

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
May 4, 2009

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room on Monday, May 4, 2009, 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
Merideth	Councilperson
Morgan	Councilperson
Mott	Councilperson
Pullam	Councilperson
Rodgers	Councilperson
Simpson	Councilperson
Grantham	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 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 approved unanimously.

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

The next item to come before the Council was the personnel manual. Mayor Sayre reported the Counselor has made changes to the draft that was presented to the Council at an earlier meeting. A complete draft will be mailed to the Council for review with a separate list of changes that were made. The Council will consider the revised manual at the next meeting.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the baseball season was to begin on May 2, but the rain cancelled opening day. Two Hundred Fifty-Five children have signed up for the ball program. The French Park ball field should be ready for games this week. The field will be renamed Turner Lee Field, in memory of a man who worked with the youth in the community, and started the ball league for the African-American children. Also, a dedication for monument honoring Alonzo Hill will be placed at French Park. Mr. Hill was a long time member of the Park Board, and was very active with the youth and the ball leagues. The Council will be notified when the dedication ceremony will be held.

Austin DeLisle, Code Enforcement Officer, then appeared before the Council to report he has started the process on grass and weeds for the season. He stated due to the weather, he has given property owners some slack. He has had five community service workers working today. He will

work the community service workers on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Today they picked up litter on both sides of Truman, and on East Twelfth from Ward to Adams. Mayor Sayre reported the letter that is sent regarding tall grass was reviewed, and it was found that it will be necessary to send out the letter each time the grass is high on a piece of property. A list of the properties the City has had to mow each year is being compiled. This list will be split between two individuals that will mow the lots at a discounted rate. Councilperson Pullam asked if the Council would be given a copy of the list, and the Mayor responded a copy would be given to the Council.

Mayor Sayre then asked the Water and Sewer Committee to meet on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. to discuss the budget. The Street and Sanitation Committee will meet on Thursday to review the budget for those departments.

Mayor Sayre then reminded everyone about the meeting regarding the wastewater revenue bond issue at First State Bank Community Room on Tuesday, at 5:30.

Jana Merideth then appeared before the Council to thank them for allowing her to have her classes come in for credit to see the Municipal Government at work. Mayor Sayre stated the Council was glad to have the class here.

At this time, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the Council committees as recommended by the Mayor, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The committees read as follows:

Finance

Johnny Hood
Sue Grantham
Barbara Pullam
Sheila Simpson

Fire & Police

Frank Morgan
Barbara Rodgers
Barbara Pullam
Baughn Merideth

Street & Alley

Baughn Merideth
Frank Morgan
James Mott
Barbara Rodgers

Water & Sewer

Johnny Hood
James Mott
Sue Grantham
Sheila Simpson

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Baughn Merideth
Sheila Simpson
Barbara Pullam
Barbara Rodgers

Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Merideth, seconded by Councilperson Hood, the City Officials were approved unanimously as follows:

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager
Donald Jones, Wastewater Plant Superintendent
James Lane, Water Distribution/wastewater Collection Chief
James Elliott, Water Plant Superintendent
Charlie Jones, Fire Chief
Jeff Cotner, IT Administrator
Chet Moyers, Sanitation Superintendent
John Chittenden, City Engineer
Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director
Christi Watkins, Police Clerk
Angie Dormer, Water Department Bookkeeper
Lawrence Dorroh, City Counselor
Terry Rushing Building Inspector
Austin DeLisle, Code Enforcement Office
Melinda Scifres, City Clerk

Councilperson Rodgers then motioned to approve the appointment of the Board and Commissions, with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and the motion was carried unanimously. The appointments as recommended by the Mayor were as follows:

Library:(3 years)

Gwen McDowell
Beverly Tipton
Jane Fike

Planning and Zoning Commission:(4 years)

John Ferguson
Dustin Price
Sheila Simpson, Ex-Officio

Housing Authority (4 years)

Paul Currie
Rick Young

Board of Adjustment(5 year)

John Sellers

Cemetery Board(1 year)

Grace Prange
Katherine Parkinson
Polly Lunceford
Barbara Stone
Teresa Lee

Airport:(1 year)

Denny Callen
Gary Braswell
Dick Rheade
Jack Tipton, Jr.
Glen Haynes
Baughn Merideth ex-officio

Tree Board (3 year)

Lynne Wilson
Corky Nelson

Recreation Center Board(3 years)

James White
J. J. Bullington
Wayne Smith

Cemetery Superintendent

Howard Fike

Councilperson Merideth then motioned to approve the appointment of the members of the Police Department, with Councilperson Morgan seconding, and motion carried unanimously. The appointments read as follows:

Michael Coleman, Lieutenant/Chief Investigator
Matt Fowler, Sergeant
Billy Joe Stanfield, Sergeant
Chris Cooley, Sergeant
Marcus Hopkins, Sergeant
Michael George, Corporal
Chris Thacker, Corporal
Anson Barney, Corporal
Andy Thrasher, Patrolman
Chris Callen, Patrolman
Jeremy Darnell, Patrolman
Zach Martin, Patrolman
Paul Meacham, Patrolman
Dan Elder, Patrolman
Chris Rudd, Patrolman
Evan Burns, Patrolman
Jeff Troutt, Housing
Blaise Duggins, Sergeant Housing
James Beaver, Housing
Jeff Cotner, Corporal Part-time
Tony Dale, Part-time Patrolman
Joe Bradshaw, Special Officer
Donnie Pickens, Animal Control

At this time, Councilperson Mott motioned to approve the appointments in the Fire department as recommended by the Mayor, with Councilperson Pullam seconding, and the appointments were approved unanimously as follows:

Mike Wright, Assistant Chief
Lynn Moss, Lieutenant
Charlie Jones, Engineer
Bobby Coleman, Engineer
Ron Warren, Firefighter II
Randy Guest, Firefighter II
Rickey Floyd, Firefighter II
Jerry Hudgens, Firefighter II

Richard Lee, Captain
Kevin Curtis, Lieutenant
Terry Rushing, Engineer
James Rushing, Engineer
Randy Guest, Firefighter II
Tony Smith, Firefighter II
Jerry Hudgens, Firefighter II
Dickie McClendon, Firefighter I

Troy Meales, Firefighter I
John Buchanan, Firefighter
Terry Privett, Firefighter
B. T. Merideth, Firefighter
Thomas Guest, Firefighter
Jim Lyons, Firefighter

John Buchanan, Firefighter
Jess Cagle, Firefighter
Michael Coleman, Firefighter
Tina Cook, Firefighter
Paul Shaw, Firefighter
Mike Nealy, Chaplain

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Rodgers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 P.M., with Councilperson Mott seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk