

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**August 15, 2022**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday August 15, 2022 in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence (Absent)	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	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 was the approval of the regular session minutes for August 1, 2022. Councilperson Glass motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood all in favor, with Councilperson Bullington abstaining.

Councilperson Lyons motion for the approval of the August 1, 2022 closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Glass all in favor, with Councilperson Bullington abstaining.

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval for the reports and bills, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday September 6, 2022 in observance of Labor Day. Councilperson Lyons made motion, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes		

Pam Treece, County Clerk sent certification of the aggregate assessed valuation of the City of Caruthersville for the year 2022 as computed after the Board of Equalization as follows:

Real Estate	\$31,605,493	New Construction	\$345,990
Personal	\$13,653,144		
Total	\$45,258,637		

Police report; Chief Jones reported that he had posted on Facebook about the Safety Grant for DWI, and the officers will be patrolling during the holiday weekend. Chief Jones made mention of the safety issue with the American Legion with not having cameras. The department will be out with the Light trailer the weekend because of the party taking place. Chief Jones also advised the Council to have something in writing addressing having cameras for the American Legion Building. The roadblocks to check City stickers will be occurring soon. Chief Jones suggested that the Council look into having a life time sticker for \$50.00 for UTV's, like some of the other towns; if the UTV is sold, or replaced another sticker would have to be purchased. Counselor Dorroh stated that the ordinance would have to be changed. Councilperson Lyons motion to have Counselor Dorroh look into how to go about changing the ordinance, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor.

Fire report; Fire calls from August 2, 2022 to August 15, 2022 are as follows: 8/22/22; Structure fire a total loss on Daeoc Rd, 8/2/22; Structure fire with moderate damage on Franklin, 8/2/22; Malfunction of water heater on East 13<sup>th</sup> St, 8/4/22; Lift assist requested by CPD and Medic One on West 11<sup>th</sup> St, 8/5/22; Gas leak underground on Daeoc Rd contacted Liberty Utilities, 8/7/22; Gas leak due to someone backing up over a gas riser on Laurant, 8/10/22; Eighteen wheeler caught on fire a total loss on I55/412.

Public Works; Dustin Sterling presented his monthly operations report as follows: Administrative; The monthly electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) for the month of June was submitted to DNR on August 3, 2022. Treatment; The Wastewater Plant had a 98.3% BOD and a 97.7% TSS removal efficiency. Collection/Distribution; The manhole on 7<sup>th</sup> & Ward has been replaced. Customer Service; Service lines on Madison, Laurant, Bushey, and East 16<sup>th</sup> St were jetted, and 78 line locates were completed. Project Updates; AWR management is working with John Chittenden to secure the media needed to restore the Industrial Water Plant. If the manufacturer will provide written direction, Alliance will perform the install. Point repairs are also being made on sewer mains.

Safety; A safety meeting on Excavation and Trenching was held on July 8, 2022. Regulatory; Missouri DNR performed an inspection of the water system on July 28, 2022. There were eight Bact-T samples taken during the month of July all passed DNR. There were also 33 Wastewater samples taken during the month of July, passing DNR requirements. Leaks; There were four leaks repairs conducted during the month of July. Repair expenses were (\$2,920) under budget and Chemical expenses \$1,920 over budget, with the over budget to be refunded back to the City.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that Cargill will be having a conference call Wednesday August 17, 2022 with Code Enforcement, Public Works, and Waters Engineering concerning Waste Water demands. There are two more point repairs to be done on Laurant, and pavement has to take place on all of the point repairs, which should be completed by the next meeting. Code Enforcement and the Fire Chief met with Rodgers Hydrant and was supplied with a list. There are six hydrants that needs repairing which would cost \$6,200. Seven needs replacing which would cost \$7,976.35 each, without the hydrants installation would cost \$4,700 each. M & H hydrants and Mueller hydrants parts are interchangeable and easier to work on, and maybe for less. Mr. Gilmore will be getting the quotes for the hydrants. Mr. Gilmore also commended Jalen Hollywood, and Macy Middleton working hard mowing city, county, and individual properties throughout the City single handedly when the City was shorthanded. Tuesday will be their last day before heading off to college.

Library report; Marsha Hayes reported that the Library had gotten in their STEM kits, and encourage anyone with small kids to come and check them out.

City Collector; Paige Gillock reported that the pricing for the stickers would be \$138.00 more than last year, because she had to order more stickers. Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to approve the ordering of the additional stickers. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes		

Collections from August 1, 2022 to August 15, 2022 are as follows: Real Estate \$4,590.95, Personal Property, \$7,855.79 Miscellaneous \$1,961.21 Total Taxes \$11,733.55 Interest & Fees \$2,876.34 Total Collections \$14,609.89.

Business From the Floor; Teresa Jean was concerned about 910 Ferguson being in the condition that it's in, and has seen people living in it from time to time. Barry Gilmore stated that the bank had acquired the property, and he would talk with them about it. Counselor stated that an order for repair could be issued.

Kathy Taylor Morgan wanted to thank Lillie Wilbourn, Kevin Anderson, and the Council for all that they have done and doing to keeping East 13<sup>th</sup> St peaceful. Ms Morgan wanted to know the status of the cameras and lights. The cameras on are backorder, and the lights are ordered but it's a process with Ameren in getting them up. Ms Morgan also wanted to know if there would be a police presence on East 13<sup>th</sup> St. the weekend with the party going on at the American Legion; Chief Jones said there would be.

Margaret Fields was concerned about a pitbull near her property and actually saw one attack a man. A lot of people have had encounters with pitbulls, and there's disposition for attacks of vicious animals. If there's no attack the only remedy is a fine. The ordinance needs revision for disposition for non-attacks when the ordinance is violated with pit bulls not being in pins or houses.

Barbara Rodgers was concerned about a disabled individual with a disabled child who had their water cut off which should have never been turned on with the condition of the structure. Ms. Rodgers also wanted to know when 9<sup>th</sup> & Bell would get paved, and the south end of Belle needs filling in. Barry Gilmores stated that Belle was on the list to be repaired. Ms. Rodgers stated that she was approached by another individual that was having problems with their water bill. Ms. Rodgers made mention of the funds available through DAEOC for up to \$750.00 to aid with water bills for low income individuals, and that the City need to reconsider opting in. Mr. Gilmore stated that with some of the requests by DAEOC; the City would actually have to change some of their policies, but that he would revisit to see what could be done.

Councilperson Lyons motion to go into closed session for the purpose of real estate and personnel, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes		

Upon returning from closed session and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Bullington, with all in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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