

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE**  
**March 2, 2026**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, March 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	Mayor
Jerry Hudgens	Sergeant at Arms
Lyons	Councilperson
Fales	Mayor Pro Tem
Grable	Councilperson
Hood (Absent)	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	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 February 17, 2026. Councilperson Fales motion for approval, second by Councilperson Bullington, with all in favor.

Councilperson Bullington motion for the approval of the closed session minutes of February 17, 2026. Councilperson Lyons second the motion, with all in favor.

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

Mayor Grantham made reference to the J & M Display contract agreement for the July 4, 2026 fireworks display in the amount of \$10,000.00, which will come out of the Sales Tax fund. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Fire report; Lynn Moss reported 10 fire calls as follows: 2/11/26; Grass fire threatening structure on County Hwy 524, 2/12/26; Alarm set off from cooking on Marilyn Dr., 2/15/26; Gas order with nothing found on Parkview, 2/16/26; Alarm malfunction on East 18<sup>th</sup> St., 2/18/26; Structure fire on Collins, 2/20/26; Alarm malfunction on S Ward, 2/20/26; Alarm malfunction on Carleton, 2/25/26; Trees and brush fire on County Hwy 523, 2/27/26; Trees and brush fire on County Hwy 523, 3/1/26; Alarm set off by heat with stove being left on at East 18<sup>th</sup> St. There will be a Storm Spotters class by the National Weather Service of Memphis, TN from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Library on March 3, 2026, and a

Mutual Aid Coordinators meeting will occur on March 12, 2026.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox report is as follows: Intake 18, Adopted out 8, Owner redeemed 3, and Euthanized one for injuries. There were 14 citations issued, and the two outside kennels are in need of repairs. The annual 5 K is April 25, 2026, and the annual vaccine clinic will also be occurring then from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Ms. Wilcox has been encountering someone with a dangerous dog frequently to no avail. Counselor Dorroh advised her to continue to fine, and the process of the court time can be shorten to take care of the situation.

Public Works/Alliance; Joey Helwig reported being able to produce water at the Industrial Plant, and the plan is to start working on the Third St. Plant. There was a question about the sewage that was on Ferguson, and Barry Gilmore made mention that he had relayed to the property owner not to release the cap off to expend sewage anymore.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore report is as follows: Made contact with MODOT about the billboard sign. MODOT does have some regulations regarding the right of way; it has to be 30 feet clear on the center line. The Missouri Dept. of Conservation will be sponsoring the Fishing Rodeo again this year on the riverfront. A quote for the grit classifier for the Waste Water plant for \$22, 370.00 from Cogent was provided. Councilperson Lyons motion for the expense to be taken out of Waste Water Construction. Councilperson Bullington second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

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

Currently Alliance pays for their own fuel, and it comes out of the money contracted to the City. If they receive fuel from the City, the City would save potentially \$2,095.00 per month by supplying the gas, by them reducing their rates by what's allocated for fuel, Counselor Dorroh will look at the figures before a decision is made.

Recreation report; Lamonte Bell reported that basketball season was coming to an end. The circus event will occur Thursday, March 5, 2026, and the wrestling event will occur in May. Michael Lewis has started on the bollard lighting; contact was made with the company for the signage for the Recreation Center, and the Library.

Councilperson Fales reported that wiring for the lights at Reynolds Park was hampered by the growth and roots from plants, which required a lot of digging to get to the source of the problem. This will affect the cost somewhat, and a change order or the Mayor's authorization of the expense could take place. Mayor Grantham requested and estimate to establish which direction to go in.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan report is as follows: There was a Valentines story time and activity time on February 10, 2026. The projector in the BSA needs repairs; will reach out to HD Media. On February 25, 2026 the Kennett Career Center held their first job fair, and the Black History event in conjunction with the America 250 celebrations took place on February 27, 2026. Upcoming events in March are the following: 3/3/26; Storm Spotter Training, 3/10/26; St. Patrick's Day Story time, 3/11/26;

Family Matters Movie Day, 3/13/26; America's 250 Anniversary with the Women in the American Revolution, 3/24/26; A Splash of Spring with the Missouri Dept. of Conservation.

Collector report; Paige Gillock's collections from January 1, 2026 through January 29, 2026 are as follows: Real Estate \$24,541.03 Personal Property \$16,161.83 Drainage Districts \$592.95 Miscellaneous \$1,050.45 Total Taxes \$41,954.19 Interest & Fees \$392.07 Total Collections \$42,346.26 Collections from February 1, 2026 through February 28, 2026 are as follows: Real Estate \$12,866.53 Personal Property \$3,594.51 Drainage Districts \$849.50 Miscellaneous \$10,275.99 Total Taxes \$26,210.74 Interest & Fees \$1,330.79 Total Collections \$27,541.53

Budget/Finance; Rita Jones has been working with a trainer from Tyler Technologies on the proper navigation and usage of the new software. She has been able to use the new system to process bills, and enter all deposits. At this point, in the process of building the payroll side; and is continuing to pay state and federal taxes on the online portal. Also, continuing to make deposits for the Recreation Center, and keeping records of the memberships that are being purchased.

Councilperson Grable inquired about establishing an ordinance that would put a limit on the number of smoke shops; Counselor Dorroh will be looking into the request. Councilperson Grable made Code Enforcement aware of hoarders on Willow, and Councilperson Bullington made mention of the washers and dryers in abundance on Stonewall Dr. Missing street signs was also brought up, and was recommended to make contact with anyone at City Hall so a list can be compiled for any missing signs.

Business From the Floor; Charles Cain inquired about the painting of the Water Tower, and it was assured that industrial paint would be used, along with the proper sandblasting, priming, and amount of coats applied. Mr. Cain also wanted to know if the pipes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Plant was going to be painted, and what was going to be done about the "salvage yd." behind the Armory. The Street department will attend to both matters, as time permits.

Steven Rodgers wanted it to be known what had occurred at his residence on January 1, 2026. Suspects from a chase by the police ended up in his yard, which had nothing to do with him or his family. Through the course of events occupants of the home did come out of the residence, and his son asked the officer not tow his vehicle, that he had to be at work at 6:00 a.m. Through a course of events Steven and his sons were handcuffed without resistance. At some point one of the sons' who was already on the ground, was accosted by one of the officers by making contact with his head being pressed down on the ground. Mr. Rodgers stated that he did in fact have video footage, and would make it available to Counselor Dorroh and or Chief Hudgens.

Sonya Fuller was concerned about a leak at her residence, and wanted to know what further steps needed to be taken to get things moving along. It was explained that it depended on the billing cycle and when the leak occurred, and when the adjustment was approved, before any changes in the bill amount would occur. She was told to continue to make to her average amount of payment until the correction was made.

Counselor Dorroh introduce the following bill:

**BILL NO. 2026-03**

**ORDINANCE 2026-03**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THAT CERTAIN STATE BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE UNDER THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Councilperson Bullington motion for the first reading by title only, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor. Councilperson Bullington motion for the second reading, second by Councilperson Lyons, with all in favor. Councilperson Robinson motion for passage, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Councilperson Lyons made motion to go into closed session for the purpose of real estate, second by Councilperson Robinson, which resulted in the following vote:

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

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

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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City Clerk