

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE  
December 19, 2022**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday December 19, 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
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Spence (Absent)	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	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 December 5, 2022. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons all in favor, with Councilperson Grable and Rittenberry abstaining.

Councilperson Lyons made motion for the approval of the closed session minutes for December 19, 2022, second by Councilperson Glass all in favor, with Councilperson Grable and Rittenberry abstaining.

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

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to change the next regular session meeting to Tuesday January 3, 2023 in observance of New Year's Day Monday January 2, 2023. Councilperson Lyons made the motion, second by Councilperson Bullington with all in favor.

Mayor Grantham also entertained a motion for the City offices to be closed Friday December 23, 2022 in observance of Christmas Eve. Councilperson Rittenberry made the motion, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported on some investigative work concerning a stolen vehicle in which a counterfeit check was exchanged for the transaction. The camera system captured the vehicle leaving, and footage lead to the location of the vehicle and in the process another stolen vehicle was found.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that there were 162 animals vaccinated during the free clinic, and the Junior and Senior Beta Club help manage traffic. There was an incident in which Ms. Wilcox was attacked by a dog which showed no signs of a threat. Ms. Wilcox fractured a shoulder, was bitten, and lost a tooth. Ms. Wilcox recommends the dog to be euthanized with it being a dangerous animal. Counselor Dorroh stated that the dog would be recognized as a dangerous under the ordinance, and could be euthanized. Ms. Wilcox wanted to thank Officer Beaver and Ward with aiding in doing wellness checks on animals with the onslaught of the expected inclement weather. Wednesday December 21, 2022 will be the last day for adoptions for this week. All the dogs that were in question on Grand are now in custody at the Shelter.

Fire report; Fire calls from December 7, 2022 to December 19, 2022 are as follows: 12/7/22; Smoke scare at the County jail due to lint burning in dryer in which there was minor smoke damage, 12/7/22; Car hauler on fire on I55/412 with moderate damage to vehicle, 12/13/22; Minor smoke damage to cotton burning inside of drum at the Cotton Gin, 12/13/22; Smoke scare due to exhaust fan overheating at Southgate Living Center. One of the fire trucks developed a leak inside the water tank, and will be repaired along with using a special type of sealant. A new tank would cost \$15,000.00 to replace the old tank.

Alliance report; Dustin Sterling Operations report for November 2022 is as follows: Administrative; The electronic Discharge Monitoring Report was submitted to DNR on December 8, 2022, and the Compliance Monitoring Report for Groundwater Systems was submitted December 7, 2022. Treatment; Third Street Plant is operating normally, Wastewater Treatment Plant had 97.9% BOD removal efficiency and a 99.5% removal efficiency. Adjustments were made to drop in the pH, and is now in compliance with DNR being notified. Regulatory; There were eight Bac-T samples taken and all passed DNR, and 28 Wastewater samples were taken and passed.

Collection/Distribution; There were 31 customer service orders, and 32 line locates were completed. Project Updates; The Industrial Plant has been started manually, repairs will have to be made for it to operate automatically, the media has been installed. Safety; Safety meeting held December 6, 2022 on "Hazard Communication and SDS Sheets". Repair Expenses were under budget by \$2,440.00 and Chemical Expenses over budget by \$1055.00.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that salt had been purchased, and plows and spreaders had been put on the trucks for the forecasted inclement weather. A hydrometer was also purchased to have the precise measurements for the amount of mixture to apply to the roads. Planning & Zoning will be having a meeting Tuesday December 20, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the zone of a potential medical/recreational marijuana facility. The gas tanks inspection will be held off until they can bleed off fuel to save on expense. Sam Allen with Good Day Farm will have information by Friday concerning the marijuana facility with details about tax revenue, jobs, and the building itself which would cost 1.5 million to 2 million to build. Councilperson Bullington inquired about the building on Ward beside Prescription Drug. Mr. Gilmore stated that he would have to complete the paperwork to remedy the situation, and Counselor Dorroh stated that it would be risky for the City to remedy.

Library report; Marsha Hayes reported that someone was coming in Wednesday to discuss fixing the theater lighting and sound. Ms. Hayes called Pyramid to discuss the drains on the roof of the library that would need replacing that none of the other bidders made mention of. Pyramid stated that all the

drains wouldn't have to be replaced, but most could be saved and they wouldn't know definitely until the work started. The Library has a fire alarm issue that's occurring because Hill Electric cut a relay switch when installing HVAC. Hill Electric and the alarm company will be meeting Tuesday to figure out how to cut off the alarm. Donations are being taken for coat and blanket drive, please donate new or slightly used items; donations are also still be taken for the Humane Shelter. Tuesday night is Storytime, this Tuesday will be Mrs. Santa Claus.

Collector report; Collections from December 1, 2022 to December 19, 2022 are as follows: Real Estate \$154,897.40, Personal Property \$61,057.29, Drainage Districts \$2,749.78, Miscellaneous \$2,057.50, Total Taxes \$219,678.21, Interest & Fees \$1,099.59, Total Collections \$220,777.80.

Insurance report; MOPERM renewal will be issuing credits for items taken off. The Brown Shoe building insurance will be insured by the lease holder.

Business From the Floor; Debra Howell wanted to know what was going on with fire hydrant on 15<sup>th</sup> Street, and light in the alley. Barry Gilmore stated that the hydrant was still be looked at, several need more work done on them. Ms. Howell stated that the light was being charged on her bill, it was discussed that Ameren would have to be called with the number on the pole our account number.

Charles Cain stated that there were several people not in favor with a marijuana facility on South Ward, and other areas need to be looked at. Counselor Dorroh stated that there had not been anything recommended for a recreational facility. The issue at hand is changing a section of the R1 zone to B1 zone, and the Public Hearing will take place Tuesday January 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The second request will take place Tuesday December 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in which the Planning & Zoning Commission will discuss medical/recreational marijuana zoning.

Counselor Dorroh introduced a bill that would allow the discharge of liquid waste into the City's facility; prohibited unless permitted by the City. Authorization would have to be established for transferring to a designated location. Testing would also be required and a city official present during the discharge. Councilperson Grable motion for the reading, by title only, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor as follows:

**BILL NO. 2022-14**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-14**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE TO THE FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE OF WATER OR LIQUID WASTE WHICH HAS BEEN REMOVED AND TRANSPORTED FROM ANY PIT, SUMP, HOLDING TANK, SEPTIC TANK, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, SOLID WASTE FACILITY, OR INDUSTRIAL FACILITY**

Councilperson Lyons motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Grable, with all in favor. Councilperson Lyons motion for passage of the bill, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes

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

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes

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

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor

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