

**PUBLIC HEARING
City of Caruthersville**

The City of Caruthersville held a Public Hearing Tuesday September 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Caruthersville Municipal Building to discuss the proposed tax rate to be set by the City of Caruthersville. The tax rates are set to produce the revenues which show to be required from the property tax. Each tax Rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue needed by the current assessed valuation. The result is multiplied by 100 so tax will be expressed in cents per \$100 valuation as follows:

ASSESSED VALUATION	CURRENT TAX YEAR 2024	PRIOR TAX YEAR 2023
Real Estate	\$32,420,721	\$32,955,873
Personal Property	<u>\$12,202,198</u>	<u>\$13,796,794</u>
Total	\$44,622,919	\$46,752,667

The following tax rates are proposed:

	Amount of Property Tax Revenues Budgeted	Tax Rate Ceiling (Per \$100)
General Fund	\$ 294,422.02	\$.6598
Special Sewer Tax	99,866.09	.2238
Library Fund	47,077.18	.1055
Public Health	84,158.83	.1886
Cemetery Fund	<u>21,017.39</u>	<u>.0471</u>
TOTAL	\$ 546,541.51	\$ 1.2248

Counselor Dorroh ask if there were any questions concerning the proposed tax rate. With there not being any, the Public Hearing closed to go into the regular session.

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
July 15, 2024**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Tuesday September 3, 2024 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
Jerry Hudgens (Absent)	Sergeant at Arms
Fales	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	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 of August 12, 2024. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Fales, with all in favor

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval of the closed session minutes of August 12, 2024, second by Councilperson Fales with all in favor.

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of special session of August 19, 2024, second by Councilperson Fales with all in favor.

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of closed session of August 19, 2024, second by Councilperson Fales with all in favor.

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

Mayor Grantham presented the aggregate assessed valuation of the City of Caruthersville for 2024 provided by the County Clerk computed after the Board of Equalization as follows:

Real Estate	\$32,420,721
Personal	<u>\$12,202,198</u>
	\$44,622,219
New Construction for the City:	\$ 292, 720

Barbara Merideth and Lou Genia Counce with DAR presented a Proclamation for the 237th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. The Proclamation proclaiming September 17, 2024 through September 23, 2024 as being constitution week.

Fire report: Chief Lynn Moss reported 15 calls for the month of August as follows: 1 Mutual Aid, 5 Grass/Trash Fires, 4 Alarm Calls, and 5 Structure Fire Calls. The Fire department is preplanning the new Century Casino facility for training. The department will also be doing fire drills at the schools September 10, 2024 and tornado drills September 19, 2024.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore report is as follows: The Dispensary is awaiting final approval of the opening of the new facility. Boring is continuing laying fiber, customers should be able to sign up soon. The Casino is nearing completion of construction by November. There's a problem with the 3rd Steet well, the pump will probably have to be pulled. Visu Sewer is almost finished, unable to complete camera work on West 16th Street between Ward and Edwards, there's a collapse or a belly preventing proper flow. The following paving has been completed; Shultz between 12th and 13th, West 11th between Grand and Laurant, 362, Magnolia, West 16th, and the parking lot behind Prescription Drug.

The registered owner of 311 Ward was served on August 19, 2024, and has 30 days to begin demolition. In the event the owner doesn't comply, the contractor that placed the bid will leave his bid open. The Preconstruction Meeting for the Lead Service took place, and work will begin soon. An administrative warrant has been issued on the property at 925 Grand. Mr. Gilmore met with Robertson Paving and ASA to get quotes for the rest of the paving work on Pine from S Ward to Magnolia, West 12th from Beckwith to Carleton, West 4th from Ferguson to Laurant, West 11th from Ward to Carleton, Franklin from East 15th to East 14th, main entrance to LP cemetery, Park Lane between S Parkview and Hwy U, and West 18th between Truman and Ward. All of the streets will not be able to be done, but estimates will be available at the next meeting.

Vendors are being met with by the county for prospects for reopening the transfer station. The 3rd St. Project is expected to start mid-September. Mowing is ongoing, another round of notices will be sent out in September hopefully to get through the balance of the mowing season. Once the mowing is done, a few more streets can get repaired. The house at 407 Grand will be bid out for demolition, with a couple more scheduled to be torn down before the end of the year.

Introduction to Bills; Counselor Dorroh presented the following bills as follows:

BILL NO. 2024-04 **ORDINANCE 2024-04**
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION AND LEVYING THE TAXES AND DECLARING THAT PURPOSE OF WHICH THE SAME SHALL AND SHOULD BE USED FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024

Councilperson Lyons motion for the first reading, second by Councilperson, which passed unanimously. Councilperson Bullington motion for the second by Councilperson Lyons, which passed unanimously. Councilperson Lyons motion for passage, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

Fales	Yes	Grable	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes		

BILL NO. 2024-05 **ORDINANCE 2024-05**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FREQUENCY OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI

Councilperson Grable motion for the first reading, second by Councilperson Glass, which passed unanimously. Councilperson Bullington motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Glass, which passed unanimously. Councilperson Bullington motion for passage, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

Fales	Yes	Grable	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes		

Counselor Dorroh introduced the following Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PERMANENT RELOCATION OF CENTURY CASINO CARUTHERSVILLE TO ITS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED NON-FLOATING FACILITY

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

Fales	Yes	Grable	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes		

Councilperson Grable motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Spence with all in favor.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor