

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
APRIL 16, 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, April 16, 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
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	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 unanimously approved as presented. The reports read as follows:

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

Water	\$ 65,179.97	Water customers 2417
Sewer	18,528.81	Sewer Customers 2329
Garbage	35,732.39	
Meter Serv.	809.84	
Mo. Spray	575.77	
Primacy Fee	53.00	
Sewer Primacy	.70	
Sewer Bond	<u>11,494.21</u>	
TOTAL	\$132,374.69	

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported the following collections for March:

Fines	\$4,384.24
POST Fds.	29.61
JEF Fds.	29.61
CVC funds	211.09

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported nine fire call responses, with \$4,439.00 in salaries for March.

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 of the Bootheel \$583,400.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported collections for March as follows: Turnover amount \$11,639.08; Collector's Commission \$179.50; and Assessment Fund \$145.98.

Keith Davis, Recreation Director, reported \$18,713.70 in admissions to the recreation center and for the sports league for March.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the certification of election from the County Clerk. The election results read as follows:

Councilperson Hood motioned to certify the election, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The newly elected officials were then administered the Oath of Office, and were seated accordingly.

Councilperson Morgan then reported a storm spotter class will be held at the Public Library on April 24 for those who are interested. The Fire Department reported four fire calls for the last two weeks. Councilperson Morgan then reported the Police/Fire Committee had met prior to the meeting to discuss hiring Chris Blagg as a patrolman to the Police Department. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the appointment with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The next item to come before the Council was the results of the Water and Sewer Committee. Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the March adjustment report in the amount of \$3,024.37, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hood then reported a motor has quit working in the South Ward lift station. It will cost \$18,081.00 to have the motor rebuilt by VanDevanter Engineering, and can be paid for through the sewer extension fund. VanDevanter Engineering is the company that handles repairs for all of the motors. This lift station carries all the sewer from the city to the plant. After further discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the cost and amendment, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Terry Rushing, Operations Supervisor, reported the crews were able to put in two drains on Playground Road before the road was paved. Also, structures at 529 E. 12<sup>th</sup> and 502 Laurant have been demolished. The crews are currently working on the sidewalk at 15<sup>th</sup> and Ward.

Spring clean-up has started today, and will continue through Friday. Branum's will pick up all debris other than tires, batteries, wet paint, appliances with compressors, and building material. City crews will follow behind the sanitation trucks and remove tires.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the 11-12 year old team went to Rector, Ar. for the tournament over the weekend, and the team placed third. The ball season will begin on Saturday, and will go through the end of May. A grant application has been submitted for the construction of a skateboard park, and we hope to hear from that soon.

Terry Rushing reported he is sending out letters on tall grass already this season, while working on the houses that need to be demolished.

Mr. Rushing then reported the interrogation room at the new Public Safety Center does not allow for quality recordings. Once a person is recorded in the room, the tape is not audible. Acoustic panels need to be installed in the room to improve the quality of the recordings. It will cost approximately \$1932 to buy the panels and have them installed. The Police/Fire Committee has approved taking the funds from the Asset Forfeiture Account. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the expenditure for the panels from the Asset Forfeiture Account, and Councilperson Simpson seconded the motion, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to approve the fire department appointments, as follows:

Mike Wright, Assistant Chief	Jerry Hudgens, Firefighter II
Richard Lee, Captain	Dickie McClendon, Firefighter I
Lynn Moss, Lieutenant	Troy Meales, Firefighter I
Kevin Curtis, Lieutenant	John Buchanan, Firefighter
Charlie Jones, Engineer	Jess Cagle, Firefighter
Bobby Coleman, Engineer	Terry Privett, Firefighter
James Rushing, Engineer	Michael Coleman, Firefighter
Kevin Curtis, Engineer	B. T. Merideth, Firefighter
Ron Warren, Firefighter II	Tina Cook, Firefighter II
Randy Guest, Firefighter II	Thomas Guest, Firefighter
Tony Smith, Firefighter II	Paul Shaw, Firefighter II
Rickey Floyd, Firefighter II	Jim Lyons, Firefighter
Terry Rushing, Firefighter II	

Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the appointments to the Fire Department with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The next item to come before the Council was the appointments to the Police Department, which read as follows:

Jerry Hudgens, Assistant Chief of Police  
Michael Coleman, Captain/Clandestine Officer  
Chris Thacker, Lieutenant/Night Shift Officer  
Terry Privett, Chief Investigator/Investigations  
Jeremy Darnell, Sergeant/Shift Leader  
Andy Thrasher, Corporal/Shift Leader  
Paul Meacham, Corporal/Housing Supervisor  
Chris Callen, Patrolman/Acting Shift Leader  
Jeff Troutt, Patrolman  
James Beaver, Patrolman  
Richard Altice, Patrolman  
Kenneth Spain, Patrolman  
David Ward, Patrolman  
Dan Kinder, Patrolman

Chief Jones would like to observed Officer Callen as a Shift Leader before recommending a promotion. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the appointments, and Councilperson Morgan seconded, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre thanked the Police Chief and the Fire Chief for getting their appointments to her in a timely manner.

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