

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
April 20, 2026

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, April 20, 2026, in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

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| Takella Motton | City Clerk |
| Lawrence Dorroh | City Counselor |
| Sue Grantham (Absent)/Leighan Fales | Mayor |
| Jerry Hudgens | Sergeant at Arms |
| Hood | Mayor Pro Tem |
| Spence | Councilperson |
| Robinson | Councilperson |
| Glass | Councilperson |
| Bullington | Councilperson |
| Lyons | Councilperson |
| Fales/Hazel | Councilperson |
| Grable | Councilperson |

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor Pro Tem 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 April 6, 2026. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington with all in favor.

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

The next item on the agenda was Barry Stolz giving the Council a summary of things that are in the works for the City airport. There's a lot of FAA money allocated to be used on airport projects. There are two main pots of money, with different amounts being allocated every fiscal year. There are several years of those funds that are about to expire unless they are got under a grant with MODOT, who administers it on behalf of the FAA. The following are plans for the designation of the funds for specific projects: Project 1/Construct 4-Unit Box Hanger and Taxilane; there was a bid opening Wednesday April 15, 2026. Because of the funding sources and timing it would need to be split into two separate grants. Grant 1 would cover Hanson's design and bidding phase services for the project. The lump sum agreement is \$91,086.00 with federal being 100 percent with zero local share. Grant 2 would cover construction phase services and the low bidders construction contract to complete the project. Hanson's agreement is an hourly, not to exceed \$98,029.00. The low bidder, CA Walker bid was \$1,143,000.00. The funding for this work is a combination of 90 and 95 percent federal funding, and the local share calculates to be \$87,055.00.

Project 2/Land Acquisition Services Phase 1; Grant 3 would cover Hanson's land acquisition services for future land and easement purchases around the airport. Once the values of the parcels are determined Hanson will work with the City and MODOT to proceed with purchases under a future grant with future funding. The lump sum agreement with Hanson is for \$89,449.00, with 100 percent federal

funding. Grant application and paperwork has been completed for the projects. There will be three grant applications to be submitted to MODOT, three Hanson agreements, one agreement for CA Walker, and engineering agreements will have to be approved and signed off on. There were three bids turned in, with CA Walker being the lowest bid. Counselor Dorroh will look over the bids, and agreements before the Council vote, and made recommendation for authorization of applying for grants on behalf of the City. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval for applying for the grants, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Counselor Dorroh presented the election results from the County Collector as follows:



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April 10, 2026

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RE: APRIL 7, 2026 ELECTION RESULTS

This letter is the Certified Results of the April 7, 2026 General Municipal Election for your City.
The results are as follows:

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| MAYOR - 4 YR | LEIGHAN FALES | 425 |
| CITY MARSHALL - 4 YR | JERRY HUDGENS, SR. | 487 |
| CITY COLLECTOR - 2 YR | PAIGE KULPEKSA GILLOCK | 460 |
| CITY TREASURER - 2 YR | MIKE DALE | 456 |
| COUNCIL WARD 1 - 2 YR | LUTHER ROBINSON | 90 |
| COUNCIL WARD 2 - 2 YR | PAUL GLASS | 77 |
| COUNCIL WARD 3 - 2 YR | J.J. BULLINGTON | 180 |
| COUNCIL WARD 4 - 2 YR | JIMMY LYONS | 114 |

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF PEMISCOT)

I, Pam Treece, Clerk of the County Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct return of the election held on April 7, 2026.

Pam Treece

Pam Treece
County Clerk



Councilperson Lyons motion for approval of the County Collector certification of the election, second by Councilperson Robinson, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The City Clerk gave the oath of office for the Mayor, City Marshal, City Collector, City Treasurer, and Councilperson Ward 1,2,3, and 4. Mayor Leighan Fales first action was to appoint Mike Hazel for Councilperson Ward 2. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Jennifer Spence nominated J J Bullington as Mayor Pro Tem, and Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Fales nominated Tommie Brown as Code Enforcement. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Fales made nominated Lynn Moss as Building Inspector. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Fales made recommendation for Roosevelt Jones to go from part time to full time as Maintenance. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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Mayor Fales proposed that Shawna Riggs to be Secretary to Code Enforcement and to help with the Water department, and Mayor Fales will be over the Water department.

Police report; Chief Hudgens reported that there was a shooting last week in East Haven between individuals from Caruthersville and Hayti. The department is looking at getting cameras installed in high crime areas. Chief Hudgens also reported on having a successful mock crash.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox report is as follows: Intake 46 dogs/puppies, 35 cats/kittens, with an additional 11 animals after this report. Currently working a neglect/abuse case with a significant number of animals. The adoption event at Petsense in Sikeston, MO was a successful event. The 20th annual 5K is April 25, 2026, and the Vaccine clinic will also be taking place from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Fire report; Chief Moss reported 10 fire calls as follows: 4/2/26; Grass fire in median on I55/MM5, 4/4/26; Carbon monoxide from faulty stove on W. 8th St., 4/4/26; Lift assist on E. 19th St., 4/8/26; Structure fire at Taven Apt., 4/9/26; Carbon monoxide/ventless heater on Walker, 4/12/26; Cooking set off alarm on Belle, 4/13/26; False alarm on E. 12th St., 4/14/26; Resident pulled alarm at Southgate, 4/14/26; Food burning on stove on Walker. Mayor Sue Grantham retirement reception was at the Public Safety Building Thursday April 17, 2026. On April 29, 2026 there will be a McCarty R3 School Adulting Day/Teaching kids adult life skills.

Public Works/Alliance; Joey Helwig Operations Report for March is as follows: Operations by Numbers/Gallons of Wastewater Treated 9.25mg, Gallons of Water Produced 37.54mg, Water Leaks Repaired 17, Water Main Lines Repaired 8, Water Service Lines 9, Sewer Tap 5, Service Orders Completed 75, Meter Changeouts 6, Setters Replaced 6, Meter Leaks Repaired 20, Water Meter Rereads 219, Line Locates 61, and GPS Points 30. Water Treatment/Monthly compliance reports met State requirements. The transducer was replaced at the 3rd St. Water Plant. Well pump #2 overload had to be adjusted, and a new one was ordered and installed. Vandevanter checked all the controls at the Industrial Plant, and there were a few problems in which they are working on a plan to address. The valves have been shut off at the high service pumps at Industrial to keep water from back feeding from the elevated storage tank.

Wastewater Treatment; Discharge reports were submitted, and within State parameters. The EFF channel was cleaned, and up and running. The UV building was cleaned, the grit classifier is still out for repairs, and clarifier #3 has been cleaned and greased. Rotor #2 is tripping out, and will be checked out when Vandevanter comes back along with the SW lift station, and INF Auger. There are still a lot of rags and packets in the plant from the system, in which the INF Auger should catch. Clarifier #1 is running while #2 has some electrical problems. Water Distribution/All six bacteriological samples passed. New registers are on order, and there were 94 disconnects. Sewer Collections/Casino LS has one pump out, three floats were replaced at the Recreation Center LS. Gayoso LS need a new probe and level control system which would cost \$5,100.00. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval for

the expenditure to come out of the Water fund, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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The SW lift station had part of the control system to go out; floats were installed, and it's in operation. There were 11 service orders for sewer with one rod out, six check mains, and four taps. Repair Expenses over budget by \$23,858.00, and Chemical Expenses under budget by \$7,288.00.

Erica Bogenpohl proposed an addendum for not being responsible for fuel, and taking it off as part of the fee that's charged to the City at \$25,144.00 annually, it could prove to be a savings to the City for the use of the City's fuel. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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Recreation report; Lamonte Bell reported that all the lights were just about hung, the valves in the pool area were fixed, and waiting on the go ahead to install the water filling stations. The Seresco unit is up and running, and asked the contractor to get a service agreement together for approval. Mr. Bell is also working with Chloe White with promotions for the Recreation Center. Mr. Bell turnover report is as follows: Intake \$7,388.60 Auto Draft \$185.00 Interest \$1.05 Total \$7,574.65 Expenses None Turnover 7,574.65.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan report is as follows: 4/2/26; Held Hopping into Spring, which included various carnival-style games, bunny bingo, and pictures with the Easter bunny. 4/3/26; Held the America's 250th Birthday Celebration with State Representative Cameron Parker. 4/7/26; Caruthersville School District sponsored a partnership blood drive with Red Cross, with 17 pints of blood being collected. 4/11/26; Susie Liddell held a book signing with a meet and greet. 4/18/26; Kandice Fields held a book reading. 4/20/26; MO Connections held an end of the year testing for homeschool students. 4/21/26; 4H held an Art show. 4/23/26; Kennett Career Center held a job fair. 4/25/26; Registration for 5K run starting at 7:00 a.m. 4/29/26; LU will have a Garden Fair in which they will construct a raised bed. 4/29/26; Southgate Living Center movie day.

City Collector; Paige Gillock Collections Report from April 1, 2026 to April 20, 2026 is as follows: Real Estate \$2,235.97 Personal Property \$765.21 Drainage Districts \$803.85 Miscellaneous \$11,204.14 Total Taxes \$14,376.17 Interest & Fees \$633.00 Total Collections \$15,009.17.

Budget/Finance; Rita Jones reported training on the usage of the system and entering data to make the transition smooth as possible. The accounts payable side is finished, and will go live April 20, 2026. The purchase order module will be figured in the last week of this month, and will be training on

it. The timekeeping module will be done in June. All bank statements have been completed for February, and currently working on March.

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

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

