

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
APRIL 18, 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, April 18, 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
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	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 was the approval of the minutes, bills, and reports. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Mott, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the minutes, bills, and reports were approved. The reports read as follows:

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$7,138.23 in taxes collected, with \$113.56 in Collector's Commission, and \$9.10 in Clerk's Fee.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$16,818.04 in admissions to the recreation center for March.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$2,571.00 in salaries for March, with three calls.

Melinda Scifres, City Clerk, reported securities pledged at the banks for deposits as follows: First State Bank - \$3,125,000; Focus Bank \$2,021,899.47; Bank Star \$583,400.

Christi Watkins, Court Clerk, reported \$7,422 in fines, \$118.00 in Police School; \$57.17 in POST Funds, \$407.70 in CVC funds.

Paula Van De Waal, Bookkeeper for the Water Department reported the following collections for March:

Water	\$ 41,753.29	City Gallons 311,200
Sewer	19,700.02	Customers 2412
Garbage	33,457.73	
Meter Serv.	752.71	
Mo. Spray	535.22	
Primacy Fee	4.84	
Sewer Serv.	.70	
Sewer Bond	<u>10,949.17</u>	
TOTAL	\$106,949.17	

At this time, the certification of the April 5, 2011 General Municipal Election was read aloud. Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the certification, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion was carried unanimously. The results read as follows:

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April 7, 2011

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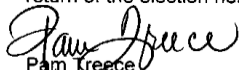
RE: APRIL 5, 2011 ELECTION RESULTS

This letter is the Certified Results of the April 5, 2011 General Municipal Election for your City.
The results are as follows:

COUNCIL WARD 1	JOHNNY HOOD	26
COUNCIL WARD 2	JAMES MOTT	63
	VANCE HOLLIS	52
COUNCIL WARD 3	SUE GRANTHAM	130
COUNCIL WARD 4	FRANK MORGAN	102
	CHARLES BLAGG	37

STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF PEMISCOT)

I, Pam Treece, Clerk of the County Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct return of the election held on April 5, 2011.


Pam Treece
County Clerk

At this time, those members elected were asked to come to the front, and be sworn into their respective offices. After administering the oath of office the Councilmembers were seated and business continued.

Councilperson Morgan then gave a report on the fire department. So far in April the department has responded to five fires. Also, the Great Shake Out will be held on April 28 at 10:15 a.m. for people to prepare for an earthquake.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment reported in the amount of \$1,034.10 for the Water Department, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported the clarifier drive for the wastewater treatment plant was delivered last week, and should be installed this week. The fire hydrant at 13th & Grand will need to be replaced; it was hit by a car. The crews have been working on a water tap at 1st & Ward. Several leaks have been fixed. In the past, there have been as many as 80 customers on the "pull" list, and this month there were only 20. Progress is being made regarding collections in the office. The insurance company has decided to total the truck that was involved in the wreck, and the City will receive \$10,500 from the insurance company. A replacement truck will cost \$16,462 on the state bid. The Committee recommends the truck be replaced. The additional money will come from the chlorine monitor line and the trailer that was included in this year's budget. After discussion, Councilperson Hood motioned to approve the purchase of the truck with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Merideth reported the street/sanitation crews have cut Ward in three places, and have put up several street signs. The Court of Appeals has not agreed to allow an extension regarding the mosquito spraying, and the City will be allowed to spray for mosquitoes. Chet Moyers then asked approval to purchase five barrels of chemical for the spraying at a cost of \$2,138 per fifty-five gallon barrel, or a total of approximately \$11,500. Councilperson Merideth motioned to allow the purchase of the chemical, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and motion carried.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported he has been very busy with ball season in the parks. There are twenty-one teams, consisting of 143 children. More girls are participating in the leagues this year. The games will start on May 2. All playground equipment has been checked for safety in both parks, and everything was secure. First State Bank will be sponsoring a three on three basketball tournament on Saturday, May 30th, and the Health Fair will be held on May 19 at the recreation center. Also, the travel teams have played and the 9-10 year old placed first this week, with the 11-12 year old placing fourth.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, reported he is waiting on the weather to allow the demolition of a shed at 310 Eastwood. He has obtained a right-of-entry on a property to demolish a shed at 305 E. 15th, and the transfer station fees will be paid by the owners. He is working with the crews to sweep out the ditches on Juliet and West Fourth Street. He has been assisting the water crews on a street break for two days to install a water and sewer line to the new Public Safety Building. Also, several home inspections have been completed and passed.

Jana Merideth then appeared before the Council to report the American Government class was in attendance, and seventeen students were present.

Councilperson Pullam then asked if a parking lot was going to be constructed at the tennis courts. Mayor Sayre stated the cost of the parking lot would be \$20,000-\$30,000, and is not planned at this time, because the money is not available.

Councilperson Simpson then reported the lady that lives at 11th and Collins has been complaining about large dogs running loose in her yard. Mayor Sayre reported she will contact the Humane Officer to call Councilperson Simpson for further information.

The next item of business to come before the Council was the contract with the County for dispatching/jailing services. Counselor Dorroh reported all the cities in the county have met (Mayors and Chiefs of Police) to discuss the fees for the service. The original contract had Caruthersville paying \$50,000 annually for dispatching emergency and non-emergency calls, and the housing of the prisoners. The County after five years asked for a 10% increase, which the City agreed. Now, four years after the last increase, the County is asking for another sizeable increase. After several meetings and counter offers, the County has stated they would do the dispatch service for \$53,658.00 per year, and house prisoners for \$15.00 per diem. Counselor Dorroh reported that based on the housing of prisoners in the prior year, the cost for the per diem could be \$18,000 per year. Mayor Sayre stated for the City to operate their own dispatch service, it would cost \$107,000 per year, and the City would still have to pay a per diem to the County. Counselor Dorroh reported the other cities have not made a final decision. Mayor Sayre stated as taxpayers for the County, the citizens are already paying for this service. If the Council decides to approve the contract as stated, the City will need to make cuts in the budget somewhere to offset the expense. After further discussion, Councilperson Morgan motioned to accept the agreement for one year with the Council as proposed. Councilperson Hood seconded the motion, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The next item to come before the Council was a Proclamation regarding National Days of Remembrance. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Hood, seconded by Councilperson Merideth, the following proclamation was approved unanimously by the Council.

**NATIONAL DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE
PROCLAMATION**

Whereas, the Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systematic and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and,

Whereas, the history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

Whereas, we the people of the City of Caruthersville should always remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny; and

Whereas, we the people of the City of Caruthersville should actively rededicate ourselves to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

Whereas, the Days of Remembrance have been set aside for the people of the City of Caruthersville to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all peoples; and

Whereas, pursuant to an Act of Congress (Public Law 96-388, October 7, 1980), the United States Holocaust Memorial Council designates the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust to be Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011;

Whereas, Diane Sayre, Mayor Caruthersville, and the Caruthersville City Council do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday, May 1 through Sunday, May 8, 2011, as Days of Remembrance in memory of the victims of the Holocaust and in honor of the survivors as well as the rescuers and liberators, and further proclaim that we, as citizens of the City of Caruthersville, should work to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs.

Councilperson Pullam then motioned to hold closed session in regards to real estate, with Councilperson Grantham seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

After re-convening into regular session, the Council agreed unanimously to advertise for an auditor for the coming fiscal period. Counselor Dorroh was advised to prepare an advertisement.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Grantham motioned the meeting adjourn, at 6:07 p.m., with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk