

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
April 21, 2021

Due to a lack of a quorum on Monday April 19, 2021 the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Wednesday April 21, 2021 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
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Cheek	Councilperson
Grable	Councilperson
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson
Rodgers (Absent)	Councilperson
Glass	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 April 5, 2021. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Cheek all in favor with Councilperson Grable abstaining.

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

The next order of business was the certification of the election and the commissioning of the oath of office. Mayor Grantham read the election results from Pam Treece, County Clerk, which is presented on the next page. Councilperson Bullington motion for approval, second by Councilperson Lyons which resulted in the following vote:

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

Police report; Chief Jones reported that three of the pack of dogs that residents have been complaining about were brought to the Humane shelter. There are three more that they are looking to capture.



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April 12, 2021

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RE: APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTION RESULTS

This letter is the Certified Results of the April 6, 2021 General Municipal Election for your City.
The results are as follows:

COUNCIL WARD 1 - 2 YR	JOHNNY HOOD	12
COUNCIL WARD 2 - 2 YR	TEDDY CHEEK	21
COUNCIL WARD 3 - 2 YR	DON GRABLE	46
COUNCIL WARD 4 - 2 YR	JENNIFER SPENCE	33

STATE OF MISSOURI)

COUNTY OF PEMISCOT)

I, Pam Treece, Clerk of the County Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true and correct return of the election held on April 6, 2021.

Pam Treece
County Clerk

Fire report; Fire calls from April 6, 2021 through April 21, 2021 are as follows: 4/6/21; Dumpster on fire on Truman, 4/7/21; Structure fire with moderate damage on State Highway O in Steele, MO, 4/9/21; Structure fire with moderate damage on Ferguson, 4/10/21; 18 wheeler on fire due to overheated brakes on I55, 4/12/21; Pile of debris on fire on Beckwith, 4/13/21; Fire alarm sounding due to cooking on Walker, 4/14/21; Fire alarm due to cooking on East 18th St, 4/14/21; Report of smoke odor not being detected on Zaida, 4/17/21; Smoke scare at Caruthersville Country Club with nothing being detected, 4/19/21; Fire alarm due to cooking on East 14th St. There were four fire inspections conducted during the past two weeks. There have been 58 fire calls for 2021 compared to 30 this time last year.

Public works; Paul Shaw reported that paving the streets for the FEMA projects will occur in the next three weeks, with Ward Avenue being first on the list. The Water and Waste Water plants are on a standstill for the rotors being installed until the wiring of the panels and a pole is installed by Ameren.

Code Enforcement; Barry Gilmore reported that the Lions Club is set up to clean up Exit 6 overpass Saturday April 24, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. If there's rain the Lions Club will reschedule another day. Mr. Gilmore is trying to engage churches, schools, civic organizations etc. to adopt areas to clean up. The Mayor would like to see people from the different Wards to take sections to clean up. Councilperson Hood would like to get some kids to commit to cleaning up the whole block of 13th and Vest to 14th and Franklin once a month, and hopefully engage the residents in the area to help with the process. Mayor Grantham will contact MODOT to donate bags and vests. Paul Shaw offered to provide pick up of any large items that the cleanup crews may run into. To promote the vision of something good in small town living; take pictures and post on Facebook things that people are doing to clean up the community. A lot of mowing notices have been mailed out, and some of the city and county lots have already been mowed. The house on East 6th and Franklin has been torn down; the next one will be on East 10th St. Sheds will also be torn down in the near future.

Library report; Teresa Tidwell reported that the State Library will be distributing money for COVID in the amount of \$3,000 by doing a survey. The library will be getting books on diversity that address economic and disability concerns with the funds that will be provided. Leanne Guthrie will be participating in the summer reading program. Beginning Wednesday April 28, 2021 through May 26, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. BLP will be conducting classes for basic skills. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the class. Ms. Tidwell made mention of PD Fiber being available in some areas in town but not attached to homes, and the importance of signing up so that it could be provided to homes.

Business from the floor; Charles Motton inquired about who owned the field behind East 20th St., which is on his property line. He was concerned about an airplane that had sprayed the crop with the drift coming on the property. Mr. Motton made mention that he had gotten the number off the plane and gave it to Chief Jones to inquire about the manifest. There was also an incident in which a tractor had come on the property line and sprayed him and his niece, which he videotaped. Counselor Dorroh stated that his best recourse was to contact the Department of Agriculture in Jefferson City to see what pesticide was being used.

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

Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Cheek	Yes	Hood	Yes
Hood	Yes	Spence	Yes
Glass	Yes		

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

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ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

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