

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
MAY 2, 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, May 2, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place the following were present:

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| 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 Mott, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Councilperson Merideth then reported the Council had received a letter from a resident of the Broadway, Willow, Pine, Magnolia area regarding four wheelers and golf carts being driven on City streets. Counselor Dorroh stated an ordinance is in place prohibiting those vehicles on streets. Councilperson Simpson advised the parents to be held responsible for children driving the vehicles. Counselor Dorroh stated if the vehicles are considered on-road, and children are driving the vehicle that are not licensed, then the owner of the vehicle can be cited. He will review the ordinances, and advise the police department of the necessary action. Chief Riggs stated his officers have repeatedly answered calls in that area, but once the officer leaves, the children are back on the road again.

Councilperson Morgan wanted to thank the Police and Fire Department for working extra hard during the past week, and the possibility of floods. They have done an excellent job.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, then reported the Industrial Drive Water Plant was struck by lightning around 5:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Currently, the water department

employees are working 24/7 to keep the plant operational. Van Devanter is here, and is trying to repair all the items and equipment that were damaged. He thanked Terry Rushing for his assistance in helping identify the problem. Also, the water line behind Jiffy Jim's had broken, and water was restored to the apartment complex at noon today.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported everything is running smoothly at the recreation center. There is lot of water in the ball fields, and ballgames cannot begin as scheduled.

Jana Merideth then appeared before the Council to thank the Council for allowing her government classes to attend the meetings. This is the last meeting the students will attend for this school year.

Councilperson Pullam then reported some places are in need of sand; where can they get it. Mayor Sayre reported they would need to purchase sand. She advised they could get it from a company in Cape Girardeau.

Fire Chief, Charlie Jones, reviewed the shelter and routes to be used in case of mandatory evacuation. The route to take would be Highway U. Shelters are being set up now by the Caruthersville Ministerial Alliance and the Oasis Worship Center. The residents will be warned by the Sheriff's office, Police Department, and the radio if an evacuation does occur. Doug McDowell then asked how long the residents will have to evacuate once the warning has been issued. The Mayor stated the river stage is predicted to be at 49.5 on Saturday at 7:00 a.m., and with the forecast, the residents need to consider the safety of their families. At this time, the Mayor thanked the Missouri National Guard for their efforts to keep the City safe. Sergeant Valencia of the National Guard reported the unit will move forward with phase 1, 2 and 3 of their plans for holding back the water. He has procured pumps to help pump water further downstream.

Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, appointments for City officials were approved as follows:

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager
Donald Jones, Wastewater Plant Superintendent
James Lane, Water Distribution/wastewater Collection Chief
Charlie Jones, Fire Chief
Chet Moyers, Sanitation Superintendent
John Chittenden, City Engineer
Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director
Christi Watkins, Municipal Court Clerk
Paula VanDeWaal, Water Department Bookkeeper
Lawrence Dorroh, City Counselor
Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement
Melinda Scifres, City Clerk

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to approve the appointment of Karen Meeks to the Park/Recreation Board, and John Mark Jones to the unexpired term of Joe Cagle. Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the appointments, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to approve the appointment of Catherine Donald to the Housing Authority Board. Councilperson Rodgers motioned to approve the appointment with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

The next appointment to be recommended to the Council was Earl Curtis to the Planning and Zoning Commission for four year appointment. Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the appointment, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Council to approve the following three year appointments for the Library:

Rita Gorman
Jeanie Hollomon
Byron Luber

Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Morgan, the appointments were approved unanimously.

Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the Mayor's appointment to the Fire Department, with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried with Councilperson Merideth abstaining from the vote. The appointments read as follows:

Mike Wright, Assistant Chief
Lynn Moss, Lieutenant
Charlie Jones, Engineer
James Rushing, Engineer

Richard Lee, Captain
Kevin Curtis, Lieutenant
Bobby Coleman, Engineer
James Lyons, Engineer

FIREFIGHTER II

Ron Warren
Tony Smith
Terry Rushing
Dickie McClendon
Paul Shaw

Randy Guest
Rickey Floyd
Jerry Hudgens
Tina Cook

Troy Meales, Firefighter I

FIREFIGHTER

Jess Cagle
Terry Privett
B. T. Merideth

John Buchanan
Michael Coleman
Thomas Guest

Mayor Sayre then made recommendations for the Police Department. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Rodgers, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the appointments were approved as follows:

Tony Jones
Marcus Hopkins
Chris Thacker
Matt Fowler
Jeremy Darnell
Evan Burns
Chris Callen
Paul Meacham
Jeff Troutt
Richard Altice

Michael Coleman
Chris Cooley
Austin DeLisle
Derrick Dye
Terry Privett
Andy Thrasher
Anson Barney
Jason Bonee
James Beaver

Mayor Sayre then reported the Caruthersville Nursing Center has evacuated the building. Last week approximately 20 residents that were ambulatory were moved the Hayti Nursing Home. Due to the water line break, the remainder of the residents were moved today.

Councilperson Merideth then nominated Frank Morgan as Mayor Pro Tem, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding. With no further nominations, the Council agreed unanimously to elect Councilperson Morgan as Mayor Pro Tem.

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk