

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
October 5, 2026

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday October 5, 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	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington (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 of September 21, 2026. Councilperson Hazel motion for approval, second by Councilperson Hood all in favor, with Councilperson Glass abstaining.

Councilperson Hood motion for approval of the closed session minutes of September 21, 2026 second by Councilperson Grable all in favor with Councilperson Robinson abstaining.

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

Alana Mann addressed the Council with a proposal for placement of vending machines on City property, starting with just one. Ms. Mann would like either placement at Reynolds Park, England Park, or City Hall preferably at Reynolds Park. She proposes a service fee of \$50.00 to \$100.00 paid to the City monthly. The agreement between Mann's Vending Services and the City of Caruthersville could be month to month or in six months intervals. There was discussion about getting the Park Board's approval, and the Recreation Center being a better fit. Counselor Dorroh will be reviewing the contract.

The contract between C A Walker and the City of Caruthersville will have to be revisited at the next meeting. Counselor was concerned about some of the verbiage of the contract not being the same as the contract that had been voted upon. It will have to be decided upon at the next meeting.

Mayor Fales reported that she had talked with some residents on Grand that were concerned about the recent shootings in the area. The police confiscated guns, but without official statements it's hard to build a case. Mayor Fales did get the City crews to cut down vegetation in the field and alley in

the vicinity to prevent preparatory eluding. There's also an abandoned house in the area that is scheduled to be torn down where they congregate.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox facilities report is as follows: Intake 89 animals, working five areas with a total of 27 dogs, and working each area on a priority basis. Ms. Wilcox is still not working in the field after emergency surgery. She's working half days, and not handling large animals, and will know more about her extensive surgery soon. Vaccine clinic is Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The night golf tournament has been canceled. October 31, 2026 golfing tournament, with a putting contest, and golfing shoot out, and three man scramble geared towards trick or treat.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss reported eight fire calls as follows: 9/18/ False alarm on Truman, 9/18/26; Mutual aid for Hayti to Hwy B, Bragg City, 9/20/26; Brush fire at I55 overpass, 9/21/26; Grass fire at Midtown apartments, 9/23/26; Medical lift assist on West 10th St., 9/27/26; Vehicle fire on Grand, 9/28/26; Alarm malfunction, 9/30/26; Grass fire on I55. October 4-10, 2026 fire prevention week at Caruthersville, McCarty, and DAEOC Head Start. October 12, 2026 Columbus/Indigenous People's Day. October 13, 2026 Pipeline Awareness training at Fire department, and Career Day at the Library.

Public Works/Alliance; Pam Peeler reported that they were updating procedures in the Water department, and inquired about the transfer of money to a City account from the Water Meter account for purchases. Equipment can be purchased, but the project itself, three quotes will have to be obtained, and anything over \$5,000.00 will have to be by a formal bid. Ms. Peeler also inquired about the increase in the meter deposit rate. Counselor Dorroh stated that an ordinance would have to be passed, and that he would also look at the \$10.00 vs the \$20.00 fee in question for the transfer of services. The adjustments will be put on the bills alerting residents of the changes once the changes take place. Erica Bogenpohl reported that the Industrial plant was fully functional, but the 3rd St. plant was down. Received quote for 3rd St. plant, but Cogent couldn't do the repair because the valves weren't functioning, and will get quotes for that purchase, also obtaining quotes for the UV protection disinfection for the Waste Water plant which was affected by the storm, which hopefully an insurance claim can be filed. With the additional crews that came in, a backlog of leaks were repaired. The fencing has started with the small enclosure by the chlorine building for the emergency eye wash station and shower. Ms. Bogenpohl has conducted interviews for the management position, and should have someone hired by the next meeting.

Kimberly Johnson presented to the Council her proposal for the purchase of City property for her Airborne Adventure Inflatables. Ms. Johnson is looking to bring a business that's good for the City, and employs a least 30 residents. Ms. Johnson proposes to purchase 15 acres at \$1,000.00 per acre. The mission is to provide safe and engaging recreational experiences that encourage children to be active, strengthen family connections, expand access to recreation, and contribute positively to the community. The long-term vision is to transform approximately 15 acres into a growing family recreation destination that can serve families, schools, churches, youth programs, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and surrounding communities.

Code Enforcement; Shawna Riggs report is as follows: Resident on Zaida has been given 30 days to remove their shed off the City easement. The city crews are still continuing mowing City owned properties. There have been additional letters sent out to property owners with violations that have worsened. The letters for tax bills have been completed, and turned over to the City Collector for

processing. Letters have been sent to the property owners and tenants for the apartments adjacent to the old fire station about the concerns about the conditions of the complex. There have been complaints regarding Taven apartments; addressing these concerns would involve communication with the property manager, Housing Authority, and potentially HUD. Asbestos testing has been completed, and received permission to tear down the shed on Highland. Law enforcement has been notified of the squatters on these demo properties, and they are working to get them off. The demolition process is a lengthy process, there's a 30 day wait once letters are sent out, unless the owner signs off on the paperwork to allow for the demo. Demolition only occurs after obtaining an asbestos report, then it's sent to DNR for approval. A stop-work order was issued for the renovation of a building on East 12th St. due to failure to obtain permits and or inspections. The issue on Willow St. will be fast tracked through Municipal Court. No permits have been approved or issued at this time for any other work being done in the City.

Parks & Recreation; Doug White reported the following: Painting is scheduled for painting the entrances, gym, and office areas for October. The stucco repairs were completed, the Seresco unit is up and running, finished sandblasting and painting trash cans on tennis courts. The weight room equipment will be delivered and set up between October 9, through the 16, 2026. The HVAC electrical panel has been upgraded, still gathering information for park equipment, installed fixtures for Recreation Center, and the Sports Complex. The Adult basketball league is over, kickball signups are closed. Basketball signups partnering with Memphis Grizzlies start In November through December, and games will be in January and February. Work started on the French Park softball field, and a new Turner Field sign was installed. The sidewalk and parking lot concrete is being installed, and old grills and poles are being removed from England Park. Getting quotes on flooring in office, entrance, and walking track. Mayor Fales is having Michael Lewis to check the PV traps at the Recreation Center because of the sewer smell that's being occurring.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan October events are as follows: 10/3/26; DAR Liberty Tree Dedication, 10/10/26; Participation in Chili Cookoff, 10/13/26; Career Exploration Firefighter, 10/20/26; PIN Parent Cafe, 10/27/26; Halloween Storytime & Activity, 10/29/26; Kennett Job Center Hiring Event

Collector report; Jacklyn Underwood reported that the Clearbasin software program was still down, they service mostly county systems. The interfacing is not connecting with the only City account that it services, which is the City of Caruthersville.

Budget/Finance; Rita Jones Fund Balance Report is as follows: Beginning Balance \$5,488,321.33 Total Revenues \$3,377,532.92 Total Expenses \$3,396, 960.26 Ending Balance \$5,468,893.99 Councilperson Lyons recommended the adopting of the budget. Councilperson Spence motion for approval, second by Councilperson, which resulted in the following vote:

Lyons	Yes	Hazel	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes		

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

Lyons	Yes	Hazel	Yes
Grable	Yes	Hood	Yes
Spence	Yes	Robinson	Yes
Glass	Yes		

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

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk