

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
DECEMBER 7, 2009**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room on Monday, December 7, 2009, 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
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	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 Hood, the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Mayor Sayre then reported the work on Ward and Walker is on hold due to the weather. The contractor will continue with the concrete work, but the milling and resurfacing will not progress until the spring.

The Mayor then advised the Council the courtroom is almost completed. An inspection with the architect will be conducted next week. The City is still responsible for the technology equipment and other items. The sign has been ordered, and the landscaping has been started. The handrails will be replaced with aluminum rails. It appears the courtroom will be ready for use by the middle of January.

The building for the crematorium has been started. Once the building is completed the manufacturer will send a representative to educate staff on the operation of the incinerator.

The Council was advised the Police/Fire Committee had met to discuss the salary of the Chief of Police. The Committee had recommended the Chief's salary be increased to \$46,000 per year. After discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to accept the recommendation of the Committee, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Pullam then inquired as to the status of the property at 8th and Beckwith. Counselor Dorroh reported the process has begun again with new owners. The property has changed ownership five times since it burned. The Counselor is negotiating with the new owners regarding the property.

Councilperson Mott then reported he has received complaints about squirrels being a nuisance. After discussion, Karol Wilcox, Caruthersville Human Society, reported the Department of Conservation must be involved due to wildlife. Mayor Sayre asked the Humane Society to contact the proper authorities to see what can be done about animals, such as squirrels, skinks, and possum.

Mayor Sayre then reported the DREAM meeting has been rescheduled to December 16, at 5:00 P.M., at the Public Library.

The Council was then advised the City had advertised eight lots for sale. The lots are sufficient size to build a house. The bids will be opened on December 15, and the Council will consider the bids at the December 21 meeting.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:16 P.M., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk