

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
March 18, 2024**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday March 18, 2024 in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

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| Takella Motton      | City Clerk       |
| Lawrence Dorroh     | City Counselor   |
| Sue Grantham        | Mayor            |
| Terry Privett       | Sergeant at Arms |
| Fales               | Councilperson    |
| Grable              | Councilperson    |
| Hood                | Councilperson    |
| Spence              | Councilperson    |
| Robinson            | Councilperson    |
| Glass (Absent)      | Councilperson    |
| Bullington (Absent) | Councilperson    |
| Lyons               | 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 March 4, 2024. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable, with all in favor.

Councilperson Lyons made motion for the approval of the closed session minutes of March 4, 2024, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor.

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

The Council was presented with the agreement between the City and the Rural Business Cooperative Service for a grant in the amount of \$42,000.00 with the in kind labor of \$1,031.00. The Resolution is as follows:

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE IN PEMISCOT COUNTY, MISSOURI, FOR A \$42,000.00 RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT FROM RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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| Fales    | Yes | Grable | Yes |
| Hood     | Yes | Spence | Yes |
| Robinson | Yes | Lyons  | Yes |

J&M Displays has done the July 4<sup>th</sup> fire display for years, and will not be able to do so this year

because the crew that usually comes down has retired. They are not able to coordinate another crew at this time. Chief Lynn Moss has contacted other agencies, and it may be done on July 3, 2024. Once there's a definite answer the public will be told.

The Lead Service bids were opened today, with the bids being as follows: Byrne & Jones Construction \$1,425,500.00 and Schulte Supply \$906,850.00. The bids were sent to John Chittenden for review.

There was discussion about the proposed 2024 CDBG Street & Drainage Project, and Barry Gilmore will be contacting John Chittenden about some of the streets that have already been done to hopefully stay within budget.

Police report; Assistant Chief Terry Privett reported that there were two suspects in custody for the homicide that took place in East Haven. The investigation continues expecting more arrests to be made. The GPS units for the patrol cars are having to be reprogrammed by Verizon with six of the units having issues.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that the Shelter is at 142 animals at this time, with 18 being puppies. The turnaround will be about two weeks before the puppies can be adopted. There have been a lot of tickets that have been issued. They worked heavily over the weekend on Bushey, Walker, and Eastwood from 8<sup>th</sup> Street down to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and took out six dogs that had owners, and they were returned. They also worked Beckwith and Highland for trappings. April 20, 2024 is the Vaccine Clinic; \$25.00 for Parvo and \$15.00 for Rabies, and they will be selling dog tags. April 27, 2024 is the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual John VanAusdall 5k run 3 mile walk. Ms. Wilcox wanted everyone to be aware that dangerous dogs is not limited to a species; it can be any dog that pose a threat. Also, with neglect cases; owner surrender is a little more difficult with it being the owners' responsibility for the animal's wellbeing.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss reporting to responding to five calls since March 4, 2024 as follows: one brush fire, two structure fires, and two vehicle fires with one extrication. Also, there has been in house training with the newest firefighters covering the use of various equipment.

Public Works/Alliance; Tyler Hall monthly report is as follows: Administrative/Submitted the 2023 Tier II report to Missouri Emergency Response Commission, the eDMR for the month of February, and the Monitoring Report for Groundwater Systems to DNR. Water & Wastewater Treatment/Replaced the burned out lighting in the pipe galley and filter room at the Third Street Plant, cleaned the aerator air inlets, and labeled all valves for easy reference; the piping will also be labeled once labels arrive. The pump and motor information was also added to GIS for easy access. The tractor was repaired for the sludge application. Kagmo replaced the bearings and coupling on Orbital Disc II at the Wastewater Plant. Wastewater plant operating normally with 97.6% BOD removal efficiency and 97.0% TSS removal efficiency.

Regulatory/There were eight bac-T samples and 30 wastewater samples taken during the month of February, and all passed DNR. Collection & Distribution/Continued mapping water and wastewater infrastructure on GIS over 350 locates. Stripped and reset control breaker terminal wiring on 9<sup>th</sup> & Adams LS, installed phase monitor on Taven LS, installed delay timer on South Ward LS, repaired a main line and service leak, and completed 52 customer service orders plus rodded out eight customer laterals.

Safety/The monthly safety meeting covered Blood borne Pathogens and Defensive Driving. The January repair expenses were under budgeted by \$20,204 and Chemical Expenses under budgeted by \$6,220.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that there was an Airport meeting Thursday March 14, 2024 and the Board decided they would use the \$22,000.00 ARPA money on a card reader, and they would have to probably add to the cost. The hydraulic cylinders were also repaired at the airport. Mr. Gilmore provided the Council with a map and pictures of the extensive worked done by Visu Sewer in lining the sewers; old flush boxes were removed, and 10 point repairs were done during the process. Crews have started mowing ditches, and the Street sweeper is still in operation. There could be a reduction with its operation when they lose one of the drivers. There will be an on call number available for emergency services by the next meeting. Repeaters were ordered in the hopes of getting a better percentage on the reading of all the meters, installation should be by the end of the month. A gate on the flood wall was hung today; within a month the main gate should be open, and they will move to Phase II.

Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell reported that basketball was wrapping up. The Recreation center will continue their special for the month of March for admissions. April 8, 2024 Red Cross will be at the Recreation Center from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and June 22, 2024 will be the first swim meet.

Library report; Councilperson Fales reported for Marsha Hayes receiving \$65,000.00 in grant funds since January 2024. Patrons have increased by 17, with the foot traffic increasing by 69%. The theater renovations will be completed on Tuesday March 19, 2024 with LED lighting and a new sound system. Also, the grant was approved for the automation of the side and auditorium doors.

Collector report; Paige Gillock Collections report for March 1, 2024 to March 18, 2024 is as follows: Real Estate \$1,506.21, Personal Property \$1,303.74, Miscellaneous \$815.00 Total Taxes \$3,058.30 Interest & Fees \$566.65, Total Taxes \$3,624.95.

The Council bounced around the idea of having a meeting once a month at the first of the month instead of meeting twice a month. They will make a decision by the next meeting.

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

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| Fales    | Yes | Grable | Yes |
| Hood     | Yes | Spence | Yes |
| Robinson | Yes | Lyons  | Yes |

Upon returning from closed session Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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