

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
April 1, 2024

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday April 1, 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
Terry Privett	Sergeant at Arms
Lyons	Councilperson
Fales	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	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 March 18, 2024. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor.

Councilperson Lyons made motion for the approval of the closed session minutes of March 18, 2024, second by Councilperson Robinson, with all in favor.

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

Notice was given for a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday April 3, 2024 regarding zoning for a local business.

Notice was given to bidders for a demolition project; bid packets can be obtained at the City Clerk's office, with the bid opening occurring at 4:00 p.m. Thursday April 18, 2024.

Police report; Assistant Chief Terry Privett reported that there were two applicants inquiring about the Police Academy and salaries while attending the academy. Councilperson Lyons relayed that there would have to be a Finance Committee meeting before making any decisions. The Highway Safety Grants; DWI and Seat belt will be occurring simultaneously along with the Click or Ticket which starts today, and the others starting May 20, 2024 through June 2, 2024.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported the intake for March was 77 animals. There are currently 98 in house animals at this time with there being over 200 for the year. There were 29 adoptions, 19 return to owners, and six euthanizations. There were also 28 puppies taken off the streets, and are at

various stages within the adoption process. The staff will be going to Pest Sense in Sikeston Saturday April 6, 2024 and will be hosting an adoption event. The Vaccine Clinic and City tag sale is April 20, 2024, and the April 27, 2024 5k signups are going tremendously well. There have been a lot of abuse and neglect cases recently, and they're keenly aware of the breeding of a rare pit bull breed that's being monitored.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss reported responding to four calls since the last meeting as follows: one brush fire, two structure fires, and one vehicle fire. There was in house training covering the use of various extrication equipment with the new firefighters. There will be five firefighters attending the Fire Department Instructor Conference April 18th through April 20th, 2024. The fireworks display for the City will be occurring July 3, 2024 with J & M Displays, the same company that has been doing the display for years. Chief Moss will be looking at getting certified with the company to be able to shoot fireworks.

Councilperson Lyons made motion to accept the agreement same as last year for \$7,250.00 with an amendment to the Sales Tax budget, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement. Councilperson Grable second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Parks & Recreation; Councilperson Hood reported that the pool was being looked at in getting repaired, and everything else was running smoothly.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore had the following to report: The City replaced eight stop signs and poles, and the City owned properties were mowed. Any of the streets that are on the grant list can be substituted, and it will be 2025 before the grant gets approval. There is roughly 197,000.00 committed to street improvements for 2025; leaving 200,000.00 for improvements for 2024. They have been cutting and measuring street repairs, and once it's all done concrete will be able to be poured within a few days weather permitting. Information is being gathered for estimates for the card reader at the airport. The repeaters weren't installed last week, hopefully this week. Mr. Gilmore, Tyler Hall, and Gina Glass have been meeting and discussing improvements to service obligations.

Library report; Councilperson Fales reported that the theater has been updated, and there will be a staff training session Wednesday April 3, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Hayes is keeping up with the grants, and working on Summer reading. You can get free glasses at the Library to view the eclipse on April 8, 2024. The White Glove & Party Manage Tea Party is April 20, 2024, and The 4H Art Show is April 23, 2024.

Collections report; Paige Gillock Collections Report from March 1, 2024 to March 31, 2024 is as follows: Real Estate \$1,559.86, Personal Property \$1,769.81, Miscellaneous \$1,995.00 Total Taxes \$4,738.00 Interest & Fees \$586.67, Total Taxes \$5,324.67

Mayor Grantham has been working on getting the street lights on Truman more enhanced with 200 watt bulbs, if permission is granted from MODOT they would cost \$684.00/mo. for the City.

