

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
August 1, 2022**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday August 1, 2022 in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

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| Sue Grantham | Mayor |
| Takella Motton | City Clerk |
| Lawrence Dorroh | City Counselor |
| Tony Jones | Sergeant at Arms |
| Lyons | Councilperson |
| Rittenberry | Councilperson |
| Grable | Councilperson |
| Hood | Councilperson |
| Spence (Zoom) | Councilperson |
| Robinson | Councilperson |
| Glass | Councilperson |
| Bullington (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 for July 18, 2022. Councilperson Rittenberry motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons with all in favor.

Councilperson Rittenberry motion for the approval of the July 18, 2022 closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor.

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

Jonathon Benson presented a check to the City for \$35,161.80 from Missouri Public Utilities Commission C/O Missouri Rural Water Association from a 2020 interest bearing rebate for a loan for Water & Waste Water improvements.

Mayor Grantham appointed Damon Alexander to the vacant position left by Jessica Rose for the Parks & Recreation Board and asked for approval. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes		

Barry Gilmore proposed to the City the dumping of the water from the trash that is usually

taken to Union City by Waste Pro to be directed to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There would testing every 60 to 90 days for any containments at Waste Pro’s expense. Waste Pro would pay the City a fee by the gallon for the dumping; generating income for the City. Alliance is in agreement with the dumping, and is not concerned about any containments from the dumping. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

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The Armory is in need of a HVAC unit; two companies were asked to give estimates. Hill Electric was the only one to give a proposal of \$10,000.00. They will be installing a 5.0 ton unit, 5 years on the compressor, coil, and parts with one year for labor. Councilperson Rittenberry motion to accept Hill Electric’s proposal, second by Councilperson Hood which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes		

Chief Tony Jones reported that he had placed on Facebook about checking for city stickers, and giving people a couple of weeks to pay their taxes or get fined. Most people personal property taxes are little to none, but some elude from paying their City taxes. Chief Jones stated that something would have to be done about the lighting at the American Legion, especially with the incident that occurred over the weekend. Chief Jones urged the City to make contact with the person over the American Legion to avert liability.

Fire report; Fire calls from July 19, 2022 to August 1, 2022 are as follows: 7/19/22; Window air conditioner caught on fire on Grand with minor smoke damage, 7/20/22 ; Fire alarm sounding on Playground Rd, 7/21/22; Vehicle accident with entrapment at I55/412 with person taken by Survival Flight to Memphis TN, 7/21/22; Fire alarm sounding on Stonewall Dr, 7/23/22; Bean field on fire on County Rd 553, 7/26/22; Structure fire on Madison with moderate smoke damage, 7/27/22; Small fire set at entrance area on the east side of The Hide Away Lounge with minor damage, 7/29/22; Smoke scare due to food on cooktop stove with minor smoke damage on West 11th St, 8/1/22; Food left unattended on cooktop stove with minor smoke damage on Daecoc Rd. Training for the month of July, “Scene Safety”, taught by Randy Guest. Fire inspections were conducted at the Caruthersville School District on Monday July 25, 2022.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that he was waiting on the proof for the signage for the cemetery which would be more legible. Councilperson Lyons motion to go with what the Cemetery Committee had recommended, second by Councilperson Rittenberry with all in favor. Barry Gilmore made mention that the old substation on 3rd St. would be torn down eventually; a new substation, new power lines, and poles will be put up. The City will go ahead and take on the expense, and will be reimbursed by Ameren. Mr. Gilmore also reported that mowing had been ongoing, he obtained a quote to clean out the gas tanks; the mosquito sprayer and the 25 cents on the water bill for the mosquito

spraying was still on the table. After some discussion, Councilperson Lyons motion to have the 25 cents taken off the water bill by abating the tax for the next two years. Councilperson Grable second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell reported that September 10, 2022 will be the first Dodge Ball Tournament. They are trying get the patrons interested in others things such as pickle ball, volleyball, and corn hole.

Library report; Marsha Hayes reported that Thursday August 11, 2022 there will be an Active Shooter Seminar from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The Mission Impact Kids from the Agape Center will be performing August 6, 7, and 13, 2022.

Collector report; Paige Gillock had been really busy today, with people coming to pay their taxes to get their stickers. Collections from July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022 are as follows: Real Estate \$6,968.80, Personal Property \$295.07, Drainage Districts \$550.00, Miscellaneous \$478.00, Total Taxes \$6,156.94, Interest and Fees \$2,134.93, Total Collections \$8,291.87. The Total Collections just for today were \$5,410.51.

New Business; Councilperson Grable reported that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony would be tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. for G&C, the new diner on Truman. Mayor Grantham received acceptance of another grant for the airport improvements through MODOT for \$296,328.00 which is underway with Waters Engineering being the consultant; the City will pay \$15,000 for their match. Mayor Grantham also announced that the City had received the additional \$218,487.25 from FEMA for reimbursement for the flood repairs.

Business From the Floor; Barry Gilmore made mention that the manhole on 7th & Ward would be done this week. A representative from C & S Cleaning Supply stated that they do a lot of business in the area, and they're looking forward to serving the community needs, and might in some instances be able to save money for their services.

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to go into closed session for lease purchase and personnel. Councilperson Hood made the motion, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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Upon returning from closed session, and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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