

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**February 2, 2026**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, February 2, 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
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Mayor Pro Tem
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Fales	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 January 20, 2026. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Spence, with all in favor.

Councilperson Grable motion for the approval of the closed session minutes of January 5, 2026. Councilperson Lyons second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Next on the agenda was the Notice of Publication for the City of Caruthersville, Missouri Consideration of Lease Certificates of Participation. The Council's consideration for adopting an ordinance to approve capital lease financing to provide funds for the repair and replacement of the Recreation roof and HVAC system, in addition to the construction of Pickleball courts at England Park. Councilperson Bullington made the motion, second by Councilperson Robinson, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hood, entertained a motion to change the next meeting to Tuesday, February 17, 2026 in observance of Presidents' Day. Councilperson Spence second the motion, with all in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem entertained a motion to vote for the auditor's representation letter for the City of Caruthersville's audit of financial statements, which comprise the financial position of the governmental activities and the business type activities as of June 30, 2025. Councilperson Lyons made motion for the representation, second by Councilperson Robinson, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Police report; Chief Jerry Hudgens commended Barry Gilmore, and his department for keeping the main thoroughfares cleared, which made their job a lot easier. The Humane Shelter was also appreciative of being able to get in and out; being hampered by the weather.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox report is as follows: Prior to the winter storm 12 dogs and eight cats were brought in. The Shelter began vetting animals today, and will work on moving some of them this week. The storm took a toll on the back runs; after the melt they will be able to assess the damages, and will get with Chief Hudgens to bring it back up to standards. An emergency protocol was ran to cover calls and animal care during the winter event.

There will be a Board of Adjustment meeting Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at City Hall at 4:00 p.m. regarding a petition of variance from James Elliott Jr.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss reported five calls as of today as follows: 1/25/26; Alarm call with nothing found at Midtown Apts., 1/25/26; Stove on fire on Ward Ave., 1/27/26; Vehicle fire on State Hwy D, 1/27/26; Vehicle fire with mutual aid for Cooter on State Hwy O, 1/30/26; Car hauler on fire with multiple vehicles on I55 mile marker 9.8. There was discussion with the July 4, 2026 celebration taking place on July 4, 2026 this year, because of the events taking place for 250 Anniversary of America.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore commended Joey Helwig and his crew for keeping the plants up and running with them being on high alert with the inclement weather.

Recreation Center; Lamonte Bell reported that basketball will be pushed back a week because of the inclement weather, and the teams will be practicing this week. Councilperson Bullington made mention that the Recreation Center potential modular for the Recreation Center would also work with the other departments within the City. The upfront cost would be around \$14,000.00 and the annual cost around \$3,000.00, which could be shared with all the participants.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan report is as follows: They are promoting a Blind Date With a Book, each book is wrapped, and waiting to surprise you. The new Monthly Story Time series is designed to encourage early literacy, imagination, and family engagement. The Four Seasons Make a Year Story Time & Coloring Activity has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There will be a Sweet Valentine's Celebration; bring the kids for the Story Time and Valentine's Card activity on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Parents as Teachers Story Time is February 12, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. February 18, 2026 is Family Matters Movie Day from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. February 27, 2026 is the Black History Celebration a part of the America's 250<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Brenda Cooke-Hundley is the keynote speaker, and will honor our past, celebrate the present, and inspire future generations.

Finance report; Rita Jones reported continuing working with Tyler Technologies; and should go live with the accounting/accounts payable portion by the last of February. In the process of building the payroll side of the software. Continuing paying bills, making online payments for federal and state taxes, and making deposits for Recreation Center, with keeping a record of all memberships being purchased.

Business From the Floor; Joe Prather brought before the Council again his problem with the tap on Brown. There was an ordinance drafted a while back to be reviewed. The ordinance will be voted on at the next meeting. Councilperson Lyons made a motion for the City to absorb the cost by making allowance for the tap. Councilperson Robinson second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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Fales	Yes		

Councilperson Bullington inquired about the status of the building on Ward Ave. next to the Prescription Drug Store. Counselor Dorroh will be contacting the attorney that represents the City, and will have something at the next meeting.

Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Robinson, with all in favor.

ATTEST:

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Mayor Pro Tem

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City Clerk