

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
October 4, 2021

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room of the Municipal Building at which time and place the following were present:

Sue Grantham	Mayor
Takella Motton	City Clerk
Lawrence Dorroh	City Counselor
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Rodgers	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 September 20, 2021. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable all in favor, with Councilpersons Bullington, Grable, and Hood abstaining.

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval for September 20, 2021 closed session minutes, second by Councilperson Cheek all in favor, with Councilpersons Bullington, Grable, and Rodgers abstaining.

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

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to accept the low bid of \$425,020.00 from G & C Contracting for the Lift station Improvements Project. Councilperson Grable made motion, second by Councilperson Lyons, which resulted in the following vote:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Rodgers	Yes

The next item on the agenda was a Letter of Engagement from Smith & Davis outlining their services of auditing the financial statements of the governmental and business-type activities of the City of Caruthersville for the year ended June 30, 2021. Councilperson Bullington motion for acceptance, second by Councilperson Rodgers, which resulted in the following vote:

Glass	Yes	Bullington	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Rodgers	Yes

Unfinished Business; Councilperson Grable wanted to know if the parcel of land that Randall Swindle was interested in had been decided upon. Counselor Dorroh stated that it was still being researched, the title is proving hard to be found.

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that he along with Terry Privett, Captain Ben Jones of the Highway Patrol, and Michael Coleman are going to Washington DC October 12 through October 17 2021. They will be honoring the officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty across the country during Police Week, which is also the 10th anniversary of Patrolman Evan Burns' death. Chief Jones asked for approval of \$1,500.00 budgeted out of Asset Forfeiture for the Fall Festival Trunk or Treat. Councilperson Grable motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood, which resulted in the following vote:

Grable	Yes	Bullington	Abstain
Lyons	Yes	Cheek	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Rodgers	Yes

Fire report; Fire calls from September 24, 2021 through October 4, 2021 are as follows: 9/24/21; Carbon Monoxide detector sounding on Greenwell Rd, 9/26/21; Small fire in outside wall on Madison, 9/28/21; Called at the scene of an accident on Truman, 9/30/21; Smoking water heater on Chaffin Dr, 10/2/21; Electric meter burning on pole, which burnt out upon arrival on County Rd 534. Fire drills were conducted at Caruthersville School District 18 on September 28, 2021.

Public Works; Paul Shaw reported that the leak had been fixed at the Water plant, and the one in front of the Tri County building. ASA will be here Wednesday to start grinding the roads, and the airport's seal and coat will begin today.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the burnout behind the car wash is in the process of being taken down. The asbestos results aren't as bad as thought, but DNR will be involved because it's in the floor tile.

Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell reported that the Recreation Center is about 85 percent at being ready for 24 hour access. The cameras and gates have been installed, and they're waiting for the chips to come in to give to the members.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that Halloween Storytime will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Tidwell has begun to load microfilm digital on the Library's website, which go back to 1833.

Collector report; Paige Gillock reported September 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 tax collections as follows: Real Estate \$2, 43.27, Personal Property \$283.38, Miscellaneous \$280.00, Total Taxes \$2,258.64, Interest and Fees \$758.01, Total Collections \$3,016.65.

Budget report; Councilperson Lyons presented copies of the year ended financial statement, and will be meeting with the Finance Committee to strategize for the rest of the finances. Hopefully a budget will be ready to be approved at the next meeting.

Insurance report; Councilperson Spencer reported that CIGNA had met with the City employees to give them the opportunity to see what they had to offer.

Business from the Floor; Charles Cain was concerned about Ameren's 11.97% rate increase, and encouraged attendance at the hearings. Mr. Cain also wanted to know if any of the City's outstanding debt could be retired with any of the ARP funds. Councilperson Lyons stated that guidelines would have to be looked into to see exactly what could be done.

Councilperson Hood reported that the Salvation Army will begin their bell ringing soon, and anyone interested could contact him for information.

Mayor Grantham entertained a motion to adjourn. Councilperson Lyons made motion, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk