

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
JULY 2, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room in the Municipal Building on Monday, July 2, 2012, 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
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 as presented.

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 Grantham, the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Councilperson Rodgers then reminded the Council that Senator McKaskill will be in the area on Friday at Noon at the Democratic headquarters on 13<sup>th</sup> Street. She asked all the Council to attend.

Mayor Sayre then thanked the employees that worked under Terry Rushing's direction to get the town cleaned up. The Mayor asked Mr. Rushing to tell the employees the administration is very proud of their hard work.

Mayor Sayre advised the fireworks display is still set for the night of the Fourth. The Fire Chief has talked with the company that the City purchased the fireworks from, and has advised them the display will go on. The company has licensed pyrotechnics that shoot the display, and with the fire department being on standby, the display should be very safe. The ban on shooting fireworks within the City by individuals is still in effect due to the drought.

Operation Supervisor, Terry Rushing, then reported the animal shelter is still closed. The floor had to be repaired and all animals had to be removed. All necessary repairs will be done while all the animals are out. The facility will not be opened until all the work is done. The work consist of painting the walls, cleaning other walls, air conditioning repairs, concrete work, and wood on the outside kennels. The City will request another inspection from the state before the shelter will re-open. The City must negotiate with a veterinarian to assist with the medication for the animals, and to inspect the shelter once a year. Mr. Rushing will talk with a veterinarian from Dyersburg regarding the inspection and medication. Mayor Sayre then advised the Council that policies and procedures are being developed and put in writing, and the attorney will review for accuracy.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the Police and Fire Committee have not met. However, someone had set garbage bags on fire at 13<sup>th</sup> and Vest, and the fire department had been called out, and later another call for the same area was made for garbage bags on fire again.

Police Chief Tony Jones then thanked the Mayor for getting the area on 14<sup>th</sup> and Hickory cleaned up. In the past when the police were called to that area, the suspects would hide in that lot. Mayor Sayre reported that property was deeded to the City, but it had been overgrown for many years.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, thanked the fire engineers and Donnie Pickens for painting the fire hydrants. Mayor Sayre reported this is in preparation for the ISO inspection.

Terry Rushing expressed his appreciation to the crews for their hard work in cleaning the entrance to the City. He reported it looked better than ever.

Councilperson Rodgers then suggested the recreation center have adult supervision on the weekends. The monitors are only 17-18 years of age. Mayor Sayre stated when the Assistant Director was hired, he was supposed to work every other weekend, and alternate with the Director. The Operations Supervisor will talk with the Director regarding this matter.

Councilperson Hood then inquired if it would be possible to install restroom facilities at French Park. Mayor Sayre reported neither park had restrooms. The facilities had been vandalized so often, the Park Board had decided to utilize only porta-potties. A request should be made to Park Board for the placement of porta-potties for either park. However, if the porta-potties are turned over or damaged or removed, those will be removed, also. Mayor Sayre will ask the Director to talk with the Board.

Councilperson Simpson stated when she left the recreation center on Saturday afternoon, there were about 25 children leaving the center, running in and out of traffic. Councilperson Rodgers stated the Council had considered a walkway in the past. After discussion, it was determined the police will look at the problem and will talk with the Director.

Code Enforcement Officer Terry Rushing reported he has deeds ready for the demolition of five houses, and once the tenant of one house moves out, the City will demolish six houses. The attorney will write the advertisement for the demolition of the properties, and for the sale of the surplus property.

Jane Ellen Lazenby then thanked Terry Rushing for watering the crepe myrtles on Third Street. Mayor Sayre reported some dead trees in the Veteran's Park and at the Library that need to be pulled up.

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

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk