76	6.50
Primacy Fee	964.68	1.13
Sewer Prim.	525.35	-0-
Sewer Bd.	10,080.83	65.00
Bond Reserve	<u>541.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$128,610.12	\$1,575.00

Mayor Grantham then advised the Council that MoDot had accepted the change for the airport hangars to allow the relocation of the utility pole for the t-hangars. This would amend the City's portion of the hangar project to \$71,798. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the amendment. with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding. and motion carried.

After discussion, Councilperson Bullington offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance, and the same was read for the first time, to-wit:

BILL NO. 2014-7

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-7

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION AND LEVYING THE TAXES AND DECLARING THAT PURPOSE OF WHICH THE SAME SHALL AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THE YEAR 2014.

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2014-7, which is granted and Bill No. 2014-7 is read a second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2014-7 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

Hood	Yes	J. J. Bullington	Yes
Baughn Merideth	Yes	Nick Cartee	Yes
Barbara Rodgers	Yes	Teddy Cheek	
Yes			
J. J. Bullington	Yes	Jane Fike	Yes

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2014-7 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-7 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Carter then reported the fire calls made from September 2 through September 15, with one call being a medical assistance call. He then reported that crews will be flushing fire hydrants on September 22. It was reported there are three openings on the police department. The committee recommended two officers be hired. The first applicant was Brian Larry. Councilperson Baughn Merideth motioned to approve the hiring of the applicant, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next applicant was Christopher Wayne Cobb. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the applicant, with Councilperson Baughn Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Paul Shaw, Water/wastewater Manager, reported the lift station at 10th and Carleton has been giving the wastewater department some trouble, but it is running correctly now. The rotors at the wastewater plant are now operational. He has ordered 100 meters, and they should be in next week.

Mr. Shaw then reported he would like to employ Chester Cummings to read meters. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the applicant, with Councilperson Cheek seconding, and motion carried.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported sign-ups for kick ball have started. He advised the first swim meet will be held from September 26 -28 at the recreation center.

Street Commissioner Terry Rushing reported the carport at 1000 Beckwith has been removed from the structure. He reported he had received a quote from one contractor to remove the two structures on the properties that the owner was wanting to donate to the City. The cost would be over \$8,000. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to not accept the properties, with Councilperson Cheek seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	J. J. Bullington	Yes
Baughn Merideth	Yes	Nick Cartee	Yes
Barbara Rodgers	Yes	Teddy Cheek	
Yes			
J. J. Bullington	Yes	Jane Fike	Yes

The City will notify the owner the offer was not accepted by the Council.


Police Chief Jones then reported an adult has been missing, and asked that the citizens not be involved in the search. Having law enforcement search for the person would create less probability of contaminating evidence.

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

ATTEST:



Mayor



City Clerk