

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
April 6, 2026

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, April 6, 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
Sue Grantham (Absent)	Mayor
Jerry Hudgens	Sergeant at Arms
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Fales	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Mayor Pro Tem
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	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 March 16, 2026. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood all in favor, with Councilperson Lyons abstaining.

Councilperson Hood motion for the approval of the closed session minutes of April 6, 2026. Councilperson Glass second the motion all in favor, with Councilperson Lyons abstaining.

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

Police report; Chief Hudgens reported on the police saturation events. There were 129 traffic stops; Caruthersville PD, 42, Hayti PD 21, Steele PD 4, Sheriff dept. 27, and Missouri Hwy Patrol 35. For transparency there were alerts put out for the police presence, and will be for future events. There were several warrants given out, and pickups made.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that they were down to one trap, and it's a make shift one. There were three originally, two were stolen, and one was damaged. Councilperson Lyons motion to purchase three traps, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

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

The Shelter report is as follows: Intake 47 dog/puppies, and 39 cats/kittens. The Shelter is looking into tracking devices to attach to the traps or trail cams. A career day was attended in Portageville, and teamed up with Quilin Animal Control, which brought about publicity, and was a success. The 20th year 5K is April 25, 2026, the Annual Vaccine Clinic and City Tag Day will also be occurring from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Dogs and Cats for Adoption will occur at Petsense in Sikeston, MO on Saturday, April 18, 2026.

Fire report; Chief Moss reported 12 fire calls as follows: 3/12/26; Motor vehicle accident on Locust and Washington, 3/14/26; Fire pit at rear of house on Ferguson, 3/15/26; Cooking set off alarm on East 17th St., 3/22/26; Trash burning on East 19th St., 3/22/26; Trash can in backyard on Highland, 3/24/26; Grass fire on I55/MM 5-7, 3/24/26; Wood lot on fire on County Hwy 553, 3/25/26; Grass fire in Brown Shoe ditch, 3/26/26; Structure fire on roof of County Courthouse, 3/29/26; Grass fire on lot east of Reynolds Park, 3/30/26; Grass fire on I55/MM 7, 3/30/26; Electric panel for irrigation unit on Hwy DD.

Public Works/Alliance; Erica Bogenpohl who's a civil engineer reported that she was apprised of ways to get funds for the Water treatment facilities. If the City provided a facility plan, than she could in turn apply for grants on the City's behalf. Councilperson Lyons made motion that contact should be made with John Chittenden to facilitate the arrangements. Councilperson Grable second the motion with all in favor. There was discussion of Ms. Reno's ordeal with her sewer. Ms. Bogenpohl will be getting in contact with the Renos about some possible outcomes with their situation.

Recreation report; The Council were provided in their packets with reports from Lamonte Bell which included the Recreation Center Sports Program report as follows: Basketball end date was in February with 65 participants at \$30.00/person, Total \$1,950.00. Sponsors 6 at \$200.00, with a total of \$1,200.00. The sponsors being First State Bank, Bank of Missouri, Focus Bank, K & K Tax Service, and Arcosa. Other Income; Concessions \$1,291.00 Admissions \$1,320.00 Total \$2,611.00. Expenditures; Team shirts \$1,570.00 Food for concession stand \$831.94 Total Expenditures \$2,401.94 Financial Summary/Total Revenue \$5,761.00 Total Expenditures \$2,401.94 Net Profit \$3,359.06. Monthly Rental Activity Log/Pool Rental \$300.00.

March Rental Activity Log; Batting Cage \$25.00 Court \$75.00 Pool \$125.00 Total \$225.00. The Memphis Grizzlies Junior League has a partnership opportunity offering different packages. If the Gold is selected it would cost \$45.00 per player which includes reversible jersey, shorts, two tickets, promo item, and access to select fan experiences. The roofing and HVAC installation will be starting soon. The Recreation Center rentals are as follows: Full Facility \$250.00 Gym \$150.00 Pool \$150.00 Tennis Courts \$25.00/hr., Batting Cages \$25.00/hr., Parks \$25.00/hr., Activity/Meeting Room \$25.00/hr. Girls Youth Volleyball sign ups in August, start in September. Basketball sign ups in October, start in January. Tennis if there's interest sign up by April 15, 2026, more information will follow if there's interest. Kickball sign ups in September, start in November. Also, considering hosting a haunted house at the Recreation Center, feedback and ideas are welcomed.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore report is as follows: The old Delta Distributing building has been acquired, testing revealed no asbestos. The paperwork has been submitted to DNR for approval of demolition set date for demolition is April 14, 2026. There's a possibility that dumping at Kennett could prove to be profitable, if rates are lowered. Eight tons of waste was hauled away from 404 W. 4th St.

with more hauling to take place before completion. Made contact with the property owner on Willow, and some of the debris having been removed, with more to be done. May have to get a warrant if the abatement isn't adhered to. While the demo is taking place on East 13th St., crews will start clearing out the vegetation, and will do the same for the Beckwith demo when it's underway. The City crews dug out concrete and found the break in the conduit for the street lights on West 3rd St., and the lights have been repaired. The last hoist was installed at the Industrial Water Plant, and the chlorine alarm was installed at the West 3rd Water Plant.

The tree clearing at the airport is complete, and grass seed planted. There have been five street repairs, and loose debris removed, tidied up disturbed right of way issues, and planted grass as needed. There were several potholes filled on Westwood around Gayoso, and 7th St. remains closed, but should be open soon. The Corps is approaching the last phase of the floodwall project; there's an issue with the storm drain pipe that goes over the wall. Mr. Gilmore has advised John Chittenden, and he's working on a solution. Several of the bad bases have been replaced at the Cemetery; before it's time to put the flags back up, all bases, flags, and poles will be in place for all the people that have contributed. There are ongoing trash issues; bins that are overfill, broken, and placement of them. A mailer showing the correct way for collections is being distributed, with hopes of correcting the problem.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan report is as follows: 4/2/26; Hoppin Into Spring Easter Festival, 4/3/26; America's 250th Anniversary with guest speaker State Representative Cameron Parker, 4/7/26; Voting Polls and America Red Cross Blood Drive, 4/11/26; Susie Lidell book signing "The Second Face", 4/18/26; Book reading author Kandice Fields and the Spring Tree Walk at England Park, 4/21/26; PIN Parent Cafe and 4H Art Show, 4/25/26; 20th Annual John VanAusdall 5k run, 4/29/26; Lincoln University Extension Garden Fair.

Collections report; Paige Gillock report from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026 is as follows: Real Estate \$3,327.34 Personal Property \$2,851.76 Miscellaneous \$1,317.50 Total Taxes \$6,648.08 Interest & Fees \$848.52 Total Collections \$7,496.60.

Budget/Finance; Rita Jones report is as follows: Ms. Jones has been spending the majority of her time in training on the usage of the new system, gathering and entering data. The accounts payable side is almost finished, and set to go live April 20, 2026. All the bank statements through February are reconciled, and working on completing March. The federal and state portal are up and running, continuing to make deposits, and keeping records of memberships. Provided the Council with reports with a breakdown of the bills paid for the month; reports are customizable for any changes that the Council will want to include.

Call From Business From the Floor; Robert Hunt was concerned about the burnt boarded up house on Madison that is being occupied. Barry stated that the property had been condemned, and that the matter would be looked into with warrants being issued if necessary.

Introduction of Bills; Counselor Dorroh introduced the following bill:

BILL NO. 2026-06

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE DIGITAL BILLBOARDS AMONG THE ENUMERATED USES FOR WHICH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED

WHEREAS, a request has been made to the city for permitting for the placement of a digital billboard within the city limits of Caruthersville; and

WHEREAS, this request was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and they have recommended that Section 405.630 be amended to insert additional provisions allowing for the granting of a conditional use to permit for the placement of digital billboards within the City; and

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing scheduled for March 16, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building in the City of Caruthersville, Missouri, was published at least fifteen days prior to the hearing in the Pemiscot Press newspaper; and

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of March, 2026 at 5:00 P.M. a hearing was held and all interested citizens had the opportunity to be heard at said hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 405.010 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Caruthersville is hereby amended to include the following definition:

DIGITAL BILLBOARD – A billboard having at least one side displaying a digital image for commercial advertising purposes.

Section 2. Section 405.630 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by the addition of subparagraph 14 to subsection A of said Section 405.630 which shall read in full as follows:

405.630. Conditional Use Regulations – Generally

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14. Equine Therapy Facility (non-boarding), with all such facilities being required as a condition to operating such business to employ dust, animal waste, pest, and odor control measures necessary to prevent the creation of a nuisance to the community.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and approval.

READ TWO TIMES, PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of March, 2026.

ATTEST:

Takella Motton, City Clerk

Sue Grantham, Mayor

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

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

Councilperson Lyons motion to go into closed session for personnel and litigation matters, second by Councilperson Robinson, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Upon returning from closed session, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood which passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk