

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
OCTOBER 20, 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, October 20, 2014, 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) (Absent)	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 reports read as follows:

The first order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the minutes, reports, and bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Cheek, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved unanimously.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported 3,567.08 in salaries for the month of September, and six fir calls for the month.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$1,213.68 in taxes collected, with \$16.81 in Collector's commission, and \$10.01 in Assessor's Fund.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$6,931.36 in admissions to the recreation center for September.

Melinda Scifres reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits of the City of Caruthersville as follows: First State Bank \$2,525,000.00; Focus Bank 2,021,899.47; Bank Star of the Bootheel 583,400.00.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$4,551.36 in fines collected for the City, with \$37.11 turned over to the City, \$37.15 in POST funds \$264.85 in CVC funds; and \$111.00 in Sheriff's Retirement.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the following collections in the month of September:

Customers		
Water -2315		Sewer – 2211
		Garbage =2170
Turnover Checks:		
	Water Fund	Meter Deposit Fund
Water	\$ 56,924.02	\$ 2,861.66
Sewer	19,690.54	248.12
Garbage	34,221.90	536.02
Meter Serv.	757.85	15.75
Mo. Spray	529.52	11.00
Primacy Fee	161.11	6.32
Sewer Primacy	51.98	-0-
Sewer Bond	10,628.19	231.70
Bond Serv.	541.00	-0-
Deposit Transfer		<u>14,395.19</u>
TOTAL	\$122,965.10	\$18,307.19

Councilperson Cartee then reported the Fire department had made several calls in the last two week: 1603 Brown, a call on 13th Street where nothing was detected, and a mutual aid call from Kennett for a Church at Gobler. Bids had been advertised for a tanker truck for the Fire Department, and the bids will be opened on October 27th at 2:00 p.m. A special meeting will be held on the 27th at 5:00 p.m. for the Council to review the bids.

Police Chief Tony Jones then requested the Council allow the hiring of Michael Hopper to the Police Department. He had worked for the department before, and would like to come back. After discussion, Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the appointment of Officer Hopper, with Councilperson B. T. Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Police Chief Jones then reminded the Council of the trunk or treat at Halloween at the Public Safety Building. The Council had approved \$2,000 from the Asset Forfeiture account for the community event. Chief Jones then asked the Council to allow another \$1,500 to rent the bounce houses for the children. Councilperson Cartee motioned to approve the expenditure from Asset Forfeiture, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

The Operations Supervisor then reported the crews have been taking care of day-to-day operations. The weather has hindered the street break repairs. The form boards have been removed from the pavilion at Reynolds Park, and work is proceeding. At the airport the old drive has been removed, and work has begun on the new portion.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the handicap equipment has been installed in French Park. He has ordered a playground border to contain the mulch, and that will complete the installation. A swim meet will be held this weekend at the recreation center. Kick ball has started, and the children are practicing.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported since he has returned to work from his illness, he has found that 32 violations he had sent letters on, some have not corrected the problem. He has started writing citations to court on those. Citations have been written to all of the owners of McCoy's Salvage for not correcting the violations on the property. He is following the garbage route to check for residential parking violations. This will be in compliance with the new residential parking ordinance. He will check with the City Counselor about holding a hearing on three pieces of property follows: Young's Grocery on East 12th, 494 Bushey; and 1904 Carroll. The property on Carroll has been condemned, and the owner is not allowed back on the property. He will contact him to see if he can clean the outside of the property, but if he can't the City will need to clean the property. He reported to the Council that he has written 290 violations since he went to work a year ago, and have written approximately 10 citations.

The Water/Wastewater Manager, asked the Council to allow the purchase of 200 meters. This was a budgeted item. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the purchase, with Councilperson Cartee seconding, and motion carried.

Mr. Shaw then reported the crews will start working on the sewer at 1305 Ward on Tuesday.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the insurance coverage for the Cupples Building on West 13th. Mike McGraw, agent for the City's insurance, advised the Council the building currently has only liability insurance. It would cost the City \$7,697 to insure the building for \$3,000,000 for the 96,300 square foot building. After discussion, Councilperson B. T. Merideth motioned to approve the insurance for the building as recommended, with Councilperson Bullington seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The insurance will be effective immediately.

After discussion, Councilperson B. T. Merideth offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance, and the same was read for the first time. Bill No. 2014-9 was read by title only since it was posted the required amount of time prior to the meeting, to-wit:

BILL NO. 2014-9

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-9

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY LINK AND ASSIGNING A PERCENTAGE OF THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS TO THE MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2014-9 which is granted and Bill No. 2014-9 is read a second time by title. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2014-9 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-9 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question:

Bullington	Yes	Fike	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Hood	Yes
Cheek	Yes	B. T. Merideth	Yes
	Rodgers	Yes	

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2014-9 to be known as Ordinance No. 2014-9 did pass and become, she did affix her signature, and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Cartee then motioned to hold closed session in regards to real estate, with Councilperson Bullington seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Fike	Yes
Cartee	Yes	Hood	Yes
Cheek	Yes	B. T. Merideth	Yes
	Rodgers	Yes	

Upon reconvening into regular session, Councilperson Hood motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:55 p.m., with Councilperson Fike seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk