

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
April 4, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, April 4, 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
Jeremy Darnell	Acting Sergeant at Arms
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Merideth	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 unanimously approved

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

Councilperson Merideth then reviewed a letter from the engineer, John Chittenden, regarding the resurfacing of Ward Avenue from Seventh Street to Highway U. The low bidder was ASA Asphalt in the amount of \$341,399. The proposal form did not provide for the 860 tons of bituminous mixture required for the asphalt leveling course, and adding this quantity to their bid would increase their contract amount to \$404,179. With this change in quantities ASA Asphalt remains the low bidder. After discussion, Councilperson Merideth motioned to approve the low bid, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and roll call was asked for, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Morgan then reported that in the last two weeks, the fire department has responded to three fire calls, one structure fire, one false alarm at the school, and the Chief has conducted a training course on hoses. Seven inspections have been done in the City, and two drills have been done in the schools.

Councilperson Hood reported the Water Plant operator, James Lane, was involved in an accident this morning, but was not hurt. He was released from the hospital this afternoon, and will return to work on Wednesday.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported Vandevanter is working on the water plant. The crews have fixed leaks at 12th and Collins and at 16th and Edwards. The contractor is still working on the sewer improvements.

Councilperson Merideth reported the Street crew has cleaned up the riverfront, and has finished demolition of the structure at 604 Ferguson. The crews have been laying milled asphalt on secondary streets and alleys. Also, a bid opening will be held on May 12 at 2:00 p.m. for the 13th Street project.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported try-outs for the ball leagues have been completed, and the leagues will have 21 teams. During the wind, a flagpole at England Park was snapped into, and cost estimate are being obtained to replace the pole.

J. J. Bullington then appeared before the Council on behalf of the Park Board. The Park Board has approved the low bidder, Kiefner Brothers, for the contract with a total cost of \$499,498. Many donations have been received for the project, with annual donations still being received over the next three years. The Tennis Association has received adequate donations to fund the project. After discussion Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the bid as recommended by the Park Board, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and roll call was asked for which resulted in the following vote:

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

Terry Rushing, Code Enforcement Officer, reported he has obtained a right-of-entry form for the property at 310 Eastwood to remove a shed from the property. The owner will pay the cost of the removal. He reported he has now completed the emission inventory report for the crematorium as required by Department of Natural Resources. He has had two dumpsters removed from residential properties, and used a transom to shoot an elevation on the ditch on Juliet. One building is being evaluation as a dilapidated structure in Ward 1, 13 occupancy permits have been written, two building permits, one electrical, and one gas permit.

Jana Merideth then appeared before the Council to report students from her American Government and American Politics classes will be attending meetings (starting with this meeting). She thanked the Council for letting them be a part of the City government.

Charles Cain then appeared before the Council regarding the condition of the factory on South Ward. There are trailers and other items that seem to be abandoned on the property, and need to be removed. The Mayor asked that Mr. Cain come by her office to talk with her about the property, and she can better explain the issues regarding the property. Mr. Cain then asked if there was going to be a fee to play on the new tennis courts. Mayor Sayre reported no fees will be charged for the courts.

Councilperson Merideth then motioned to adopt the following resolution with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and the resolution read as follows:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE AWARDING THE CONTRACT ON THE MUNICIPAL TENNIS COMPLEX AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A MUNICIPAL LEASE AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAID COMPLEX.

Roll call was then asked for regarding the adoption of the resolution, and resulted in the following vote:

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

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned the meeting adjourn at 5:25 p.m., with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk