

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
March 21, 2011

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room on Monday, March 21, 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 |
| Merideth | Councilperson |
| Morgan | Councilperson |
| Mott | Councilperson |
| Pullam | Councilperson |
| Rodgers | Councilperson |
| Simpson | Councilperson |
| Grantham (Absent) | Councilperson |
| Hood | 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 reports read as follows:

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 - \$563,400.

Donna Brooks, City Collector, reported \$9,702.72 in taxes submitted to the Treasurer, with \$156.88 in Collector's Commission, and \$15.80 in Clerk's fees.

Charlie Jones, Fire Chief, reported \$4,085.00 in salaries for February, with eight fire calls during February.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported \$10,432.69 in admission to the recreation center during February.

Christi Watkins, Municipal Court Clerk, reported \$705.44 in CVC funds, \$98.95 in POST funds, \$13,585.01 in fines collected to be submitted to the Treasurer, and \$98.93 in JEF funds.

The first order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the minutes, bills and reports. Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the minutes, bills and reports. Councilperson Hood seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Paula VanDeWaal, Bookkeeper for the Water Department, reported the following for February:

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| Water | \$ 46,444.64 | City Gallons 785,430 |
| Sewer | 20,253.68 | Customers 2397 |
| Garbage | 32,761.11 | |
| Meter Ser. | 797.84 | |
| Mo. Spray | 567.38 | |
| Primacy Fee | 3.00 | |
| Sewer Bond | <u>.70</u> | |
| TOTAL | \$111,886.34 | |

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Police Department has purchased rescue disk to aid someone in the water that is in trouble. The department has held two road blocks for City stickers, and has been enforcing the loud noise ordinance throughout the community. The Fire Department has performed an extrication within the City, and helped with mutual aid in Kennett. Twenty-One members trained on fire ropes and knots in a class taught by Lynn Moss. The Fire Chief performed four fire inspections in February and four in March.

Councilperson Hood reported the Water and Sewer crews have been performing the daily tests at the plants, and monitoring lift stations, as well as doing rod jobs. The crews pumped out the Ag Ops drainage at the airport. Distribution crews have been working on the 16th and Ward line that was capped off, and the installation of a line at 3rd and Highland. This week the crews will start reading meters, while some of the others will be taking classes needed for licensing.

Donald Jones, Wastewater Plant Superintendent, reported the contractor has been able to get a lot of work done. He is working on the construction of a clarifier and a lift station at the wastewater plant. The contractor stated it would take approximately three months to construct the clarifier.

Councilperson Hood then motioned to approve the adjustment in the amount of \$1,648.76 for the Water Department, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chet Moyers, Street/Sanitation Supervisor, had presented the Council with a reported from Clarke Mosquito Spray regarding the permit needed to spray for mosquitoes. A Circuit Court Judge has determined it will be up to DNR of each state to determine the regulations for mosquito spraying. At this time, Missouri has not completed their restrictions and application process. Missouri DNR should have something for cities to review by April 9th, if cities will be allowed to spray. The crews have town down to structures as follows: 3rd and Bushey and 604 Ferguson. The drains have been cleaned, also, for the storm drain system.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director reported the floors at the recreation center will be stripped and waxed this week. The work will be done in sections on the floor, and will take most of the week to complete. The pool will be backwashed this week, also. He has been checking on updating

the lights over the walking track and gym. Also, a run/walk clinic in conjunction with the Humane Society is being held at the center on Sunday's. Holding the clinic for the Humane Society has aided the center in getting new members. The center currently has approximately 1500 members, as well as those that pay the daily fee. The Sports Plex and Kiwanis Field are being prepared for the first games in April. The time period for baseball sign-ups have passed, but is being extended to allow the children that did not get to sign-up a chance to get into the program. Once the draft has been completed on April 2, the teams will start practicing, and game will start April 26. This year the baseball will be sponsored by the Cal Rifkin league. Safety inspections have been performed on all the playground equipment, and are done once a month.

Terry Rushing, Code Enforcement/Building Inspector, reported he has been working on the tearing down the houses at 301 E. 4th and 604 Ferguson, and cleaning the lots. Mr. Rushing reported he was successful in getting a right-of-entry to remove debris on Juliette, and is currently working on removing a drain from the ditch since it is no longer needed. He has completed working with MoDot to repair the concrete at Hwy 84 and Truman Blvd. where the leak was repaired. During March, eleven citations have been issued, eight building permits, two electrical permits, two gas permits, and one sewer permit. Four warning citations for construction debris on the side of the road have been issued. Also, he has been working on trying to put milling material in the alleys. He has continuously monitored the construction at the Public Safety site, and all the concrete flooring has been laid, and many of the interior walls have been erected. On April 11 a street break will be done all the way across Ward to put in a new water line for the building.

Counselor Dorroh then reported a resolution is being prepared for the financing of the tennis courts through Focus Bank. Interest rates had been sought for the loan, but the documents have not been finalized at this time. The Park Board will give their approval of the financing, and will recommend to the Council at the next meeting. All funding is within the budget that was discussed for the tennis courts.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Mott motioned the meeting adjourn, at 5:32 P.M., with Councilperson Simpson seconding, and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk