

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
August 1, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, August 1, 2011, 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
Chris Riggs	Chief of Police
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	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 Pullam, seconded by Councilperson Grantham, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bills. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Bids had been opened for the tower for the Public Safety Building. Two bids were received as follows:

St. Louis Electronics	\$34,240.00
JCS Wireless	\$29,738.33

Mayor Sayre recommended the lowest bid from JCS Wireless. After discussion, Councilperson Grantham motioned to approve the low bid, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Sayre then reported receiving information from John Ferguson regarding the application for the USTA grant for the tennis courts. Mr. Ferguson was successful in obtaining a grant in the amount of \$50,000 for the tennis courts. He was, also, successful in obtaining another \$15,000 grant for equipment from the Missouri regional division of the tennis association. The Mayor thanked Mr. Ferguson for his efforts in receiving funds for the project.

Mayor Sayre reported the contractor reported the Public Safety Building would be ready by the latter part of October.

Councilperson Morgan reported the Fire Department had responded to six fire calls between July 19 and August 1. The department will be conducting their annual boot block for MDA on Saturday, August 6. Caruthersville has once again been established as a weather ready City. The Police Department has advised they are shorthanded, and the Police Chief will be seeking applications to review for officers.

Councilperson Merideth reported the Street/Sanitation Committee had met prior to the Council meeting. The engineer had been asked to review the intersection at 16th and Ward to make it less difficult to see when pulling out. The engineer has designed an island at the intersection, and has recommended the street be a one-way street traveling east from Edwards to Ward. The Council was asked to review the map for discussion at a later meeting. Mayor Sayre reported that Randy Crawford is offering to put fill dirt on a proposed street that runs from Highway 84 to Marlar. However a deed will need to be obtained for the property before the City can allow this project.

Terry Rushing reported the water/sewer crew has dug up the manhole in front of Morgan's on Ward Avenue, and discovered two breaks in the sewer line. A water line was found at 13th and Ward that needed to be capped so the contractor could place his storm drainage in that area. Mayor Sayre reported FEMA will help with the expenses on the sewer line for the project.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported sign-up for Pee-Wee Football will start next month. He expressed gratitude to John Ferguson for the USTA grant. He reported an area has been marked off for a skate-board park. The Park Board is trying to get additional grant money for this park. He will bring drawings to the next Council meeting for review. The cost for the skate-board park is low; approximately \$50,000. Mayor Sayre reported Randy Crawford has volunteered to donate the dirt for the park.

Mayor Sayre reported the City is preparing to hold an administrative hearing on the property on Carleton to proceed with the demolition of the structure that had burned.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, reported the 1900 block of Dudley has been cut, as well as the 1900 block of Lincoln. Some of the lots were cut by the property owners. There are still a few on Cherry that need to be cut.

Councilperson Pullam then asked Counselor Dorroh about the taxes that are advertised in the newspaper for the City on real estate. Counselor Dorroh reported that is a leasehold, and should not have been advertised under the City's name, but under the leaseholders name. He has contacted the assessor regarding this matter, and it should be corrected.

Police Chief Riggs then asked the Council to consider a designated crosswalk for the safety of the children going to the recreation center. Counselor Dorroh reported the discussion would need to start with MoDot. He will contact them to see what can be done.

Councilperson Simpson then asked if the weeds at the car lot on Hwy 84 could be cut in the ditch. Mr. Rushing stated he will contact the highway department regarding the weeds.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to authorize the transfer of \$100,000 from the Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund for the fire truck. USDA Rural Development is continuing to process the paperwork for the lease of the fire truck from the Caruthersville Municipal Facility Improvement Corporation, and the City had agreed to contribute \$100,000 for the purchase of the truck. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to authorize the transfer of funds, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Simpson motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Sayre