

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne called the meeting to order with the following present: Anita Francis, Walter Hayes, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, James Shanks, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

### **AGENDA**

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. David Pyle motioned to approve the consent agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Eric Baab-603 Rose Lane-He said he was here several months ago about the speed limit in Deerfield Estates and hadn't heard anything. He believes the speed limit should be 15 to 20 mph and said the issue is getting worse with people speeding. Hollie LaVigne asked Chief McCall to place the speed trailer in that area.

### **PRESENTATION OF LIFE-SAVING AWARD TO OFFICER AMOS BINDEL**

Chief McCall said this is Officer Bindel's second life saving award. He said it happened last February. Officer Bindel was dispatched to a call where a male had overdosed on Fentanyl. Chief McCall said Officer Bindel administered CPR and Narcan and the paramedics took him to the hospital and the man survived.

### **APPOINT JONATHAN TABOR AS NEW POLICE OFFICER**

Hollie LaVigne said she would like to appoint Jonathan Tabor as a police officer. Chief McCall said he graduated from Carl Junction High School and has about a year of experience. Roger Spencer motion to accept Mayor Pro-Tem LaVigne's appointment. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

### **DISCUSSION WITH SCHUBER MITCHELL**

Judd McPherson was present representing Schubert Mitchell. He said there's been some concern about Fox Briar 7 causing traffic issues, and extending Silver Oaks has been an issue with the EPA but he believes they've come up with an alternative plan. He said Schubert Mitchell is proposing a new neighborhood with a road that would connect to Joplin Street. Judd said the only thing it would require would be city water. He said the rural water district cannot support the area where the road would go but the city would. He said the neighborhood in question would be non-resident users. Judd said if they can get the commitment from the city to allow those homes to be on city water, they can get started on the road to Joplin Street but if the city won't commit to that, then Schubert Mitchell would likely have to sell the land because there's no other use for the land if they can't get city water.

Hollie LaVigne said the city could provide water if they annexed into the city. Judd McPherson said it's not feasible to annex the properties because it would require a lift station, which would cost \$750,000-\$1,000,000. Hollie LaVigne said the road was promised several years ago by Schubert Mitchell and they never came through with that commitment. Carole Wofford asked if this was the same property that the council voted not to allow on city water last year and Hollie LaVigne said yes.

Hollie asked Kurt Higgins with Allier Martin if the estimate of \$1,000,000 for a lift station was correct. He said the lift stations are usually around \$150,000-\$200,000, possibly \$300,000 on the high end. He said possibly with sewer lines it might cost \$1,000,000. Kurt said this issue has been going for around three years now. He said originally it was supposed to be inside city limits, then only half would be inside city limits, and then they discovered the rural water district couldn't service the area and it went stale for a while. Kurt said regarding Silver Oaks, he has been told the EPA will not be doing remediation on the area, but the EPA has assured him Silver Oaks can be built and that remediation doesn't have to happen where the road will be built, the lots just have to be remediated before building homes. Kurt said they said our system could provide the water but it's totally understandable if we don't want to provide the service.

James Shanks asked if this was the plan now because of the issues with Silver Oaks or if this property was always going to be developed like this. Judd McPherson said this was expedited because of the issues with Silver Oaks.

Hollie LaVigne asked what the anticipated cost of building the road would be and another representative from Schubert Mitchell said \$1,000,000 would be a very rough estimate.

Carole Wofford asked who would maintain the road if it was built. Ken Eaker with Schubert Mitchell said the main road would be a county road so it would be maintained by Jasper County. He said if there were private roads built, those would be maintained by the HOA.

Hollie LaVigne asked if there would be common code issues enforced by the HOA and Ken said they would be.

James Shanks asked how long a road would take if the council voted yes and Judd McPherson said it would take approximately 12-18 months.

Hollie LaVigne asked if they could consider this issue for two weeks and vote on it at the next meeting. David Pyle said he believed the council should consider the issue for the next two weeks. Walt Hayes said he believed it would be in the best interest to annex that area into the city limits, even if they have to be on septic. Kurt said he was concerned about allowing a full subdivision on septic systems.

### **REPORTS**

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Hollie LaVigne asked if the cameras would be operational for the next meeting and Steve said it would depend on S&S Computers.

Hollie LaVigne asked if the flood plain map had changed and Kurt said it is a proposed change but has not taken effect yet. He said most of the properties affected are along Center Creek in Fall Creek Estates. He said they have been asked to revise the maps to get the homes that would be affected out of the flood plain.

Police Dept. report – Roger Spencer asked if the issues with the new vehicles were ironed out and Chief McCall said they're close.

Public Works report – No discussion.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Budget/Finance: Walter Hayes said there will be a meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to go over the third quarter budget and start talking about budget for next year.

Code/ Nuisance: Carole Wofford had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said there's a closed session later in the meeting.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle had nothing to report.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

David Pyle asked if there could be a graphic that shows the surrounding area proposed by Schuber Mitchell in greater detail to be able to see the bigger picture and Kurt Higgins said yes. Alaina Wright asked if water service was required to be able to build a road and Kurt Higgins said no.

Alaina Wright said Jay Morton and the public works crews did a great job getting water shut offs done even though there was more than usual.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Carole Wofford said there's a fourth grader that cleaned up back at the cardboard recycling area who broke down boxes and tried to clear that out and would like to provide her with a proclamation at the next meeting.

### **CLOSED SESSION PER RSMO 610.021 (3): HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING OF PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHEN PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISCUSSED OR RECORDED**

Roger Spencer motioned to go into closed session. Anita Francis seconded. Roll call vote: Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Council went into closed session at 7:58 PM.

Council meeting reconvened at 8:14 PM. Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne said no votes or action was taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Walter Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

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