

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
February 3, 2025

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session on Monday February 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. 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
Jerry Hudgens	Sergeant at Arms
Glass (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Fales	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	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 of January 21, 2025. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons all in favor, with Councilperson Grable abstaining.

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of the closed session minutes of January 21, 2025 second by Councilperson Hood, with Councilperson Grable abstaining.

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

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to conduct the next meeting Tuesday February 18, 2025 in observance of Presidents Day. Councilperson Lyons made the motion, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Fales	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Robinson	Yes		

Chief Jerry Hudgens proposed sharing the cost with the County in the amount of \$1,500.00 annually for the digital software which speed ups investigations. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
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Fales	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Robinson	Yes		

Chief Hudgens also reported that for the month of January there were 390 calls for service, with 90 reports being entered. The department will be coordinating with the fire department for a new response policy to major crashes within the City, along with drills and exercises for mass casualty events.

Karol Wilcox reported that they took in seven dogs today even though they're filled to capacity, but with a couple being pregnant, it prevented having a litter of 40 being on the streets. The outdoor kennels are done, and the Shelter was issued their license.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss report consisted of the following: 1/17/25; Extrication on 15th & Franklin 1/21/25; Mutual aid to Main St. Portageville, MO 1/23/25; Extrication on South Ward & Mooreland Dr. 1/25/25; Vehicle fire at Sullivans 1/25/25; Levee on fire on County Hwy 553 1/25/25; Transformer down on Cotton 1/28/25; Mutual aid to Delislile St. Portageville, MO. Fire training for February will be "Rapid Response and Casualty Collection Active Shooter Training in Schools."

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that Section 710. 115 Code would have to be amended with the lead ban for pipes having no more than 2.5%. There have been delays due to inclement weather to the Third St. Project; reopening will take place by Wednesday February 5, 2025. There were three estimates for the Armory gas unit as follows: Hill Electric \$10,000.00, Lacey HVAC \$10,100.00, and \$8,800.00, Chris Wade \$8,700.00. Councilperson Grable motion to approve the lower bid of \$8,700.00, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Fales	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Robinson	Yes		

Mr. Gilmore also reported that the lift station on South Ward to the Waste Water Plant had an event with an estimated hundreds of thousands of sewage being leaked caused by a crack at the base of the pipe. The event was reported to DNR, the leak was fixed, and the field limed. Hanson has hit the ground running at the airport, and the \$22,000.00 ARPA money will be used for the credit card reader. Also, a grant request has been sent to MODOT for tree removal.

Councilperson Grable made mention that a truck driver had urinated and dumped trash in the ditch in front of Merle Fruhling residence across from Good Day Farm. Mr. Fruhling wanted to know if signage could be put up for No Parking. MODOT would have to put up the signage with it being a state highway, and get an ordinance from the City expressing such. Chief Hudgens stated that it was a crime for a semi to be engaged at a marijuana facility, and for residences to get the DOT number and it would be reported to the proper authorities. Mr. Gilmore will be getting the proper instructions from MODOT and Counselor will have an ordinance drafted for the next meeting. Bids will be solicited for the demo of 1110 Beckwith.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan reported that the things were slow for the month of January with

recovering from the holidays, illness, and the weather. The Valentine’s Day raffle began on January 13, 2025, and the winner will be announced February 13, 2025; the arrangement is from Joplins. The accident report was submitted concerning the back fence, and estimates are being sought.

Collector report; Paige Gillock collections from January 1, 2025 through January 31, 2025 are as follows: Real Estate \$34,030.09 Personal Property \$13,917.98 Drainage Districts \$3,851.34 Miscellaneous \$1,076.67 Total Taxes \$51,010.62 Interest & Fees \$1867.30 Total Collections \$52,877.92.

Budget; Councilperson Lyons reported that a quote was being sought for the accounting software, and the accounting position will be ran in local and surrounding area papers. Financial drafts were submitted July through September in lieu of any adjustments.

Councilperson Lyons motion to go into closed session for personnel and legal, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Fales	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Robinson	Yes		

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor