

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
July 18, 2022**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday July 18, 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 |
| Rittenberry | Councilperson |
| Grable | Councilperson |
| Hood (Absent) | Councilperson |
| Spence (Zoom) | Councilperson |
| Robinson | Councilperson |
| Glass (Zoom) | Councilperson |
| Bullington (Absent) | Councilperson |
| Lyons | 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 5, 2022. Councilperson Rittenberry motion for approval, second by Councilperson Robinson all in favor with Councilperson Grable abstaining.

Councilperson Lyons motion for the approval of the July 5, 2022 closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Rittenberry all in favor with Councilperson Grable abstaining.

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

The next order of business was a letter of engagement from Smith & Davis for the auditing of the City financial statements of the governmental activities and business activities for the year ending June 30, 2022. Mayor Grantham entertained a motion for the acceptance of the auditing services. Councilperson Grable made motion, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that a suspect was in custody of the deadly shooting of Wayneasha Carter, but has been transported to another location for his own protection.

Fire report; Fire calls from July 6, 2022 to July 18, 2022 are as follows: 7/6/22; High School fire alarm sounding due to construction work, 7/7/22; Mutual Aid requested by the Hayti Fire Department on County Rd 407 cancelled while in route, 7/9/22; Shed on fire causing moderate damage and minor damage to house on East 11th St., 7/10/22; 911 requested lift assist in East Haven, 7/12/; 911 call for smoke detector sound and smell of smoke on 8th & Laurant with nothing being detected, 7/17/22; Spray rig on fire on I55/412 but cancelled in route since it was in Micola.

Public Works; Dustin Sterling, Alliance Operations Report for June is as follows: Administrative; Consumer Confidence Report Distribution Certification was completed and submitted to DNR, eDMR for the month of May was submitted to DNR June 23, 2022, the monthly Compliance Monitoring Report for Groundwater Systems was submitted to DNR June 2, 2022. Treatment; Wastewater Treatment Plant had a 97.7% BOD removal efficiency and a 98.3% TSS removal efficiency. The 3rd St. Water Plant has been keeping up with the demand, and specifications on the media replacement of the Industrial Water Plant has been sent to two contractors. Collection/Distribution; Visu-Sewer has been working on spot repair and lining of pipes in the sewer collection system.

Customer Service; Staff completed 1 water tap, 3 sewer taps, 4 sewer service lines and 2 sewer mains were jetted, and 46 lines locates were completed. Project Updates; Point repairs were made on sewer mains, awaiting Council decision on S. Ward lift station proposals. Safety; Staff members attended OSHA 10 training and certification. Regulatory; 8 Bact-T samples were taken during the month of June, all passing DNR. Training; Staff attended VAC truck training. Leaks; Staff repaired 3 water leaks on Laurant, Grand, and East 19th St. Repair expenses were \$3,616 under budget and Chemical expenses were \$717 over budget.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that Ameren had begun putting up the additional lights in the previously discussed areas. The manhole on 7th & Ward should be repaired tomorrow, and the 8th & Grand manhole repair starts tomorrow. Pavement on Ward near the Police Station will also be starting soon. Mr. Gilmore made reference to the five entrances to the cemetery, and that there was Metal signage available to alert everyone regarding rules and regulations that will be up at all points. The old Home Oil & Gas building has a new owner, the Salad Express building is also in the works, plans are for nail salon, tanning beds, and dog grooming for across the street at Salad Express. Potholes are being done, and if you know of any that need to be done contact Barry Gilmore.

There have been a lot of complaints about the house at West 10th & Ferguson, Focus Bank has bought the house since the time the Notice went out until today. Either the City has to wait a week before anything can be done or permission has to be granted. There are a lot of burnouts that needs attention, which will begin shortly. Rogers Hydrant submitted their report, and a priority list will be ready by the second meeting in August. There are approximately 310 fire hydrant throughout the City, Alliance will fix the ones that can be fixed. The property on East 18th St. should find resolution by mid-August. The Mosquito sprayer has a rebuilt motor, but the control board is fried, and it's 25 years old. An aftermarket mother board is \$3,000 to \$4,000 with no guarantees. One option is to purchase a new one for \$12,000, or take the \$.25 off the water bill, and the aerial spray is very expensive at \$15,000 per application. The primacy fee is mandated by DNR in July every year.

Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell reported that a pool lift has been purchased and is in transit. There are also donations being made to offset the cost. A volleyball net has been ordered, and a pickle

ball set; corn hole is also in the works to ramp up membership. For the month of June there has been 25 new members.

Library report; Marsha Hayes reported that the Library was hosting 40 kids every Tuesday for the Summer Reading Program. On August 4, 2022 the Library will have a seminar on an Active Shooter from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. only 30 people can attend; sign up at the Library. Exercise classes are every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

City Collector; Paige Gillock reported that a lot of money is being left on the books because people aren't paying their personal property taxes. Discussion to combat the problem was to have roadblocks to check city stickers every other weekend or enforcement through civil action. Collections from July 1, 2022 through July 18, 2022 as follows: Real Estate \$5,186.12, Personal Property \$79.14, Miscellaneous \$250.00, Total Taxes \$4,397.33, Interest & Fees \$1,117.93 Total Taxes \$5,515.26.

Business From the Floor; Jimmy Lyons wanted to know what could be done at the cemetery in regards to the stump that Teresa Lee is concerned about. Belton McWilliams reported that he could grind the stump and fill in with dirt, which would have to be filled every year. The machine rents for \$500 and the labor would be \$500, which would require a lot of work, but he would do the work for half of the actual cost of \$2,000. Mr. McWilliams stated that the tree was dead, and he refused to take it down because of the risks, and the crew did a fantastic job of getting it down.

Councilperson Lyons motion to grind the stump, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Melinda Robinson was concerned about the riding through Morgan Ridge with golf carts knocking over headstones. Ms. Robinson was also concerned about the need of noise ordinance signs on 14th & Davis and speed bumps. Chief Jones stated that more speed bumps were being ordered, but the problem with the speed bumps is that they can get destroyed when it snows with the snow equipment.

Introduction to Bills; Counselor Dorroh introduced a bill for an easement requested by Ameren in front of the Armory in which they will be replacing a preexisting line moving the pole over to the south and west of the Grand Avenue corner. It will carry more voltage than the old pole. Councilperson Lyons motion for the first reading, second by Grable, which passed unanimously as follows:

<p>BILL NO. 2022-11 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT TO UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY DBA AMEREN MISSOURI AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE EASEMENT DOCUMENTATION</p>	<p>ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11</p>
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Councilperson Rittenberry motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Lyons, which passed unanimously. The question is will Bill No. 2022-11 pass and become known as Ordinance

No. 2022-11. Councilperson Lyons motion for passage, second by Councilperson Grable, which resulted in the following vote:

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

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

Rittenberry	Yes	Grable	Yes
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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 Rittenberry, with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk