

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
August 17, 2026

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, August 17, 2026 in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh (Absent)	City Counselor
Leighan Fales	Mayor
Jerry Hudgens	Sergeant at Arms
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Hazel	Councilperson
Grable (Absent)	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 3, 2026. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hazel with all in favor.

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of the closed session minutes of August 3, 2026, second by Councilperson Robinson, with all in favor.

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

Mayor Fales entertained a motion to accept the letter of engagement from Smith & Davis for the audit services they will be providing for the City's year ending July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. They will be auditing the financial statements of the governmental activities and the business-type activities, including the disclosures which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the City of Caruthersville for the year ended June 30, 2026. Councilperson Bullington motion for the approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Fales asked the Council to vote to change the next meeting to Tuesday September 8, 2026 in observance of Labor Day. Councilperson Lyons made the motion, second by Councilperson Hazel, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The County Clerk assessed valuation for the City of Caruthersville in which the City determines its tax rates set to produce revenues from the property tax is as follows:

		
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July 30, 2026

City Clerk
City of Caruthersville
200 W 3rd
Caruthersville, MO 63830

As required by Section 137.245.3, RSMo, I, Pam Treece, County Clerk of Pemiscot County, State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the following is the aggregate assessed valuation of the city of Caruthersville for the year 2026 as computed after the Board of Equalization.

Real Estate	\$39,586,570
Personal	\$13,322,089
Total	\$52,908,659

This information is transmitted to assist you in complying with Section 67.110, RSMo, which requires that notice be given and public hearings held before tax rates are set.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the County Commission of Pemiscot County at my office in Caruthersville this 30th day of July, 2026.




Pam Treece
County Clerk

(Locally assessed railroad and utility property is included above as either real or personal property. Merchants' and manufacturers' equipment is included above as personal property.)

New Construction for your city: \$135,580

Mayor Fales referred to a letter addressed to the Council from Jessie Lyles who had some concerns about things going on within the City. Someone was blocking his driveway, and a lot of

officers came on the scene, which he didn't think was necessary. He talked about a resident that had a trailer in their driveway, and their having several vehicles without tags on East Franklin. Mr. Lyles talked about 10th St. nuisances, drainage problems within the City, grownup alleyways, dogs running loose, overfilled trash cans contents being strolled down the streets, and landlords being irresponsible. The Council were in agreement with a lot that he brought forth, and they let him know that things were being done to correct the problems.

Mayor's report; Mayor Fales will be posting an ad in the paper in an attempt to develop a vendor and contractor list for businesses and individuals providing goods, services, construction, repairs, maintenance, and other work for the City. Anybody that would like to be considered for future projects need to provide the following information: Business or individual name, business address, telephone number, email address, type of work or services provided, and any applicable license or certification information. There's also been an ad placed in the paper for the sale of the old fire station which is appraised at \$75,000.00. Anyone interested can submit a sealed bid to City Hall, bid opening will occur September 3, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. The plexiglass that was down one of the hallways, door, and breakroom was replaced with glass panes for added security.

Police report; Chief Hudgens reported that they had a busy weekend. Several guns were taken off the streets, and there were several arrests. There were crowds of 200 to 300 people and the pepper gun had to be used.

Human report; Karol Wilcox reported that they were looking to rescue dogs in this hot weather. Ms. Wilcox made mention of amending the animal ordinance rather than adopting a new one. Specifically addressing the following points: 1. Stating the number of animals per household. 2. Adding to the list of dangerous dogs the Dogo Argentino, Bullmastiff, and Cane Corso. 3. Having requirements for tethering dogs.

Fire report; Chief Moss reported the following five fire calls. 7/30/26; Grass fire at the boat club, 8/1/26; Carbon monoxide alarm on Stonewall Dr., 8/4/26; Water heater ruptured on Belle, 8/8/26; Electrical fire on Playground Rd., 8/10/26; Burning barrel on Davis. There will be a LP Gas Emergencies Class at the Fire station August 22, 2026.

Public Works/Alliance; Joey Helwig gave the results of the bid opening that took place at City Hall Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. There were three bids as follows:

Name	Base Bid	Alternate Bid
B&J Fencing and Farm LLC	\$43,953.58	\$48,603.58
Montgomery Fence LLC	\$36,600.00	\$41,100.00
Ramm Fencing LLC	\$32,800.00	\$40,800.00

Councilperson Hazel made motion to go with Montgomery Fence LLC with them being local, and only \$300.00 more than Ramm Fencing. Councilperson Bullington second the motion, which resulted in the following:

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Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes

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There's a pump that's for the storm water that's been setting up since 2025, which is the backup pump. Vandevanter had done the specs on the pump in which there will be a charge, but the only charge to the City will be for the rebuilt if it's done at \$8,248.97. Councilperson Lyons motion to do the rebuilding of the pump, second by Councilperson Glass, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington inquired about the place out at Industrial Drive where there's a big hole where the concrete was dug up, and grass has grown up, which has been unattended for a while. Joey will looking at taking care of the hole, once they deal with another incident that's on the table. There's also a sewage smell out by the tennis courts that they will be looking into to see what's going on.

Code Enforcement; Shawna Riggs reported that the crews are continuing to mow properties, and they're working on three home cleanups on Jefferson, Henrietta, and Willow. Ms. Riggs is in the process of obtaining quotes for a house demo on Ferguson, and Counselor Dorroh will have something to report for the building on Ward at the next meeting. Also talked to businesses on the Truman about keeping up their properties.

Parks & Recreation; Turnover for July is as follows: Intake \$6,619.60 Auto Draft \$185.00 Interest \$1.26 Total \$6,805.86 Expenses \$185.00 Turnover \$6,620.86. Doug White reported that the HVAC was being worked on, and all the equipment is set, but waiting on a 400 amp service panel for the equipment. The roof is being worked on, but the pool section flashing is damaged causing rain to come in. The contractors can fix it while they're here, which would cost right at \$36,000.00. The backflow preventer, which takes the waste water from the pool area, is also leaking. Trying to get quotes for a license provider. In the meantime a pipe is being ran into the drain in the floor as a temporary fix. They will be rebidding for the painting of the lobby area and offices of the Recreation Center. The one bid that checked all the boxes was too high for the job, and other bids didn't have their certifications in order. The pavilion at England Park has been painted, in which a private donor paid for the expense. The cost to replace the bathrooms were not feasible for what the rental of the pavilion brings in, will revisit later.

The Sports programming is underway, there are eight teams, and the cost will \$250.00 dollars per team. Grants are being worked on for England and French parks. The trash cans at the tennis courts have been sandblasted to be repainted, loose benches slats have been secured, and trying to match up the missing ones. There's loose stucco on the northeast corner of the building, which will be redone in August or September. Some of the weight room equipment is outdated, looking at purchase and rental programs. The dehumidifier for the pool isn't working properly, sending out technician. The metal grates on the sidewalk is rusting out. The Welding instructor at Votech will have the class to construct them as a class project. The dehumidifier on the back side of the pool isn't working properly. Talked with A2H, and a technician will be sent out. The bids that came in for the pavilion rebuild were also high, and

the Park Board decided not to go forward at this time. Mayor Fales asked about the chairs at driver instructor's office, Mr. White will be looking at chairs that can be wiped off. Also, talked with JD Distributors for a walk through to look at everything that needs replacing. The Park Board and Randy Guest will be having a meeting to discuss how things are ran going forward.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan had concerns about the appearance of mold in the auditorium, and would like to get a commercial dehumidifier. As of now they have a standard one that has to be dumped every three hours. Events for August are as follows: 8/10/26; Attended Daeoc's Early Learning Center Open House, and informed people on the day to day activities of the Library. 8/11/26; Back 2 School Family Movie Night, showed Zootopia 2. 8/12/26; Family Matter Dayhab movie day. 8/13/26; PIN Parent Café gathering. 8/15/26; Jehovah's Witness meeting. 8/18/26; Laura Kissinger with NovusAg will have Business Commerce Partnership session. 8/21/26; SouthGate Living Center movie date. 8/25/26; Will be hosting a hiring event from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 8/27/26; American Red Cross blood drive. 8/28 & 29/26; Queen Kirkwood Hatchett leading a conference on "Understanding and Overcoming Trauma". August 28 through 30/26; The Bootheel Community Theatre will be performing "Matilda Jr."

City Collector; Paige Gillock July Turnover is as follows: Total Real Estate \$5,794.55 Total Personal \$1,115.59 Interest & Fees \$3,591.46 Total Tax \$10,501.60 Collectors Comm. \$135.57 Business License \$1,250.00 ATV \$15.00 Liquor \$4,312.50 Yard Sale \$15.00 Tourism \$9,466.04 Mowing \$866.82 Total Overall \$26,562.53 Due City \$26,373.37 Coll Comm \$135.57 Assessment Fund \$53.59.

Budget/Finance; Rita Jones reported that the time and attendance module is running great, and everything is transferring to the payroll module successfully. The budget from last year was adopted for this year, and she's in the process of updating budget amounts. All bank statements are reconciled through June, and in the process of completing July. All federal and state taxes have been paid online. The fund summary activity for the month of July is as follows: General Fund \$769,951.78 Sales Tax Fund \$48,579.80 Street \$2,658.21 Summer Food Fund \$18,233.67 Cemetery Fund \$15,699.70 Library Fund \$18,534.67 Economic Development Fund \$60,111.77 Total \$1,357,819.217.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn. Councilperson Robinson second the motion, which passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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