

**PUBLIC HEARING
City of Caruthersville**

The City of Caruthersville conducted a Public Hearing regarding zoning regulations relating to historic preservation for the City of Caruthersville. Those in attendance are as follows: Karol Wilcox, Teresa Tidwell, Charlie Jones, Jerry Hudgens Jr., Jesse Johnson, Tony Jones, Lynn Moss, Paige Gillock, Marsha Hayes, Anne Jeffries, Donald Jeffries, Jerry Hudgens Sr., Leighan Fales, Paul Glass, Takella Motton, Barry Gilmore, Sue Grantham, Lawrence Dorroh, Don Grable, J. J. Bullington, Jimmy Lyons, and Johnny Hood.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has previously considered the proposed ordinance and has made recommendation to the Council that such ordinance be adopted. There would be a five member board also comprised with a non-voting Council member and Planning & Zoning member. Disignation of the historic property would by the Property owner, Council, Board, or Planning & Zoning. A Survey will have to be conducted, which opens up opportunities for grants, and a Director of Planning would have to be in place, which likely will be Code Enforcement. Counselor Dorroh asked for any comments, and with there not being any, motion was motion and passed for the closing of the Public Hearing.

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 6, 2023**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday November 20, 2023 in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Sue Grantham	Mayor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Lyons	Councilperson
Fales	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence (Absent)	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	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 November 6, 2023. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons all in favor with Councilperson Grable and Glass abstaining.

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval of the closed session minutes for November 6, 2023, second by Councilperson Hood all in favor with Councilperson Glass and Grable abstaining.

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval of reports and bills, second by Councilperson Glass

with all in favor.

Mayor Grantham presented a map to the Council showing where the proposed distribution routes for fiber in which the grant does not cover, and Pemiscot Dunklin will pay to cover businesses. The grant will be for residential areas of the most populous which will be determined at a later date. Pemiscot Dunklin Fiber will put in seven miles with the total being 19 miles once the residential is put in.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones put in his resignation effective December 31, 2023 and expressed his gratitude to the City, Police department, and the citizenry. Chief Jones will be pursuing new career opportunities, but cherish the memories and friendships that he has made over the years. Councilperson Hood motion for approval of the resignation, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Fales	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes		

Councilperson Hood motion for the remaining unexpired term for City Marshall be put on the April ballot, second by Councilperson Glass, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Fales	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes		

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported picking up 16 animals since the last meeting, and adopted out four. The dog on West 10th St. was captured, and is going to a Hospice Center. The Shelter received scrap metal from the City, but is in need of more to finish off the roof, in which Barry Gilmore will be providing. There were 24 citations that were turned into the courts.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss reported responding to 16 calls for the month of November as follows: Six grass fires, five that were out of town; three mutual aid calls; two gas leaks; two vehicle fires; two alarm calls; one structure fire. Training for the month will be Ventilation Practices.

Public Works; Michael Epperson Operations Report for October 2023 is as follows: Administrative/The eDMR report and the Compliance Monitoring Report for Groundwater Systems were submitted to DNR in November. Treatment/Third St. Water Plant operating normally, Industrial Treatment Plant operating normally, and is ready to run in conjunction with the Third St. Plant once demand increases. The Wastewater Treatment Plant has been operating with a 94.7% BOD removal efficiency and a 97.8% TSS removal efficiency.

Regulatory/Eleven Bac-T samples were taken and passed, and 34 Wastewater samples were taken and passed DNR. Collection & Distribution/Twenty three customer service orders were completed, six water leaks were completed, five lush box service lines from manholes were disconnected, and they rodded out five service lines. Repair expenses were under budget by \$8,039.00 and Chemical expenses were over budget by \$512.00.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the laying of fiber had started out on Highway D to Truman, and unmarked phone and water lines were hit. Mr. Gilmore proposed an updated GSI mapping system, which would have prevented the disruption. The Christmas lights are up, and the snowflakes will be put up tomorrow. There were 151 tax bills sent out for the mowing of properties by the City, the backhoe will be here next week; preparations are being made for winter. The starter has gone out on the lift station on S. Ward which will have to be replaced. A certificate of occupancy has been issued for Good Day Farm, and a permit for the permanent building; hopefully the temporary building will be up and running at the end of the year.

Library report; Marsha Hayes reported that the Library will be closed Wednesday through Monday; all the doors will be installed hopefully by Monday, and Tuesday they will do a reveal, and will post on Facebook.

Collector report; Paige Gillock reported collections for November 11, 2023 to November 20, 2023 are as follows: Real Estate \$51,468.55, Personal Property \$22,011.09, Drainage Districts \$130.00, Miscellaneous \$1,183.00, Total Taxes \$74,371.06, Interest & Fees \$421.58, Total Taxes \$74,792.64.

Councilperson Grable presented to the Council a request by Linda Winkler for Street name request on Fourth & Ward to Sawyer which Sawyer Drugs use to be. There was discussion of a Sawyer Memorial Drive like other areas within the City instead of a name change. The Council will look at giving the appropriate name at a later date.

Assistant Chief Terry Privett made reference to the policy for the body cams that he provided to Counselor Dorroh. Counselor Dorroh stated that an addition should be added to the provision of no copying or releasing of files, which will be ready for the next meeting.

Introduction of Bills; The chapter for Historic Preservation and Restoration Code will be put into ordinance form for the next meeting.

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

Lyons	Yes	Fales	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes		

Upon returning from closed session Councilperson Grable motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Lyons, which passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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