

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Walter Hayes, Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Bill Maguire – 911 Monroe Circle – He was present to speak about the economic development policies that seem to have gone away. He said we made the first payment of \$50,000 and have not seen much progress because of it and he feels as if the city has stagnated.

Mike Talley said he has prevented Hollie LaVigne from reporting much of what she gets because there is no cause to restrict the information that the companies don't want made public.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Powers asked for discussion regarding Case# 24-07 – Rezoning request / special use permit 101 Cambridge – MIBSI Investments

The public hearing was opened at 7:09 PM. Steve Lawver said P&Z met on this and are recommending a special use permit with several contingencies, including making the permit valid for only a year and then reapplying. The second condition is continuous improvements to the properties, and the third condition was a firewall being installed and inspected. The owner was present to say he pulled the permit today to install the firewall.

There was no one present to speak against the case. The public hearing was closed at 7:11 PM.

Mayor Powers asked for discussion regarding Case# 25-01 – Ordinance amending Chapter 405 – Fences

The public hearing was opened at 7:11 PM. Steve Lawver said P&Z met on this and are recommending approval. Hollie LaVigne asked what R4 is and Steve Lawver said it is Planned Unit Development.

There was no one present to speak in favor of or against the case and the public hearing was closed at 7:13 PM.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND ELEMENTS CONSTRUCTION CONCEPTS, INC., TO CONSTRUCT THE WEST BRIARBROOK LANE STORMWATER DRAINAGE DITCH FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUM \$168,000.00; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI”** on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this is the DNR ARPA money. He said this is the original project that DNR approved and there will be change orders come through for the additional money that DNR has authorized.

LaDonna Allen asked Steve Lawver if he was the one coordinating with DNR and he said yes.

Rick Flinn asked if the change orders will still be covered by DNR funds and Steve Lawver said yes.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on second reading. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #25-03 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV: LAND USE, CHAPTER 405: ZONING REGULATIONS, SECTION 405.085: FENCES, TO ALLOW PRIVACY FENCES IN PROPERTY ZONED R-4”** on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Hollie LaVigne motioned to put it on second reading. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

David Pyle motioned to put it on final passage. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #25-04 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CARL JUNCTION FARMERS MARKET, A NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY**

ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING” on first reading by title only. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Hollie LaVigne said she gave everyone a copy of this MOU last week to specify services provided and individual responsibilities. Rick Flinn said he thought it was a good thing for the community.

Walter Hayes motioned to put it on second reading. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: David Pyle asked when it would begin operating and what it would look like. Kenny Wickstrom said April 24th is the target start date, and said it will be on Thursdays from 4-7 pm at Lakeside Park through October. Roger Spencer asked if it would interfere with Webb City’s Farmer’s Market and Hollie LaVigne said they only do a few Thursdays per year.

David Pyle motioned to put it on final passage. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #25-05 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

REPORTS

Long-Term project report – Steve Lawver said it was asked at the last meeting how much to have someone else finish the Veterans Memorial and he said he got a quote of \$2301.30 from Ray Uber. LaDonna Allen asked when the last communication was with Liberty Utilities and Steve Lawver said it was last week, and they said it was on the schedule. LaDonna Allen said she would suggest accepting the bid so that the flags can be put back up. Roger Spencer asked if Ray Uber gave a timeline and Steve Lawver said Ray said he could start on it quickly.

Hollie LaVigne asked what \$1,100 was spent for on the skatepark and Jay Morton said it was to repair it from wear and tear over the years.

LaDonna Allen asked about cameras to the parks short term since it will be a large expenditure to have them done through Mid Central. LaDonna Allen asked for numbers for a short-term solution prior to the next meeting.

Hollie LaVigne asked about the spotlight that was purchased and Jay Morton said it was a handheld spotlight for looking down in sewers and water mains.

Hollie LaVigne asked if we could put an ad out for seasonal work for mowers and if we could talk to MoDOT about them taking better care of the grass along Pennell. Steve Lawver said he didn’t know if MoDOT had a schedule, but he would check into it.

Hollie LaVigne asked about the ARPA money for Country Club Park and if it was affected by the fact that the work didn’t get done. Steve Lawver said the money is allocated so it doesn’t affect the ARPA money. Steve Lawver said he found out the contractor has been undergoing medical treatment and still has not been able to reach him. Rick Flinn asked if we could go to the next bid or if the work would need to rebid. Mike Talley said the city could ask the vendors if the bids would still be honored. He also said before moving on we would have to finish with the original bidder and inform him we won’t be using him. LaDonna Allen motioned to notify the bidder that we are terminating the acceptance of his bid. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Steve Lawver said he would find the other bidder from the original bid and would also re-advertise and rebid the work. Rick Flinn asked if we could do the work, and Jay Morton said the work is very technical to make it drain correctly.

Treasurer’s report – Hollie LaVigne asked who decides to get the CD’s and Alaina Wright said she would get that information for her.

Public Works report – Hollie LaVigne complimented Jay Morton on the snow removal.

Police Dept. report – Hollie LaVigne asked if Chief McCall is back on light duty and Asst. Chief Stever said no. Steve Lawver said he would be back on light duty and limited activity on Monday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen there will be a budget meeting on February 8 at 8:00 AM.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn said there was a meeting at 6:30 PM to discuss farmers not needing a business license and the committee is recommending approval of that.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said there’s a closed session at the end of the meeting.

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

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne is going to work on getting an update that can be a public record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

David Pyle asked about the special use permit and the conditions that P&Z recommended. Steve Lawver said they suggested the fence needed fixed. Richard Garrett said P&Z also suggested more clean up but they could not require that. The owner of the property said it is specified in the lease that if there are officers called to the property for a disturbance the lease is over. LaDonna Allen said as long as everything meets code, she doesn’t think we could require anything beyond that. Walter Hayes motioned to approve a special use permit contingent on the firewall being installed that will be good for one year and adhere to codes already on the books. LaDonna Allen seconded. Rick Flinn, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Walter Hayes, and Carole Wofford were in favor. Hollie LaVigne, Bon McAfee, and David Pyle were opposed.

Mike Talley said the road district tax discussed at the previous meeting was a very highly debated topic for several years in southwest Missouri. He said Joe Barfield concluded it was best to try and work with special road districts rather than try to compel them to hand over money and referenced a memo from Joe Barfield that was presented to the city council on July 5, 2005 that states the Carl Junction Special Road District agreed to help the city with the Main Street project. Jay Morton confirmed they helped with that project and said they have helped with other projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne said there's a farmer's market coming and it will open April 24th

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

Carole Wofford motioned to go into closed session. Hollie LaVigne seconded. Roll call vote: LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Council went into closed session at 8:16 PM. Council meeting reconvened at 8:59 PM. Mayor Powers said no votes or action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR