

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
October 24, 2022**

Be it remembered due to a lack of a quorum October 17, 2022, the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday October 24, 2022 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
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington (Absent)	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry	Councilperson
Grable (Absent)	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 October 3, 2022. Councilperson Rittenberry motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood with all in favor.

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

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

Mayor Grantham presented to the Council the rates for the Water Services effective October 1, 2022, which is a 2.5 percent increase automatically each year as follows:

WATER \$9.19	FIRST 2,000 GALLONS	\$6.30 EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 GALLONS
SEWER \$11.56	FIRST 2,000 GALLONS	\$2.62 EACH ADDITIONAL 1,000 GALLONS
SOLID WASTE	\$26.27	LAST YEAR SHOULD HAVE BEEN \$25.63 BUT DIDN'T GET CHARGED

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that 12 puppies and three dogs were sent to Rescue in Chicago, IL. DNR looked at the crematorium, report will be sent later; the Shelter also got an all clear on the parvo. Barry Gilmore will be looking at adjusting the kennels to keep the animals from getting out. On December 10, 2022 Dr. Peggy Fisher will be providing a three year rabies shot and parvo shots that will be accessible to anyone. The East 5th St. dog nuisance has been taken care of; there haven't been any more sightings or calls. Ms. Wilcox would like the Council to revisit in considering passing an ordinance to limit the amount of animals per household to keep the Shelter from being overwhelmed with the influx of litters. Counselor Dorroh will be drafting an ordinance to the effect.

Fire report; Fire calls from October 6, 2022 to October 24, 2022 are as follows: 10/6/22; Vehicle fire on I55/412 a total loss, 10/8/22; Grass fire in median on I55, 10/13/22; Grass fire on I55/412, 10/17/22; Dumpster on fire at Sam’s Package Store, 10/20/22; Mutual aid request for Kennett for a two story structure fire with moderate damage.

The outdoor warning siren at 10th & Ward is inoperable, and can’t be fixed. A new siren to match the other three sirens that’s within the City would cost \$33,544.87 from Federal Signal Safety & Security Systems. Councilperson Hood motion for the approval of the purchase of the siren, second by Councilperson Rittenberry, which resulted in the following vote:

Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes

Alliance report; Dustin Sterling reported the September Operations Report as follows: Administrative; The electronic Discharge Monitoring Report for the month of August was submitted and the Compliance Monitoring Report for Groundwater Systems was submitted to DNR. Treatment; The 3rd St. Water Plant has been operating normally. The Wastewater Treatment Plant has been performing at a 98.0% BOD removal efficiency and a 99.3% TSS removal efficiency. Regulatory; There were eight Bac-T samples taken for the month, and all passed, and 29 Wastewater samples which all passed.

Collection/Distribution; The 10th and Carleton liftstation pump was installed, the incoming power line to the Industrial Plant liftstation was replaced, 28 customer service orders were completed, 64 line locates were completed, and four leaks were repaired. Project Updates; Received the media for the Industrial Water Treatment Plant, and Visu-Sewer has been lining sewer mains after point repairs have been made. Safety; The Safety meeting topic was on Confined Space. The August repair expenses were under budget by \$1,442.00 and Chemical expenses under budget by \$2,513.00.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the Vac truck was down, but is up and running now. The Sweeper is down; having issues with the main broom, and once operable will be running 20 hours a week. There’s been a struggle with the hydrant replacements, with old valves in which they may have to cut in; the valves run from \$4,700.00 to \$11,000.00 each. Mr. Gilmore also reported that the Cemetery signs have been hung.

Parks & Recreation; Councilperson Hood reported that there will be a Customer Appreciation Day November 5, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be free hotdogs, burgers, bounce house, face painting vendors, food trucks, music, game, giveaways, etc. Lamont Bell ask everyone to come out for family and community fun.

Bell ringing season starts November 26, 2022 through December 23, 2022, Contact persons are Johnny Hood 757-7561, Sandy Sanders 724-9923, and Dave Fullhart 333-5301. Your support will be appreciated, 85% of the proceeds stays within Pemiscot County.

City Collector; Paige Gillock reported that tax bills will be going out soon. Collections from October 1, 2022 to October 24, 2022 are as follows: Real Estate \$329.29, Personal Property \$129.12, Miscellaneous \$836.87, Total Taxes \$1,185.61, Fees & Interest \$109.67, Total Taxes \$1,295.28.

Business From The Floor; Barbara Meredith sent a report regarding the Wreaths Across America Ceremony. Currently there are 716 wreaths sponsored, and approximately 1,350 military and First Responders buried in Little Prairie, Morgan Ridge, and Maple Cemeteries. The Ceremony will be at 10:00 a.m. December 17, 2022 close to the flag poles in Little Prairie Cemetery. After the Ceremony wreaths will be placed on headstones in each cemetery. Donations can be taken through November 26, 2022; each wreath is \$15.00. The Gayoso Chapter NSDAR has purchased two U. S. flags for the flag poles at City Hall. Any questions for Ms. Meredith concerning Wreaths Across America, you can call 359-4418.

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

Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Lyons	Yes	Rittenberry	Yes

Upon returning from closed session and with no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood, which passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk