

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
January 2, 2024**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Tuesday January 2, 2024 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	Mayor
Terry Privett	Sergeant at Arms
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Fales	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	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 December 18, 2023. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable with all in favor.

Councilperson Grable made motion for approval of closed session, second by Councilperson Bullington, with all in favor

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

Councilperson Lyons made motion for the next meeting to occur on Tuesday January 16, 2024 in observance of MLK Day. Councilperson Hood second the motion, with all in favor.

Police report; Assistant Chief Terry Privett reported continuing to working on a new time keeping system. A zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday with the CPA and a Swap Clock representative.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported an intake of 16 animals from Christmas to New Year’s Eve. There a four ongoing neglect cases. The Collins area should be taken care of if cooperation takes place, which will probably involve citations with it being an expensive undertaking for the City. There was a donation of three pallets of cat litter from Nestle Purina, which will last from six to eight months. The black and white dog that was an issue originated in Dyersburg. Once spotted it was trapped within an hour on Marilyn Dr. There are new regulations regarding stray holds; five days including weekends and holidays. Adoptions, Euthanizing, and Rescues can’t take place until after the five day period. If the owner is known, there no longer is a need for a certified letter, and a 10 day stray hold will be in effect.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss reported responding to the following calls: 12/20/23; Gas leak on Davis, 12/24/23; Alarm call at the Cotton Warehouse, 12/24/23; Stove fire on Cotton, 12/26/23; Sofa on fire on Highland, 12/26/23; Boxes burning on porch, 1/1/24; Stove fire at Taven Apts. There were 139 calls for the year end.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that there has been a waiting period since August with the State for the Dispensary license transfer from another location. Mayor Grantham put in a call to try and resolve the problem. The Travel Center is getting close to the final preliminary plans; work has to be done for a median on 84 and widening Greenwell/Industrial Rd. The burnout was demoed on East 7th, with three more underway on Walker & E. 14th St., and two on East 10th St. Mr. Gilmore talked to four different companies about GPS mapping of water, sewer, phone, gas lines. Some of the companies want money upfront, and can't start right away. Alliance is already here and can start right away with the only expense being the equipment at \$7,146.60, and an extended three year contract. Councilperson Bullington motion to accept Alliance offer, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Councilperson Bullington made motion to authorize Mayor Grantham to execute the contractual agreement, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell reported that the Recreation Center was offering the following specials during the month of January for annual rates as follows: Military \$95.00, Youth \$100.00, Adult \$140.00, Two Adults \$204.00, Seniors \$100.00, Two Seniors \$195.00, Family \$278.00. Basketball is ongoing.

Library report; Marsha Hayes reported that the automatic doors were fully operational. She is also working on \$104,000.00 worth of grants, and has received a \$25,000.00 technology grant. There will be tech tutoring classes on the third Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. There will be a meet and greet for local authors January 27, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.; authors need to sign up by January 15, 2024. The Library is also Sponsoring an Open Mic Youth Empowerment Night January 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.; sign up by January 15, 2024. The Library will start making videos with students with parities as a teaching mechanism for manners while in the Library.

Unfinished Business; Councilperson Grable made mention of Linda Winkler's request for signage acknowledging the Drug Store while in the community. The State will be getting with him about different signage.

With no further business to come before the Council; Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn.
Councilperson Hood second the motion, with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk