

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
JANUARY 3, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building on Tuesday, January 3, 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
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 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 Grantham, the minutes were unanimously approved by the Council.

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

Mayor Sayre then reported the Assistant Chief, Tony Jones, had presented a request for \$1,000 from the Asset Forfeiture Fund for undercover activities. The Mayor reported the checks and balances will be in place and it will be monitored as per the policy. Councilperson Morgan motioned to approve the expenditure, with Councilperson Rodgers seconding, and motion carried unanimously.

Terry Rushing, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, reported the wiring for the equipment at the Public Safety Building is almost complete. He has contacted the phone company once again to see where they are with installing the lines. It appears the building will not be ready until the end of January.

Councilperson Morgan then reported the fire department had made four calls between December 23 and January 3. There was a total of 116 fires in 2011, with 24 out of town fire calls at a cost of \$8,288, only \$7,000 of the out of town calls had been paid.

Paul Shaw, Water/Wastewater Manager, reported six lines had been repaired on East Thirteenth Street where a water main had been fixed. The crews have completed fourteen taps in the last couple of weeks. The plant operators are doing their year-end reports for DNR. The new equipment truck is in, and the radio will be installed soon and signage will be placed on the truck.

Councilperson Merideth reported the street and sanitation crews started taking down the Christmas decorations, and resumed the leaf and limb pickup for January. The crews continue to monitor the street breaks-adding chat as needed.

Keith Davis, Parks/Recreation Director, reported the center is finishing the kick ball games, and will start basketball next week.

Mayor Sayre then reported that January 11 will be Chet Moyers last day of work with the City before his retirement. A drop-in reception will be held at 2:00 p.m. through 3:30 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Sayre then advised the Council the maintenance contract for the cemetery has expired. She asked the Council to allow advertising to seek bids for the maintenance, which will include the mowing. The Council agreed to advertise. Graves are currently being sold for \$500 each, mowing is \$900 per occurrence, and opening/closing of graves is \$700.00.

Mayor Sayre then presented a copy of the notice of special election for the unexpired position of City Marshal. The election will be held on April 3, 2012, and candidates may sign up for the position in the City Clerk's office from January 10, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. through January 30, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. The term will expire in April of 2014.

Mayor Sayre then recommended the Council re-schedule the next meeting for Tuesday, January 17 at 5:00 p.m. due to Martin Luther King's Day. Councilperson Simpson motioned to accept the rescheduled date, with Councilperson Hood seconding, and motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Simpson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m., with Councilperson Merideth seconding, and motion carried.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk