

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JULY 5, 2011**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Tuesday, July 5, 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
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	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 from the last meeting. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the bills. Councilperson Grantham requested the bills be brought to the Council for motion later in the meeting. She had not been able to review them at this time.

Mayor Sayre reported she and the Clerk had a meeting with FEMA this morning. The representative that will prepare the project worksheets will be back on Friday to start the process.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Fire Department had responded to four calls in the last two weeks, and on inspection of a Church had been done. Also, the Fire Department had taken a tour of the water plant as a training session.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the crews hoped to be finished with the water line at the recreation center this week. After that they will move to East 19th to work on the sewer.

Councilperson Merideth reported the street crews have repaired a break at 3rd and Highland, and cut a tree on Willow. The Street /Sanitation Supervisor had been spraying for mosquitoes four times a week. The crews have installed eight street signs that had blown down.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported he has finished the ball season. Currently he has two all-star teams that will participate in the Cal Ripkin League. A swim team will be starting up at the recreation center. Other projects his staff has been working on is, the clean-up of Reynolds' Park, and park equipment maintenance.

Lenora Spicer then appeared before the Council to ask if there is a code within the City to make property owners clean their lot. Counselor Dorroh responded there is a code that provides a system to cite owners for not keeping their lots mowed. The owner can be taken to Municipal Court and fined, or a letter can be sent to the owner giving them a deadline as to when the lot must be cleaned. If the deadline is not met, then the City will mow the lot and charge the bill to their taxes. Mrs. Spicer then asked about the repair of the manhole on E. 19th in front of her home. The manhole is sinking. She asked that something be done on East 19th.

Councilperson Pullam then asked the Police Chief to report regarding the officer who was injured on the 4th of July with fireworks. The Chief reported the officers received a call regarding a large crowd and fighting in the area of 12th and Vest. Once the officers were there, they were attempting to take into custody persons with fireworks. One officer was trying to apprehend some juveniles that had back-packs, and he suspected they had fireworks. He lost them in some tall grass. When he was returning to his patrol car, someone threw a "mortar" at him, and it exploded in front of his face. The Officer was taken to the emergency room, and has seen an eye specialist today. He has burns in his eyes and on his face. Councilperson Rodgers then asked if there was any property damage. Chief Riggs stated there is some minor damage to the vehicles.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the solid waste contract. Counselor Dorroh reported the contract with Branums will end in March, 2012. The company is asking for a five year extension with a \$1.00 per month increase on residential, and a 15% increase on commercial. Additionally, the disposal service asked if the price of diesel exceeds \$4.00 per gallon, another \$1.00 per month per residential be added. Mayor Sayre reported the original bids for waste disposal will be given to the Council for review. Councilperson Simpson then asked the holidays in the contract be clarified. The solid waste company has worked on holidays the contract stated they would be closed. Councilperson Simpson, also, stated the service needs to have a toll free number for people to call. Councilperson Rodgers reported the property belonging to Branum's on East 9th is not being kept properly. Counselor Dorroh will seek clarification on the matters so the Council can move forward.

Councilperson Pullam then motioned to approve the bills for payment, with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk