

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
December 5, 2022**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday December 5, 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
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry (Absent)	Councilperson
Grable (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	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 21, 2022. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Glass with all in favor.

Councilperson Glass made motion for the approval of the closed session minutes for November 21, 2022, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

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

There will be a Public Hearing Tuesday January 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. for a change of the R1 zone to B1, and discussion of a potential marijuana facility on South Ward.

Assistant Chief Terry Privett brought to the Council's attention the need for a bigger building at 24x60, which would almost double the cost for what was approved for at \$45,000. After discussion it was decided to go with what was approved for, and design the building for the needed expansion at a later date, maybe next budget. In the meantime the old fire station would have to be used, and there will be some expense for networking for the office space.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that a vaccine clinic was set for 147 preregistered animals with over 200 expected to be vaccinated. The clinic will be Saturday December 10, 2022 form 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Karol and Matt spent several hours at a house on Grand where the occupant had died. They removed nine dogs that were in emergent need. There are still eight dogs on the property outside; they will be fed and maintained on the back porch until veterinarian appointments are made. The fencing has been secured, and it looks like that these are some of the same dogs that were

at large on Grand, which will be removed from the property two at a time. The kennels that are outside of the Humane Shelter have been secured with heavy gauge wire, and Barry and his crew will also put up the gauge on the kennels inside. The 30 dogs that were taken on Highland are now back at 41, and an outside agency will have to be contacted to deal with the problem. The four dogs that calls have been received on running in a pack in the Greenwell, Shelter, and Waste Water area are on the Shelter’s radar. The leader of the pack has two injured legs, but haven’t been able to be caught. At the Shelter there were two pit bulls that were attacking each other, and they were able to be separated with the water hose, and euthanized due to injuries to the smaller dog by the bigger dog. The pit bull that was coming to the playground at the Middle School has been captured. The Shelter wanted to thank the Library for being a central location for donations, which has been a big help.

Fire report; Fire calls from November 23, 2022 to December 5, 2022 are as follows: 11/23/22; Vacant structure fire a total loss on County Rd 362, 11/23/22; Brush fire out of control on County Rd 366, 11/26/22; Brush set on fire in rain on Truman Blvd, 12/1/22; Passerby reported small fire in backyard with it being a pit being used, 12/5/22; Fire alarm sounding on Playground Rd from dust stirring up by contractors. Training for the month was “Water Supply at Structure Fires.” Chief Charlie Jones made mention of the budget for a fire truck in the amount of \$150,000.00. He was able to find a 2022 F550 4x4 super chassis truck for \$55,950.00. All the necessary equipment to be added to the truck by another company would encompass the budgeted amount. Councilperson Hood motion for approval waiving the normal bidding procedures due to the unavailability of getting fire trucks. Councilperson Spence second the motion which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the Street Sweeper was up and running and back on the road. Pastor Ron Adaway looked at the old Eddie Taylor church, and he likes the building, and is interested in following up with the City about a lease to own. Mr. Gilmore sent out roughly 107 tax bills for the mowing of properties done by the City with a nuisance to abate. There were calls over the weekend about wanting to shut of water because of leaks. There used to be a message on the old phones for an after hour’s number, there will be another number set up for residents to call for emergencies. Mr. Gilmore also reported that he expects the interested parties concerning the marijuana dispensary would be at the Public Hearing to address any concerns that some of the citizenry may have. Mr. Gilmore has heard from the contractor regarding the truck stop, and responded to their licensing and permitting questions. The gas pumps have begun to be worked on, and they will be able to test the gas soon. Terry Privett made mention that the City would need to look at getting bids for the disposal of any bad gas. Mr. Gilmore also reported that Flynn Drilling had looked at the well near the levee, and hopefully it will be up and running and producing water soon.

City Collector; Collections from November 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022 are as follows: Real Estate \$58,213.45, Personal Property \$27,439.36, Drainage Districts \$769.96, Miscellaneous \$1,013.00, Total Taxes \$86,826.88, Interest & Fees \$818.73, Total Collections \$87,645.61. Collections from December 1, 2022 to December 5, 2022 are as follows: Real Estate \$53,022.96, Personal Property \$34,025.25, Drainage Districts \$159.94, Miscellaneous \$362.50, Total Taxes \$87,172.58, Interest & Fees \$398.07, Total Taxes \$87,570.65.

Insurance report; The Council decided to wait for the approval of the MOPERM insurance renewal until further review of the insured properties.

Business From the Floor; Tommy Cobb stated that he was against a marijuana facility rumored to be locating on South Ward. There has not been any decisions made, but a hearing will take place Tuesday January 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Counselor Dorroh stated that a lot had to be done regarding the regulations of a marijuana facility. As it stands now the R1 to B1 is what's in question, and the marijuana issue will be discussed.

Assistant Chief Privett stated that there was no quantitative measurement for marijuana like alcohol, and that there could be an influx in marijuana usage with people wanting to try it with it being legal. The department is not prepared, and there's only one person in the surrounding area trained for DRE (Drug Recognition Expert). Assistant Chief stated that we were going to have to figure out how to keep from being a revolving door for officers, and get people trained to handle the problems that may arise.

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

Lyons	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes

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

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor