

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
June 1, 2026

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, June 1, 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
Leighan Fales	Mayor
Jerry Hudgens	Sergeant at Arms
Lyons	Councilperson
Hazel	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Spence (Absent)	Councilperson
Glass (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington	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 of May 18, 2026. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor.

Councilperson Robinson motion for approval of the closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Lyons with all in favor.

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

William Tolley, Street department supervisor, reported that a dozer was needed for the limb pile. He made mention a lease agreement that could be purchased through Caterpillar. This would have to be bid out, and could be done so either through a purchase or lease agreement. A used dozer would run from \$140,000.00 to \$145,000.00, and \$70,000.00 is set aside, but additional funding will start July 1, 2026. Tommy Moore reported that the newly purchased concrete saw that had never been used exited the building without being checked out. Mr. Moore requested that a memo be put out, letting everyone know that equipment had to be checked out, and not to be used for personal use.

Mayor report; Mayor Fales reported that the E. 19th St. property had been demolished, and the property should be completely done in a couple of days. The Levee Lounge will be closing June 27, 2026, and Mayor Fales commended the owners for all the donations to the City. Kenny Lee's retirement event will take place Saturday June 6, 2026 at the Armory.

Police report; Chief Hudgens reported that the suspect from the May 17, 2026 shooting has not been captured; all leads are being followed upon, and there's a \$5,000.00 reward. There was another

saturation that took place over the weekend, which produced 36 traffic stops, and several warrants were issued.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox report is as follows: Intake 47 dogs/puppies, 43 cats/kittens. Lost nine from bacterial and secondary infections from the raw sewage. There were 41 animals treated, and the quarantine was lifted today. Puppies were cleared from underneath the house on Grand except for two. Removed six puppies from Collins, and they were sent to Rescue. There's a waiting list of 41 puppies, and they have reached out to Rescue. There were three purifiers that were provided by Jimmy Lyons, and J J. Bullington, and three were purchased; all are running helping with the upper respiratory infections. There will have to be a bid put out for the generator, and Alliance came out measured the diameter and depth of the pump.

Fire report; Chief Moss report two fire calls as follows: 5/22/26; Vehicle fire on I55, 5/23/26; Vehicle fire on State Hwy D. Fire subscription letters were sent out to residents outside the city limit and within the coverage area. The subscription is \$100.00 per year, and will cover July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Payments can be delivered to the Public Safety Building or mailed to Caruthersville Fire Department 1400 Ward Ave. Caruthersville, MO 63830. Participating in the following events; May 30, 2026 Antique Car Show Cruising Parade, June 14, 2026 Flag Day Parade, June 19, 2026 Juneteenth Event, June 26, 2026 Battle of the Badges Blood Drive at Temple Baptist Church from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Public Works/Alliance; Gena Glass reported attending a meeting with Daniel and John of Wastepro. The meeting was conducted to expound upon ways for better customer service and ways of getting the message out to customers about the proper procedures of container placement, what's acceptable for pickup, and filling; nothing on top or beside the container. All other limbs, leaves, debris, and bulk items are picked up by the City not Wastepro.

Shawna Riggs reported a text group had been established between her, Daniel, Leighan, and Gena for customer complaints. Daniel goes and take pictures, and sends the response about the situation, addressing the problem in a timely manner. To help to alleviate the problem of broken cans, more training on working the controls and configuring the hydraulic settings is being implemented. Current on delivery of new and replacement trash cans, being proactive in ordering additional cans before stock gets low. Placing an ad in paper about trash pickup days, and the City's schedule for yard waste and bulk items. Radio announcements will also take place for proper procedures of trash pickup, and schedules. Wastepro is also going to provide a roll off during holidays which would allow customers to throw away excess trash.

Alliance; Erica Bogenpohl reported that the negotiated price for the upcoming year is \$792,272.00. The annual increase is usually between three and eight percent, and proposed to waive the increase as a token of good grace. Ms. Bogenpohl is hoping to acquire grant proceeds for City water projects for improvements.

Councilperson Lyons made motion for the proposed contract with the zero increase. Councilperson Grable second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Hazel	Yes
Grable	Yes	Robinson	Yes

Bullington Yes

Joey Helwig presented to the Council a quote from Core & Main for a waste water analytical balance which does testing and needs replacing at \$1,820.13. Councilperson Lyons motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Hazel	Yes
Grable	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Bullington	Yes		

Mr. Helwig conversed with John Chittenden about the Industrial Plant, and Chittenden concurred that it needs to be up and running, and hopefully can be funded through grants.

Code Enforcement; Tommie Brown reported having 20 active cases; the Stonewall property is getting better. The problem area on Willow is being handled, a lot of the items are being set up to go to the flea market. The owner has ten days to comply. Mr. Brown stipulated that a lot of the abandoned houses are burn outs, in which he has to track down the owners to get them demolished. Mr. Brown did find out that the City could demolish as many houses at will if bundled in a project, but only have 60 days to tear down, in which multiple contractors would have to be used to accomplish the task. One house is \$120.00, but a group would cost \$120.00 for the DNR inspection. Mitzi Dell will be contacted for grant opportunities.

Recreation report; Lamonte Bell report is as follows: Facility Improvement & Maintenance Update/Bufington began demolition of the old HVAC units in the gymnasium. Housing structures of the new HVAC units have been installed. The interior installation is expected to be completed by late June. Roofing contractors are scheduled to begin repairs and upgrades the first week of June. Administrative Office Improvements/Repairs and upgrades to the Director's office have begun. Financial report/Monthly Rental Activity Log \$900.00 Other Income; Wrestling Event Concession Stand \$674.00 Expenses \$469.94 Deposit \$1,185.00 Financial Reconciliation; Cash Collected \$180.00 Checks Collected \$300.00 Online Payments \$450.00 Total Revenue \$930.00.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan reported June events as follows: 6/2/26; Summer reading Pterodactyl Kite Day from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., 6/6/26; Financial Literacy & Family Protection Event 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 6/9/26; Summer Reading Egg Hatch Day, 6/13/26; GED Graduation 12:00 p.m., 6/16/26; Summer Reading Fossil Day 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., 6/20/26; Conceal Carry Class 9:30 to 1:30 p.m., 6/23/26; Summer Reading Dino Dig Site Day 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., 6/27/26; Dennis Gurley Tribute Concert 4:30 p.m., 6/30/26; Summer Reading Dino Party Day.

City Collector; Paige Gillock Collections Abstract Report from May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 are as follows: Real Estate \$5,402.48 Personal Property \$733.34 Drainage Districts \$306.00 Miscellaneous \$350.00 Total Taxes \$5,456.45 Interest & Fees \$1,335.17 Total Collections \$6,791.82

Finance report; Rita Jones reported payroll running smoothly, purchase order module is up and running, worked with department heads on training to put in purchase requisitions. Training on the position budget module is complete, in which it will be able to estimate the cost of payroll, and will be able to give feedback on raises, and the impact it would have on the budget. Timekeeping module starts June

1, 2026. All the bank statements are complete or April. Continuing with the federal and state payments online. Budget Amendments for 2025-2026 is as follows:

	Before	Adjustment	After
General	1,868,400.76	504,155.35	2,372,556.11
Street	147,819.50	48,364.44	196,183.94
Water	232,170.86	67,480.03	299,650.89
Sewer	93,000.00	32,580.02	125,580.02
Sanitation	12,500.00	2,894.51	15,394.51
Airport	3,000.00	964.44	3,964.44
Cemetery	1,300.00	6,164.44	7,464.44
Library	17,000.00	11,610.75	28,610.75
Economic Development	20,000.00	7,742.75	27,742.75
Tourism	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval of the budget amendments, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Hazel	Yes
Grable	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Bullington	Yes		

Insurance report; The workers compensation is up for renewal with MEM, which will be \$14,026.80 for the year. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor.

New Business; Roof and Gutter Pros provided the Council with specs and pricing for repairs for the Armory roof. The roof continues to leak; the previous contractors put on a coating that was improperly installed. Water was getting trapped underneath, and the asphalt was melting the coating. Mayor Fales will be seeking other bids, before a decision is made, and the Council will give her the authority to proceed. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hazel, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Hazel	Yes
Grable	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Bullington	Yes		

Business From The Floor; The owners of The Spot stated that they had spoken with Dixie Queen and Dollar Tree, and both establishments didn't have a problem with their patrons parking at their business. As long as the lots are kept clean, their agreement would be intact. The owners of The Spot also stated that the police had only been called once by them since their opening for crowd patrol.

Councilperson Lyons motion to go into closed session for personnel, second by Councilperson Bullington, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Hazel	Yes
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Grable
Bullington

Yes
Yes

Robinson

Yes

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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