

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
October 19, 2026

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday October 19, 2026 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
Leighan Fales	Mayor
Jerry Hudgens	Sergeant at Arms
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Hazeil	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	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 of October 5, 2026. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood all in favor, with Councilperson Bullington abstaining.

Councilperson Hood motion for approval of the closed session minutes of October 5, 2026, second by Councilperson Robinson all in favor with Councilperson Bullington abstaining.

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

Next on the agenda was the C A Walker contract with the City of Caruthersville for the 4-Unit Box Hanger and Taxilanes. The date on the contract for the bid went beyond the 180 days for the construction of the building, in which the solution was to suspend the contract time during the building fabrication period. With the provision, Counselor recommends the approval of the contract, and the authorization for the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. Councilperson Hazel made the motion, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Fales reported that Cario Chism had given his two weeks' notice for his resignation. Mr. Chism had expressed to the Mayor his love of the town, but his travel expense was too much, and he

has been offered another position closer to home at a higher rate. The only way that he could possibly stay was to match what he will be making at the new position. There was discussion about the salary schedule, and sticking to it. Although Mr. Chism's position is a specialized position the consensus was that he didn't warrant an increase in pay. Mayor Fales expressed how she had worked so hard to get the town cleaned up, and that this would push the City back with all the progress that has been made. Mayor Fales also expressed how the hiring process was really difficult in getting qualified individuals, in which it has been a struggle to train, and keep good employees. There was a suggestion to get the position posted early on, and to try indeed.com.

Police report; Chief Hudgens reported that as of to date there have been 6739 service calls. There was another incident where fire arms were taken off the streets. They are working with the Dyersburg police department with the potential aspect of firearms being transported across state lines.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox report is as follows: Intake 91 animals, Vaccine clinic was successful with over 150 shots given. East industrial Dr. is in need of getting potholes fixed. Ms. Wilcox is hoping to return to work the first of December after her surgery on November 13, 2026. The golf tournament is scheduled for October 31, 2026, and it's coming along great thanks to Don Grable, Lisa McMahan, and Andrea Forsythe.

Fire report; Chief Moss reported six fire calls as follows: 10/1/26; Grass fire on State Hwy O (mutual aid), 10/4/26; Gas leak on Gayoso, 10/7/26; On stand by for mutal aid in Wardell, 10/7/26; Smoke from cooking on Truman, 10/10/26; Gas leak on Ferguson, 10/15/26; False alarm at Ue Sub Station. Fire Prevention class at DAEOC on October 23, 2026. Trunk or Treat at Elementary School October 30, 2026. The fire department proposed to give their Tahoe to the police department as a SRO vehicle, and give their 2008 Silverado which is seldom used back to the City. The following bids were obtained for a Ford F250 truck as follows: Lou Fuse \$62,982.00, Rod Baker \$64,775.00, and Joe Machen \$64,800.00. Councilperson Grable motion to accept the bid from Lou Fuse, second by Councilperson Hazel, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Public Works/Alliance; Pam Peeler reported the upgrade with their computers to windows 11, and they will also be obtaining a bigger monitor. They're moving forward with Master Meter by replacing the dead meters, and possibly repairing the one that aren't working. This action will save many man hours in having to do bill estimates, which usually takes two and half days. Currently there are 200 meters that can't be read, and the meters that will be purchased will be under warranty.

Erica Bogenpohl, Alliance Operations report is as follows: The September safety training covered back injury prevention, including exercise and stretches. Operations By Numbers; Gallons of Water Treated 13.3MG, Gallons of Water Produced 33.95MG, Water Leaks Repaired 9, Meter Changeouts 1, Line Locates 43. GPS Points 40. Water Treatment/The altitude valve at Industrial isn't working properly, Vandevanter quoted \$31,270 for repairs. Various valves and pump failures are

causing the clearwell and transfer tanks to overflow, flooding the pipe gallery. Vandevanter came to fix a leak at the 3rd St. Plant, and discovered that the isolation valves weren't working, in which the plant will have to be drained in order to fix the problem. Thomas Buchanan repaired the leak at 3rd St. clearwell, changed out overload on the high service pump #1, and Vandevanter quoted a new motor for the other pump. With prolonged issues occurring at the 3rd St. Plant; Industrial Plant was prepared for emergency use. Vandevanter has since fixed issues at the 3rd St. Plant, with the exception of filter #2 purge valve which is stuck. Vandevanter also worked at the Industrial Plant to make filters run on auto. Labtronix calibrated all lab instruments at both plants. Montgomery Fence has begun the 3rd St. Plant fence installation.

Waste Water Treatment/Installed new AC installation in the rotor control room, repaired backwash flow meter, and equipment was calibrated. Higdon Electric is troubleshooting UV system following storm damage. Water Distribution/Repaired 9 leaks with the help of AWR crews, began organizing inventory system. Sewer Collections/Installed 20 lb. odorize block at the Recreation Center to mask odors. The VAC truck front aux driveshaft came loose in which the radiator and fan shroud got busted. Repair & Chemical Expense/ Repair Expenses under budget by \$4,848.00, Chemical Expenses under budget by \$3,358.00.

In summary there were five emergency purchases that had to take place to get the plants up and running. A number of the fire hydrants need valves, and quotes have been obtained. Had to commit to fix three valves at a time for installation, there are 63 hydrants that are compromised. Alliance is also in need of vehicles; will be looking at Missouri Surplus, and Purple Wave.

Code Enforcement; Shawanna Riggs report is as follows: Waiting approval from DNR for the demolition of 405 Highland. The plan is to proceed with the demolition of 1102 Madison after the completion of the Highland demolition. But the asbestos will have to be abated before the demolition takes place. The intention is to move forward with three additional properties once those two demolitions take place. Chief Moss has reached out to Code Enforcement for utilizing a couple of homes scheduled for demolition for training purposes. The property at 2806 Willow is at the stage for police involvement, the report has been filed and citation issued. The next step will be a court date in which the process will start in addressing the nuisance.

The 407 Grand nuisance will also go through the court system, and the hope is to pursue with demolition. The shed that's located on the City easement at 1200 Zaida is an ongoing issue that is being addressed. The Help on Hand Stop Work Order on the former liquor store/bar to convert to an emergency homeless shelter is pending the review and compliance with the applicable requirements. There's continued outreach to property owners as concerns are identified of nuisances to abate.

Parks & Recreation; September turnover is as follows: Intake \$5,728.60 Auto Draft \$235.00 Interest \$1.28 Total \$5,964.88 Checks \$2,755.02 Turnover \$3,209.86. Doug White reported that the new HVAC system was up and running. The roof is almost completed, only the trim is left to be done. the weight room is painted, and the molded carpet has been removed, but will be shut down for an additional 3 days. Issues were found with the vents being covered up during construction, hence the sewer smell that's been occurring. The pool is losing water, trying to figure out why; someone will be looking at it tomorrow. The grant for the playground equipment for England and French parks is \$500,000.00 in which the City would have to pay upfront, which is reimbursable, which will be a 50/50

match. The parks may have to be done at different times, but at any rate there's equipment that needs to come out that could be a liability. To meet the deadlines Mr. White recommends proceeding with the paperwork with no obligation at this point. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Glass, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Library report; Tacara Sullivan report is as follows: 10/3/26; Gayosa MO DAR hosted an America 250 Liberty Tree Dedication with seed of George Washington tree. 10/13/26; Southgate Living Center movie night, and Fire Dept. presentation for "Career Exploration". 10/16/26; Held meeting at the Director's Forum to discuss ongoing consortium information. 10/17/26; Participated in Chili Cookoff, and received 3rd place in dessert. 10/19/26; Sharon Allen will host "Eight Ways to Prevent Breast Cancer". 10/20/26; PIN monthly Parent Café'. 10/27/26; Halloween Story Time and Activity. 10/29/26; Kennett Career Center Job Fair.

Collector report; Jacklyn Underwood reported that Clearbasin was still down, and the time was getting critical with upcoming mail outs for taxes.

Budget/Finance; Rita Jones reported that the Time & Attendance module was running efficiently. Memberships for the Recreation Center is being tracked, and also admissions, class fees, and facility rentals are being tracked. The bank statements through September have been reconciled, federal and state tax payments are being processed online, and processed the quarterly tax reports. Continuing to work with a student that's job shadowing from the Accounting program at CHS. The Fund Balance Report as of September 30, 2026 is as follows: Beginning Balance \$5,488,321.33 Total Revenues \$3,607,801.56 Total Expenses \$3,632,220.25 Ending Balance \$5,463,902.64

Insurance report; Jennifer Spence reported turning in two claims for the Industrial Plant's grinder pump.

Counselor Dorroh introduced the following bills as follows:

BILL NO. 2026-11 **ORDINANCE 2026-11**
AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE THE ALLY ADJOINING LOTS 1 THROUGH 6 OF
BLOCK 14 OF THE HUNTER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE

Councilperson Lyons motion for the first reading by title only, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor. Councilperson Lyons motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Hazel, with all in favor. Councilperson Bullington motion for passage, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Hazel	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes

Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
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BILL NO. 2026-12**ORDINANCE 2026-12**

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF THE ALLEY RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE REYNOLDS PLACE SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE AND RESERVING AN EASEMENT THEREON FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES

Councilperson Lyons motion for the first reading by title only, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor. Councilperson Lyons motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor. Councilperson Hazel motion for passage, second by Councilperson Glass, which resulted in the following vote:

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

BILL NO. 2026-13**ORDINANCE 2026-13**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 700.030 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE TO INCREASE THE WATER METER SERVICE DEPOSIT AND TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSFER FEE FOR EXISTING SERVICE ACCOUNTS

Councilperson Lyons motion for the first reading by title only, second by Councilperson Glass, with all in favor. Councilperson Lyons motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor. Councilperson Lyons motion for passage, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Hazel	Yes	Grable	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Robinson	No	Glass	Yes

Counselor Dorroh introduced a resolution for the lead line service grant as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM FOR LOANS AND GRANTS UNDER THE MISSOURI CLEAN WATER LAW (CHAPTER 640, RSMO.)

Councilperson Hazel motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

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

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

Upon returning from closed session, and 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