CITY OF CARUTHERSVILLE
November 16, 2026

Be it remembered the Council of the City of Caruthersville met in regular session Monday November 16, 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
Tony Jones	Sergeant at Arms
Spence (Absent)	Councilperson
Robinson	Councilperson
Glass	Councilperson
Bullington	Councilperson
Lyons	Councilperson
Hazel	Councilperson
Grable (Absent)	Councilperson
Hood (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.

Councilperson Lyons motion for approval of regular session minutes of November 2, 2026, second by Councilperson Robinson with all in favor.

Councilperson Hazel motion for approval of the closed session minutes of November 2, 2026, second by Councilperson Lyons with all in favor.

Councilperson Hazel motion for approval of special session minutes of November 12, 2026, second by Councilperson Glass with all in favor.

Councilperson Bullington motion for approval of the special closed session minutes of November 12, 2026, second by Councilperson Hazel, all in favor with Councilperson Robinson abstaining.

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

The next item on the agenda was the Notice of the General Municipal Election for April 6, 2027, as follows:

December 15, 2026,	First day to file declaration of candidacy For April 6, 2027 election

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January 5, 2027,	Deadline for filing declaration of candidacy For April 6, 2027. election
January 26, 2027,	Final certification deadline before delivery to County Clerk for April 6, 2027, election
March 10, 2027,	Last day to register to vote for April 6, 2027 election

The Planning & Zoning Commission met November 11, 2026, for the purpose to discuss a change in zoning locations for 1000 ft. of separation for adult use marijuana facilities. The Commission voted to recommend an ordinance regulating the sale of farm bill hemp-derived products, intoxicating cannabinoids, kratom, and 7-hydroxymitragynne. Thereby establishing zoning, licensing, and advertising standards for facilities and retailers, and prohibiting synthetic 7-OH and other unregulated intoxicants; and establishing penalties for violations. A Public Hearing will have to take place before the ordinance can be enacted.

Councilperson Lyons motion for a Public Hearing to be held December 21, 2026. Councilperson Hazel second the motion, which resulted in the following vote:

Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Hazel	Yes		

Michael Lewis Construction was the only contractor that bid on the City Hall remodel of the Water department. His bid was for $20,000.00 with a completion date of January 30, 2027.

Councilperson Bullington motion to accept the bid, second by Councilperson Hazel, which resulted in the following vote:

Robinson	Yes	Glass	Yes
Bullington	Yes	Lyons	Yes
Hazel	Yes		

Councilperson Bullington made mention that the rest of the money that was from the meter deposit fund that was set aside for the Water department, should be earmarked for the most needed plant upgrades. Councilperson Bullington went on to say that our water systems was a top priority, and that everything had to be done to get our Water plants back on track. Whether it be by grants, loans, or an increase in rates; the work must be done. With the City operating at a deficit with some of the fund accounts, it's very serious, and concerning as to how things are going to be taking care of.

Humane report; Karol Wilcox report consisted of the need for personnel. Currently the Humane Society budget is running $150,000 and above. Karol isn't paid, there are two full timers, and recently they brought in a part timer. So, there's 3.5 workers from the Humane Society, and one

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City worker. Animal intake has increased significantly up to 700 plus a year. Animals must be fed, cleaned, and exercised twice a day per State law. The Humane Society also transports sick or injured dogs to the veterinarian, assist animal control, and transports to Rescues. With Ms. Wilcox health issues, they've been keenly aware of the need of a second employee. The Humane Society is requesting a second City employee to be implemented into the budget. Mayor Catrina Robinson of Hayti Heights made mention of MERS Goodwill having employees that would work for free. David Sherrelle also mentioned that they had volunteer workers that could work at the Humane Society.

Fire report; Chief Lynn Moss reported two fire calls as follows: 10/10/26; Open burning on Jefferson, 10/11/26; Plane malfunction at the Caruthersville airport.

Public Works/Alliance; Pam Peeler reported that they were looking at reducing the paperwork by only having to deal with paperwork that was produced by the computer system. Ms. Peeler talked about irate customers, and how other utility companies didn't deal with customers, how everything was done online, or by debit or credit cards being used by calling in for services and payment. Mayor Catrina Robinson stated they were going paperless, that they no longer will send out water bills, nor taking payments at the office. Councilperson Bullington made mention that as far as the increase in water rates; it was probably best to get a plan in first to look at the expenditures and then adjust the water rates accordingly. In the meantime, the Finance Committee would need to have a meeting to discuss fund balances and look at where the City stands on debt reserves as to paying anything off or having to continue to put money aside when they max out, which could free up some money.

Some areas of town still have brown water, Ms. Bogenpohl stated that with that being said, more flushing will need to take place. Currently the 3rd St. Water plant is running, Industrial is having issues with backflow, because of check valves that were stuck open. Valves will have to be installed to correct the problem. With filtering out the iron through backwash; it was hampered because of clogged filters which were manually backwashed, and Vandevanter replaced a relay, and they will come back next month to replace valves. The Scada system has been set up; Ms. Bogenpohl can now gain access with her phone to see what's going on. They are still working on the alarm system, in which Randy Guest will have to be a part of getting it on track. The Industrial plant is draining the bad water at this time but will be up and running once all repairs are in place. The switching back in forth with the plants does cause sediments to be pushed around, which must be flushed out.

Alliance Operations report is as follows: Administration/Michael Oiler has accepted an offer for Local Manager position in Caruthersville. He has been with Alliance since 2022 and worked his way up to Superintendent. He holds licenses in wastewater treatment and sewer collections. He will start January 11, 2027, upon relocating his family from eastern Kentucky. In addition Jason Damron has been hired to aid through the end of the year. A vacant Operator position has a candidate that's going through the pre-employment process; anticipated start date is November 30, 2026. Safety/Training covered hazard communication and safety data sheets. Water Treatment/ Vandevanter provided additional quotes for work that needs to be done at Industrial WTP, Replaced sodium hydroxide pump at Industrial, Installed C12 analyzer at 3rd St., Sidener installed a new C12 analyzer probe at Industrial, Montgomery Fence completed fence installation and repairs for both

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plants, All locks were changed out, New AC installed. Wastewater Treatment/UV system was repaired, changed out grease fitting on rotors 1 & 2, and changed oil in motors, got sludge disced in a field behind WWTP, sent off monthly and quarterly samples, Montgomery Fence completed repairs WWTP, Need a new starter on the aerator, Roof at WWTP lab was replaced. Water Distribution /Began mobile work orders, they raised three of the meter pits on Ward, Had to replace two meters, Installed three hydrastop valves in front of dead hydrants, Built shelves for inventory at PW shop, Schulte provide the lead service line inventory, still awaiting confirmation notification requirements, Ordered and installed disconnects for non- payment, Applied for ROW permit to fix leak at Hwy U. Sewer Collections/Completed sewer tap on Industrial Rd., Did rod out for a customer. Repair & Chemical Expense/ Repair Expenses under budget by $5,978.00 and Chemical Expenses over budget by $1,166.00

Code Enforcement; Shawnna Riggs report is as follows: The property owner of 2806 Willow appeared in court, and has been advised of the necessary cleanup and corrections, which could result in additional citations and fines. The property owner of 407 Grand will continue through the court process awaiting the next court date for their code enforcement case. There are currently for to five additional properties that are being actively monitored, two apartment complexes that have code compliance concerns they will need ongoing follow up to ensure corrections are made. Ms. Riggs have been working with property owners to coordinate with Ameren about tree maintenance before it's a problem of becoming an electrical or safety hazard. The shed at 1200 Zaida has been relocated bringing the property into compliance. More letters have been sent out to property owners whose properties are adjacent to city owned lots to see if there's interest in purchasing the city owned property. The individual must maintain their current property in a clean and orderly manner, and all property taxes must be paid and current, with no outstanding delinquent taxes.

Parks & Recreation; Turnover is as follows: Intake $5,186.60 Auto Draft $235.00 Interest $1.65 Total $5,423.25 Checks $1,165.52 Total $165.52 Turnover $4,257.73. Doug White reported that painting had been pushed back for a couple of weeks. All the playground information for Parks grant has been submitted. The weight room equipment that was on backorder should be coming in the next week. Buffington installed HVACs, but one is flashing an error, and an engineer will be coming in to see what's going on. The kickball teams are in place, but still awaiting coaches.

Library report; Casey Jones reported that their Thanksgiving Storytime & Activity will be Tuesday, November 24, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The 2nd Annual Turkey Waddle Race will Also be occurring.

City Collector report; Jacklyn Underwood reported that her computers were up long enough to get the tax bills out, but has gone down again, and Clearbasin is working on getting it back up and running. Turnover for September is as follows: Real Estate $480.94 Personal $21.25 Interest & Fees $208.72 Total Tax $710.91 Miscellaneous Tax & Fees $100.04 Total Overall $810.95. October Turnover Real Estate $939.14 Personal $355.56 Interest & Fees $448.72 Total Tax $1,743.42 Miscellaneous & Fees $304.86 Tourism $9,807.29 Total Overall $11,855.57

Mayor Catrina Robinson made mention that they leave a lot of money on the books with people not paying their personal taxes. She inquired of the State what could be done in conjunction that when paying the County taxes residents would not being able to get their tags until the

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City taxes were paid. She was told that a petition would have to be in place, and then the change could take place. The City of Caruthersville also has the same problem and will be in complete support of a petition.

Budget/Finance; Rita Jones reported that the funds that came in for Summer Food would be going into the General fund to make up for what was paid for the program. The Fund Balance Report as of October 30, 2026 is as follows: Beginning Balance $5,488,321.33 Total Revenues $4,600,577.88 Total Expenses $4,658,737.35 Ending Balance $5,430,161.86 which consist of the following: General Fund $72,077.19 Sales Tax Fund $1,545,264.60 Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund $441,011.78 Street Fund $-224.350.21 Water Fund $933,040.83 Sewer Fund $0.00 Sewer Extension Fund $605,460.58 Sanitation Fund $22,354.47 Wastewater Bond Fund $1,165,303.86 Airport Fund $23,257.92 Airport Fuel Fund $12,154.54 Summer Food Fund $92,064.04 Police School Fund $5,418.15 Asset Forfeiture Fund $4,235.74 Cemetery Fund $-10,437.96 Library Fund 287,578.65 Economic Development Fund $104,519.42 Tourism Tax Fund $104,519.42 Community Revitalization Fund $8,116.93 Public Safety Building Debt Reserve Fund $192,390.00.

Business From the Floor; David Sherrill with Help on Hands wanted to know when they could resume construction for their Emergency Shelter/Resource Center. Mr. Sherrill received a stop order, because he didn't have a permit. Mr. Sherrill made mention that the establishment would be a temporary residence for those in need nothing permanent. He also stated that he didn't recruit outside the community, that everybody that they support comes from this community. Counselor Dorroh stated that he could resume with the construction with the permit being in order. Mr. Sherelle was concerned about the busted concrete, and he was told that he could put in a work order in with Alliance.

With no further business to come before the Council, Councilperson Lyons motion to adjourn. Councilperson Glass second the motion with all in favor.

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