

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
February 21, 2023**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Tuesday February 21, 2023 immediately following the Public Hearing 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 |
| Grable | Councilperson |
| Hood | Councilperson |
| Spence (Absent) | Councilperson |
| Robinson | Councilperson |
| Glass | Councilperson |
| Bullington | Councilperson |
| Lyons (Absent) | Councilperson |
| Rittenberry | 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 February 6, 2023. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Glass with all in favor.

Councilperson Rittenberry made motion for the approval of the closed session minutes for February 6, 2023, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor.

Councilperson Rittenberry motion for approval for the special session minutes for February 13, 2023, second by Councilperson Glass all in favor with Councilperson Robinson and Bullington abstaining.

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

Mayor Grantham presented to the Council recommendation from the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for the unexpired term of Joe Ledford effective April 1, 2023 to be filled by James Adams. Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to appoint Mr. Adams, in which Councilperson Bullington made the motion. Councilperson Rittenberry second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that several hours were spent gathering up Feral dogs,

all eight except for the mother on Grand. The Shelter took in 13 dogs today; will start their stray hold, and two will be leaving for Rescue Friday. Ms. Wilcox received from Counselor Dorroh an ordinance from another city, and she saw a lot of things that she would like to incorporate with some of their ideas. If possible provide more stringent laws to combat repeat offenders to be declared as reckless owners. Also, several cities are electing to have cheaper tags if the dog is spade or neutered, and would like for the City to do the same.

Fire report; Fire calls from February 6, 2023 to February 21, 2023 are as follows: 2/6/23; Grass fire on abandoned property on County Road 553, 2/6/23; Vehicle fire a total loss on Laurant, 2/10/23; Vehicle fire with moderate damage at Taven Apts., 2/11/23; Structure fire with moderate damage on Eastwood, 2/16/23; Mutual aid request by Hayti for structure fire with moderate damage on Lincoln & Pearl St., 2/20/23; Structure fire reported to 911 which was a grill being used on East 7th St. Blue Valley Public Safety Company will be here Thursday to test the new outdoor warning siren on 10th & Ward. Messaging will be on Facebook and Nixel as to when the testing will begin.

Public Works; Alliance Operations Report for January 2023 is as follows: Administrative; The electronic Discharge Monitoring Report for the month of November was submitted to DNR February 8, 2023. The Sludge Report, the Inflow and Infiltration Report, and the 2022 WET test results were are submitted and passed February 8, 2023. The Compliance Monitoring Report for Groundwater Systems was submitted to DNR February 2, 2023. Treatment; The 3rd St. Plant operated normally, with the Industrial Treatment Plant serving as backup until the aerator is repaired. Inspection of the pumps and motors all passed. The Wastewater Plant performing with a 97.7% BOD removal efficiency and 96.8% TSS removal efficiency.

Regulatory; All eight Bac-T samples that were taken passed DNR, 29 Wastewater samples taken passed, and all findings were satisfactory for DNR of the Industrial Plant. Collection/Distribution; Staff repaired water leak on Laurant, 29 customer service orders, and 39 line locates were completed. Project Updates; The electrical panel for Well #3 is scheduled to be delivered in February. Flynn completed all work on the well and installed the pump. Once the panel is installed the well will be operational. Safety; Safety meeting topic was "PPE and Violence in the Workplace". Repair Expenses were under budget by \$2,940.00 and Chemical Expenses under budget by \$1,600.00.

Tank Inspection/Cleanout Bid Summary is as follows: Maguire Iron at \$34, 950.00/Complete Restoration at \$54,000.00. Dustin Price recommends Maguire Iron to do inspections of the elevated water tanks, which DNR recommends to be inspected every five years. Councilperson Grable motion for approval of Maguire Iron to do the inspections, second by Councilperson Robinson, which resulted in the following vote:

Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the manhole was found at the bus barn; they will have to dig out some of the footing in order to raise it up. The Street department truck will be picked up Wednesday, and the dump truck will be picked up Thursday. Mr. Gilmore is inquiring about the cost of getting the old dump truck fixed, which is a hydraulic issue. Would like to run it as long

as possible If the price is reasonable. Decals are being considered to be placed on the new trucks, Vac truck, etc. six in total. There are tiers of maintenance for the Vac truck, and it's up for its tier three 8,000 hours mark. It cost \$188.00/hr. for the maintenance, and it would be cheaper to take the truck to the location for the maintenance. The 30 days is up for a response to the notices sent out for the six dangerous buildings; four are burnouts and the two uptown didn't respond to the notice.

City Collector; Collections from January 1, 2023 to January 31, 2023 are as follows: Real Estate \$29,973.78 Personal Property \$17,445.43 Drainage \$1,296.27 Miscellaneous \$2,248.17 Total Taxes \$50,247.06 Interest & Fees \$716.59 Total Collections \$50,963.65. Collections from February 1, 2023 to February 6, 2023 are as follows: Real Estate \$1,089.20 Personal Property \$176.84 Miscellaneous \$1,111.64 Total Taxes \$2,289.72 Interest & Fees \$87.96 Total Collections \$2,377.68

Mayor Grantham reported that Convoy of Hope will start on the Armory Monday February 27, 2023. They will clean and organize some of the rooms and paint the main room inside. Mayor Grantham called Summitt to get a temporary fix on the roof for its leaks, which would cost \$5,000.00, and entertained a motion for acceptance. Councilperson Bullington made motion, second by Councilperson Glass, which resulted in the following vote:

Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes

Business From the Floor; Don Jeffries reported on the Historic Water Tower giving a recap of events starting with the raising of funds in 2021 for the grant match. The payments were made to A2H for putting together a historic structure report, which was submitted to the Jeffris Foundation and the City. The report that was submitted was 80% complete, and the final report will be submitted this week. A decision will be made by the Foundation Board as to whether to be invited to participate in their Capital Campaign Challenge Grant and how much of their one third share of the grant will be. If invited, notification will be in August 2023. The Historic Water Tower Committee will have three years to meet the required two thirds Challenge, which can come from any source. Fund raising can only begin if and when the Historic Water Tower Committee is invited to participate.

Counselor Dorroh introduced Resolution 2023-01 as follows:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A PROJECT FOR UPGRADING THE SHOWERS AND BATHROOMS AT THE DIANE SAYRE RECREATION CENTER, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO ASSIST WITH THE FUNDING OF THE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SUBMITTING SUCH GRANT APPLICATION

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable which resulted in the following vote:

Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes

Councilperson Hood motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Personnel and Real Estate, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes

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

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor

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