

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**June 6, 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, June 6, 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
Grantham (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	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 Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the bills were approved for payment, with the exception that Councilperson Mott would like to have a meeting with the Police and Fire committee regarding a few of the bills. Mayor Sayre advised a Committee meeting would be held immediately following the Council meeting.

Mayor Sayre then reported she had received a letter from the Librarian regarding the resignation of Barbara Meales from the Library Board. Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to approve the appointment of Teresa Tidwell to the unexpired term of Ms. Meales. The term will expire in 2013. Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then reported the line at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Truman has been repair on Tuesday of last week. The residents are still under a boil water alert. Samples are being taken each business day to see if the levels come back in compliance with DNR levels.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the fire department had answered eight fire calls in the last two weeks.

Councilperson Hood then reported the Water office will be closed the afternoon of June 15, and all day on June 16<sup>th</sup> for training. The employees will be taking training on new software for the debit/credit card machine. Mr. Shaw then reported the water plant is fully operational since it was hit by lightning. Most of the lift stations are operating on their own after of the flood.

Councilperson Merideth reported the Street/Sanitation crews have cleared 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bushey of all debris. The crews have mowed City rights-of-way, and ditches, and mosquito pellets have been put in the ditches.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the baseball program has finally begun. The late start has put the ball season back quite a bit due to the closing of the recreation center, during the threat of flood. The center and the sportsplex are showing a lot of activity at this time.

Councilperson Pullam reported she has talked with the Code Enforcement Officer several times regarding the grass at 8<sup>th</sup> and Beckwith. Councilperson Simpson advised she has talked with him about a similar situation at 18<sup>th</sup> and Parkview. Mayor Sayre stated the City has had a lot of activity with removal of sandbags, and returning to normal. Once letters have been sent out, the owner is given a period of time to take action, then the City takes action if the owner fails to do so.

Fire Chief Charlie Jones then reported the ice machine at the fire station is failing. He has received quotes for a new ice machine that will be installed in the new Public Safety Building. The quotes read as follows:

Hill Electric	\$4,000
Cape Electric	\$4,010
Caruthersville Refrigeration	\$4,144.60

Mayor Sayre reported the machine could be purchased from the balance of the budget known as Armory roof in Sales Tax. After discussion, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the low bid from Hill, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Councilperson Pullam then asked if the street sweeper is working. Chet Moyers, Street/Sanitation Supervisor, reported he was waiting for the seep water to go down. Mayor Sayre advised many of the streets were not affected by seep water, and the street sweeper could be run. Some of the streets that were affected might have to be cleaned manually with shovels and brooms.

The next order of business to come before the Council was the acknowledgement of receipt of the 09-10 audit from Howard Tillman. After discussion, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the receipt of the audit, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Council was then advised the City-wide clean-up will be held the week of June 20-24. Items will be removed on your regular garbage day. Branum's has published a list of items they will not pick up in the newspaper.

After discussion, Councilperson Pullam offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read for the first time:

**BILL NO. 2011-2  
2011-2**

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 859 OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE,  
MISSOURI**

(Copy on file in City Clerk's office)

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2011-2 which is granted and Bill No. 2011-2 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2011-2 to be known as Ordinance No. 2011-2 pass and become law as read the second time, which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2011-2 to be known as Ordinance No. 2011-2 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Councilperson Hood reported the Water and Sewer Committee had met regarding an ordinance raising the water rates. The Committee recommended the Council raise the rates at this time, but wait until the end of the year to determine if further increases will be necessary.

After discussion, Councilperson Mott offered and moved the approval of the following ordinance; and the same was read for the first time:

**BILL NO. 2011-3**

**ORDINANCE 2011-3**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 700 OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI TO INCREASE THE WATER  
CHARGES IMPROSED THEREBY**

(Copy on file in City Clerk's Office)

After discussion the unanimous consent of the Council is asked for a second reading of Bill No. 2011-3 which is granted and Bill No. 2011-3 is read the second time. The question before the Council now is shall Bill No. 2011-3 to be known as Ordinance No. 2011-3 pass and become law as read the second time. Which resulted in the following vote on said question, to-wit:

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

Upon the Mayor declaring that Bill No. 2011-3 to be known as Ordinance No. 2011-3 is passed and approved by the Council, the Mayor did approve the bill and affix her signature and was attested by the City Clerk.

Mayor Sayre then presented the Council with a copy of the budget, and called for a special meeting on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. to adopt the budget.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Merideth motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:34 p.m., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk