

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 21, 2022**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday November 21, 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
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	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 November 7, 2022. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons all in favor with Councilperson Grable abstaining.

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

Mayor Grantham announced that the Casino will be having their groundbreaking ceremony Friday December 2, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. The event will mark the transition from the riverboat casino to the first non-floating casino in Missouri. The 26,000 square feet casino will house more slot machines and table games. The new casino will have direct access to the three story hotel featuring a restaurant to be completed by 2024.

Pam Treece, County Clerk sent Notice to all Political Subdivisions Notice of the April 4, 2023 General Municipal Election as follows:

December 6, 2022	First day to file declaration of candidacy for April 4, 2023 Election
December 27, 2022	Deadline for filing declaration of candidacy for April 4, 2023 Election
January 24, 2022	Final certification deadline for April 4, 2023 Election
March 8, 2022	Last day to register to vote in April 4, 2023 Election

Unfinished Business; Barbara Meredith reported that they were shy of 200 to 250 wreaths in

covering all the graves. The cutoff in receiving donations is by November 28, 2022. You can go online a make a donation, but if you want it to be in memory of someone you will need to contact Ms. Meredith. Any donations made after January 17, 2023 will go towards next year with a matching amount donated.

Fire report; Fire calls from November 9, 2022 to November 21, 2022 are as follows: 11/9/22; Cotton bales on fire on County Rd. 505, 11/14/22; Smoke scare due to cooking at East Haven, 11/16/22; Fireplace shooting sparks from chimney on Ferguson, 11/19/22; Structure fire with a total loss on Grand Ave., 11/21/22; Smoke scare with the heater being checked on East 20th St.

Councilperson Grable suggested that any fire call proceeds for the county or interstate should go towards a restricted fund for a ladder fire truck. Chief Jones made mention of a funding mechanism of a company that would do all the billing and collecting at 10 percent for those calls that aren't within the city limits. The City loses a lot of money for calls for rural areas and the interstate for moneys not collected.

Alliance report; Dustin Sterling reported the October Operations report as follows: Administrative; The electronic Discharge Monitoring Report was submitted to DNR November 17, 2022, and the Compliance Monitoring Report for Groundwater Systems was submitted November 2, 2022. Treatment; The Wastewater Treatment Plant had a 96.7 % BOD removal efficiency and a 99.1% TSS removal efficiency. Regulatory; There were eight Bac-T samples taken with them all passing, and 33 Wastewater samples passing DNR.

Collection/Distribution; There were 29 customer service orders completed, 70 line locates, and one leak repaired. Project Updates; Repairs to valves and air lines were performed at the Industrial Water Plant in preparation for the installation of the new media. Visu-Sewer continued with the lining of sewer mains. Repair expenses were under budgeted by \$3,548.00 and Chemical expenses were over by \$2,863.00.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that Waste Pro would work Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and possibly Saturday because of Thanksgiving. There also have been talks about implementing a plan of rerouting trash pickup after the first of the year for more efficiency. Christmas lights are being put up by the Street department. The City has been losing money for years on performing new water taps with there not being a change in pricing since 2009. The following is a cost analysis for water taps, sewer taps, and street breaks:

Water Tap	Inch	Parts & Labor
	3/4	\$1,764.00
	1	\$2,258.00
	2	\$5,113.00
Sewer Tap	4	\$1,330.00
	6	\$1,550.00

Street Break; Any tap resulting in the breaking of the street will stay at \$500.00

Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the tap increase, second by Councilperson Rittenberry which resulted in the following vote:

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

Barry Gilmore reported that a business enterprise was interested in having a Marijuana Dispensary north of Industrial Park and south of the last house on S. Ward. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended rezoning of the area from R1 to B1 with the truck stop coming and for the possibility of a restaurant wanting to come in. Councilperson Bullington motion for the zoning change, second by Councilperson Grable which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Grantham reported that the company that is constructing the levee wall needed to store their equipment during construction which will take place for three years. The interest is the lot on Bushey and 3rd St., in which they would keep mowed and cleaned up. After construction they would resurface the area and plant grass. Counselor Dorroh stated that the Council could either grant a construction easement or lease agreement. Councilperson Lyons made the motion, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Park & Recreation; Lamonte Bell thanked the Mayor and Barry Gilmore for their help with the Customer Appreciation Day. The pool lift is still being looked at, the parties involved will meet after Thanksgiving. Mr. Bell also reported that he would turn into the insurance the lightning strike of the sign.

Library report; The Library is in opposition of the proposed legislation holding libraries responsible for the monitoring or choosing materials for children. Their position is that intellectual freedom is the sole right and responsibility of the parent or guardian.

City Collector; Collections from November 1, 2022 to November 21, 2022 are as follows: Real Estate \$37,983.07, Personal Property \$15,240.45, Drainage Districts \$680.00, Miscellaneous \$593.00, Total Taxes \$53,949.74, Interest & Fees \$752.62, Total Collections \$54,706.36

Budget report; Councilperson Lyons reported that he had put in the budget for the gas tanks to be fixed upon passing inspection. Councilperson Bullington motion for the tanks to be inspected,

second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington motion to adopt the budget, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Business From the Floor; Billy Hopkins was interested in getting deannexed from the City, he resides off of Woman's Club Rd. Mr. Hopkins is the only one that's on the road that's part of the City. Mr. Hopkins has no services from the City, but pays city and county taxes. There's also someone on South Ward that wants to be deannexed. Councilperson Lyons motion for Counselor Dorroh to initiate the process of deannexation of the two properties. Councilperson Hood second the motion, with all in favor.

Pastor Ron Attaway addressed the Council with the problems he has had while pastoring at his church on 13th & Vest. There have been pipe bombs thrown in the church, shooting up the church, wiping out of bricks and poles being installed to keep cars off the property, and just outright disrespect. Pastor Attaway would like to move and is interested in the Eddie Taylor property with the old church, which the City owns. Barry Gilmore responded by letting him know that he would have to send Notice to abutting property owners. There could however, be an option of obtaining a five year lease with the option to buy from the City.

Councilperson Bullington reported that the Arts Council would be seeking grants for Tourism and Revitalization of the Exchange Building. The Arts Council would be housed in the Exchange Building, It would be a venue for rental of office space, a business incubator. There would be matching funds for the grants, in which they Arts Council already have secured \$200,000.00 in private donations.

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

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

Upon returning from closed session; Chief Tony Jones stated that the old fire house would need a lot of work because it wasn't secure to house evidence for the department. Chief Jones proposed to

erect a building behind the Public Safety Building for a cost of \$45,000 plus labor by employees. Councilperson Lyons stated that the cost of the building was in the budget. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Lyons motion to close, second by Councilperson Hood, with the meeting adjourning at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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