

**CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
August 15, 2022**

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday September 19, 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
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Rittenberry (Absent)	Councilperson
Grable (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence (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 September 6, 2022. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Robinson all in favor, with Councilperson Glass and Councilperson Hood abstaining.

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

Mayor Grantham presented to the Council proposals from D&L, Hill Electric, and Tyler's for the Library's HVAC. Marsha Hayes preferred D&L which was the most expensive compared to Hill Electric the least expensive. Ms. Hayes stated that D&L made the last installation and has great service. Councilperson Bullington motion to table upon clarification of D & L's bid and concerns about Hill Electric's service. Councilperson Lyons second the motion which resulted in the following vote:

Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Hood	Yes		

Police report; Chief Tony Jones reported that September 18, 2022 through September 24, 2022 the police will be checking for child restraint violations. Infants and children have to be placed in their safety seats or boosters when vehicle is in operation. The Police Department, Sheriff Department, and PIN Office have child restraints available free of charge.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that the eight dog houses had come in, and the traps should be in next week. The Shelter is still working on the East 5th St., Eastwood, 9th & Adams situation. They are also stepping up patrol of Collins, Zaida, Madison, which are mostly owners that have been

contacted. The Junior Senior Beta Club will be painting paw prints on Ward down to the Shelter next Saturday. There was a Parvo outbreak, which probably came through an owner redeemed. The Parvo is breaking through the vaccine, and at this time dogs can't be sent out until two weeks after the outbreak. Those affected have been isolated and will be revaccinated. Pickup is ongoing, but no adopting or rescue at this time. Purina donated three pallets of liter to the Shelter. Ms. Wilcox ask the public to call the Shelter instead of putting concerns on Facebook. By the time it's viewed on Facebook the dogs have moved on. There will be a fourth vaccine clinic free of charge.

Alliance report; Dustin Sterling Operations Report for the month of August is as follows: Administrative; The eDMR for the month of August was submitted to DNR September 12, 2022. The Compliance Monitoring Report for was submitted on September 1, 2022. Treatment; The Third Street Water Plant is operating normally, in which the frequency of backwashing the filters has lowered the iron in the effluent. The Waste Water Plant performed as expected with a 97.0% BOD removal efficiency and a 97.7% TSS removal efficiency. Regulatory; Eight Bac-T samples were taken, and passed DNR, five annul samples were taken for the 3rd St. Plant and passed, 35 Wastewater samples were taken and passed. The annual Whole Effluent Toxicity test was completed and passed DNR.

Collection/Distribution; Ordered Liftstation pump for 10th & Carleton, cleared 12th & Ward Liftstation, jetted two sewer mains, repaired five leaks, and completed 40 line locates. Project Updates; A collapsed sewer tap was repaired at First State Bank, and Visu-Sewer has been lining sewer mains after point repairs have been made. Safety; Chlorine tank hoists were inspected by an outside source at both Plants. A handrail installation at steps to the aerator at 3rd St. Plant, and staff meeting on Lockout Tagout was held. Repair expenses were (4,970) under budget, and Chemical expenses \$2,173 over budget for the month of July.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the department has been working with Visu-Sewer; so far there hadn't been any complaints about backup sewer, and no new collapsed lines or taps. Jiffy Jims and The Store have been sold to the same company, with permits being issued for the signage. Mowing is ongoing; starting tomorrow mowing will occur on 20th & Lincoln, and the Rufus Dudley areas, with the Chaffin area starting today. There was another incident at the Water office with threats made to the clerks referring to the incident that occurred with the Water clerk who was stabbed multiple times. Mr. Gilmore stated that he had talked with the clerks about professionalism, but would be taking action by setting up the lines for recording.

Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell inquired about trees being trimmed. Only mowing, mulching, and weed eating are under contract. Anything else would be extra.

Library report; Marsha Hayes reported that they have been having problems with the lighting in the auditorium, and a company out of Union City, TN will be coming this week to see what's going on. The Bootheel Community Theater will be putting on a performance September 23rd, 24th, and 25th, "Peter Pan Gone Wrong" at 7:00 p.m.

City Collector; Paige Gillock Collection Report from September 1, 2022 to September 19, 2022 is as follows: Real Estate \$710.13, Personal Property \$75.80, Drainage Districts \$375.00, Miscellaneous \$160.00, Total Taxes \$903.03, Interest & Fees \$408.90, Total Collections \$1,311.93.

New Business; Councilperson Robinson made mention of the problems with the mowing at Magnolia cemetery that were mentioned at the last meeting. During that time someone took it upon themselves to mow and weed eat the cemetery, which was greatly appreciated. Councilperson Robinson encourages residents with loved ones buried in cemetery to contribute before it gets out of control.

Business From the Floor; Ms. Howell was concerned about a leaking fire hydrant on 15th St. which she says is producing a foul smell with the blocked drain. That particular hydrant is on the list to be replaced by Thursday. Ms. Howell was also concerned about the alley adjacent to E. 15th St., which has branches, and blockages to the point of impasse; Mayor Grantham will be looking into the matter.

Terry Waldrop was concerned about the ability for the audience to hear the children perform with the Community Bootheel Theater in the Library auditorium. The microphones that they have are the handheld mics that children can't operate properly. Mr. Waldrop would like for the Library to obtain wireless microphones, perhaps through their Sales Tax proceeds. There was discussion as to taking the matter up with the Board.

Ms. Howell brought up the shooting of her grandson on Adams, and wanted to know what was being done. Chief Jones stated that he couldn't talk about an ongoing investigation, in which Ms. Howell thought had been closed.

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

Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Hood	Yes		

Upon returning from closed session, and with no further business to come before the Council; Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn. Councilperson Hood second the motion, with all in favor the meeting adjourning at 6:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk