

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
DECEMBER 3, 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, December 3, 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 of the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bills. Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the bills for payment, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Mayor Sayre then reported bids had been opened for the 2012 SUV for the Police Department. One bid from Don Brown Chevrolet (St. Louis) for a 2012 Tahoe 4WD was opened, and the bid was for \$29,206. The Committee had met and recommended the bid, with payment being one-half from Asset Forfeiture and one-half from the General Fund. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the bid from Don Brown Chevrolet, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The next order of business to come before the Council was the budget amendment for the General Fund. Councilperson Morgan motioned to amend the budget in the amount of \$14,603 in the General Fund for the City's portion of the Tahoe, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Insurance Committee had met prior to the meeting with the agent that handles the property insurance. The property insurance is coming up for renewal on January 1. The agent had recommended the City change the property insurance from All State to MOPERM. MOPERM allows the City to have earthquake and flood insurance, where All State does not. The premium would be approximately \$5,000 more with MOPERM. However, last year MOPERM refunded the City over \$4,900. The deductible would remain \$2,500 per incident. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the property insurance from MOPERM, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Morgan reported the Fire Department had three fires from November 20 through December 3. The ISO Representative will be here on Tuesday to review the City for the fire rating. The Fire Department equipment will be 50% of the inspection, 40% will be the Water Department, and 10% is the 911 service. An arson and awareness program will be held at the fire Department and law enforcement and fire fighters will receive CEU or POST credits for their attendance. Mayor thanked Chief Charlie Jones, Terry Rushing and Paul Shaw for getting things done for the ISO review. The crews have worked very hard under their direction to get ready for the review.

Terry Rushing reported the water plant on Industrial Drive had a transfer pump go out. The cost for the pump was \$2,400, and it was replaced on Tuesday. The crews have been spreading sludge, and working on a sewer problem at 15<sup>th</sup> and Zaida.

Terry Rushing then reported the street sweeper have been working hard. He has been getting lots cut on Chaffin that are overgrown with weeds. He is continuing to obtain right-of-entries for properties that belong to individuals that need to be cleared. Councilperson Mott reported he appreciated the street sweeper. It has made a big difference in his area. Mayor Sayre stated the limbs and leaves are being picked up regularly, and the crews are doing a good job.

Keith David, Parks/Recreation Director, reported kickball has started with 106 children participating. This is the largest number of children he has ever had in kickball. The Grand Opening of the Skateboard Park will be held on Monday, December 10 at 2:30 p.m. Some of the local youth will be at the grand opening to show the public what they can do at the skate park. Mr. Davis then introduced

Spencer Royer to the Council, and stated the center is proud to have him on board as the Aquatics Director.

Mr. Royer reported he has been busy introducing himself to the public, and getting the equipment set up for the pool. He has been to the local newspaper and let them know of his presence, and what he will be doing at the pool, such as lessons, and training lifeguards. He will be contacting newspapers in Blytheville, Kennett, and Dyersburg. He is working on organizing the swim team. Mr. Davis reported the lifeguard training will begin as soon as Spencer is lifeguard certified.

Terry Rushing reported the Code Enforcement portion of his job has him continuing to work on lots and tearing down some of the buildings that are dilapidated. Councilperson Pullam commented the contractor has done a good job cleaning up the lots. Mayor Sayre reported the City now has the structure that is next to the maintenance. This will be torn by City crews, as well as the property at 10<sup>th</sup> and Madison, and one on East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and the pink house next to McCoy's Salvage.

Mayor Sayre thanked Terry Rushing and the City employees that worked on the float. The Mayor thanked Sheila Simpson and Barbara Pullam for decorating the tree at City Hall. The Council was then advised the City offices and crews will close at noon on Christmas Eve, and will open again on December 26 at the regular time.

Mr. Rushing then reported that Kiefner Brothers Contractors has started some of the repairs on the Public Safety Building. The Contract recommended that the floors not be painted until the spring when the doors and windows can let the smell of the paint escape.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the school needed to have the bucket truck to remove some cables from the old nets on the ball field at the American Legion field. This can be arranged through Terry Rushing.

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

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk