

CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
July 20, 2026

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday, July 20, 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 (Absent)	Mayor
Jeremy Darnell	Sergeant at Arms
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass (Absent)	Councilperson
Bullington	Mayor Pro Tem
Lyons (Absent)	Councilperson
Hazel	Councilperson
Grable	Mayor Pro Tem
Hood	Councilperson
Spence	Councilperson

The number of members necessary to consider a quorum being present, the Mayor Prom Tem 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 July 6, 2026. Councilperson Hood motion for approval, second by Councilperson Robinson, with all in favor.

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

Unfinished Business; The Request for Proposals for Administration and Request for Qualifications for Engineer for the Street project were opened July 6, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. Upon the scoring of potential candidates the results are the following: RFP was between Dell Consulting LLC with 300 points and Bootheel Regional scoring 245. RFQ was between Waters Engineering at 236 points and Smith & Company scoring 193 points. Councilperson Grable motion to accept Dell Consulting and Waters Engineering for the Street project. Councilperson Hood second the motion, with all in favor.

Mayor report; The street work that's being going between the Exchange building and Randy Crawford Lifestyles should be finishing up soon.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox reported that the pump on the premises would have to be dug out by Wednesday or Thursday before they can get to the sewage. The generator will be up and running as soon as the concrete gets cut. The compliance report from the state was good. There were puppies that were dumped at the Shelter, upon investigation someone from Dyersburg did the dumping, and will be charged.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss reported eleven fire calls as follows: 7/2/26; Alarm on Ward Ave. 7/4/26; Dumpster on fire on Marlar Rd., 7/4/26; Grass fire on Walker, 7/4/26; Powerline down on West 8th St., 7/4/26; Grass fire on Madison & Henrietta, 7/4/26; Dumpster on Marlar Rd., 7/5/26; Structure

fire on Eastwood, 7/5/26; Grass fire on Parkview, 7/5/26; Structure fire on Marlar Rd., 7/8/26; Structure fire on County Hwy 358, 7/11/26; Vehicle fire at the Armory. Chief Moss asked for the approval of filling two vacancies for fireman to be filled by Tony Jones and Tyler Brandon. Councilperson Hazel motion for approval, second by Councilperson Grable, with all in favor.

Public Works/Alliance; Alliance Operations Report is as follows: Personnel/They're fully staffed with the hiring of Jacob Lacey as an utility worker. Safety/Safety training consisted of Driving at Night Hazards & Work Zone Flagger Safety. Operations by the Numbers/Gallons of Wastewater Treated 13.282MG, Gallons of Water Produced 30.280 MG, Water Leaks Repaired 11, Water Main Lines Repaired 2, Water Service Lines 9, Sewer Tap 1, Service Orders 45, Setters Replaced 5, Water Meter Rereads 488, Line Locates 132

Water Treatment/Met all state requirements, 2025 Annual Water Quality Report was published for customers, Risk and Resilience Assessment was completed and submitted, Community Water System Emergency Response Plan was completed and submitted, Repaired leak in front of 3rd St. Water Plant. Replaced the overload on high service pump #1 at 3rd St. Plant. Working on a quote for the 3rd St. Water Plant backwash flow meter controller, which has gone out. Also, working on a quote for the 3rd St. Water Plant pip gallery filters, which is getting worse. Quotes were provided for the Industrial Water Plant A/C due to a bad compressor; specifications will have to be drawn up, and go out for bid. Getting quotes and lead times on the following items at the Industrial plant is as follows: Replace the valve controller for the altitude valve for the Industrial plant elevated tank, Repair or replace the altitude valve in the pit for the Industrial plant, Repair or replace filter 2's purge valve, and quotes for the mounting assembly for filter two's purge valve's actuator.

Wastewater Treatment/Monthly discharge monitoring reports were submitted. The Acute Wet test was completed July 8, 2026, all samples were within parameters. The EFF channel was cleaned with all UV components taken out cleaned and reinstalled; the UV building was also cleaned. Clarifier #3 has been cleaned, along with the UV channel, Rotor #2 VFD was repaired. The Grit Classifier has been repaired. The RAS pump at the Wastewater plant has been out since 2024. Vandevanter pulled the pump and gave a quote of \$24,351.00 to repair or \$39,780.00 to replace it. Councilperson Spence motion to accept the purchase of a new pump at \$39,780.00, second by Councilperson Hazel, with all in favor. The fencing at the 3rd St. Water Plant will have to go out for rebid, because bids weren't received or received incorrectly, and there's still interest.

Water Distribution/Six bacteriological samples were collected, and passed, repaired 11 leaks, replaced 5 meters, 488 rereads with 183 dead meters, and 96 new registers, 81 disconnects, and repaired 2" water line at Arcosa, excavated valve, and installed valve box. Sewer Collections/Casino LS has both pumps back installed, S Ward LS had motor starter replaced, and all three pumps are working. Gayoso LS level upgrade has been completed, and Vandevanter is on site starting installation of the Animal Shelter grinder. Sewer tap at the Tin Cup was in process with a contractor hitting the main, another contractor will be finishing the job.

Repair and Chemical Expense Tracking for May is as follows:

	Annual Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Over (Under) Budget YTD
Repair	\$65,000	\$76,202	\$59,587	\$16,615

Chemical	\$40,000	\$23,554	\$36,664	(\$13,110)
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Code Enforcement; Shawna Riggs the new Code Enforcement officer will be getting up to speed with Counselor Dorroh with the building on Ward Ave. that's been on the table for some time.

Parks & Recreation; Lamonte Bell reported that the wiring for the HVAC was not compatible, so they're on standby. Councilperson Grable made mention that the pavilion at England Park was being powered washed for painting. Mayor Pro Tem Bullington provided the Council with bid packets for a 35'x30" Open-Air-Pavillion for French Park and Interior Painting of the Recreation Center Lobby & Administrative Offices, with a bid opening date of August 12, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. Bid packets can be obtained at the City Clerk office. Councilperson Grable motion for approval to bid out the projects, second by Councilperson Hazel, with all in favor.

Library report; Tacara Sullivan reported that the stuff animal sleepover pickup will be Tuesday, January 21, 2026. There will be a job fair held by the Kennett Job Center July 29, 2026.

City Collector report; Paige Gillock brought to the Council's attention several businesses that don't have business licenses, and the Police department will be checking to see if they're in good standing.

Budget/Finance; Rita Jones reported that the new Time & Attendance goes live in August, and that she needed a budget approval in order to get reports into to USDA office. Councilperson Hazel made motion roll over the 2025-2026 year budget for adoption of the new, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor. In the meantime Ms. Jones will cleaning up the budget for amendments.

New Business; The floodwall has been completed, and the walking trail will be bid out by the end of July at the Corps of Engineer's expense. Pam Peeler will be working part time managing the Water Office.

Business From the Floor; David Henson wanted to know what could be done by the person that shot out his windows during July 4, 2026. It was explained that if the person was found guilty that they would have to pay restitution, and that Mr. Henson would be cut a check by the City once restitution had taken place. Mr. Henson would have to provide quotes and give to the police in order to complete the process.

John Armbruster is a candidate for the Missouri House of Representatives District 149. Mr. Armbruster is a nurse practitioner, and with healthcare being a major concern for the Bootheel it's definitely in his will house. Mr. Armbruster believes that healthcare and school districts deserve the state's attention.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Grable motion to adjourn, second by Councilperson Hood, with all in favor.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem

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