

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 7, 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, and City Clerk Alaina Wright.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Michael Moore-801 Delaney Drive-Said he was present to ask about the mayor situation. He wanted to know why the mayor seat was open if there is a lawsuit pending regarding the position of the mayor.

He says previously he brought up the Ruby Jack Trail not being marked crossing Roney Street and hadn't heard any updated on that. He said he also thinks there should be a sign at 171 & Pennell that low trucks won't be able to make the crossing.

Mike Talley said he had recused himself from the impeachment proceedings on Michael Moss and was unaware that the position had been advertised in December. He asked Steve Lawver if there had been advice from the special counsel about the issue and Steve Lawver said the issue needed to be discussed during a closed session for legal proceedings.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne asked for discussion regarding Case# 26-03– Final Plat Fox Briar #7– Schuber Mitchell Homes

Judd McPherson was present to speak for Schuber Mitchell Homes. He said part of Fox Briar #7 will be continuing Silver Oaks Drive and opening the gates for public traffic, but they don't plan to pave it right now because there will still be heavy equipment using that road and the EPA will be coming in to do remediation at some point. Anita Francis asked who would fix the unpaved area and Judd McPherson said it would be the construction company hired by Schuber Mitchell. Walter Hayes asked if they would have to take part of the road out for the EPA remediation and Judd McPherson said he couldn't answer that.

Steve Lawver said P&Z met on the issue and are recommending approval. He said they discussed Schuber Mitchell maintaining that construction section until the city accepts the street once they're done.

Roger Spencer asked how wide the construction road is and Steve Lawver said it's a 50 foot right of way with a 30-foot road bed.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR LAKESIDE PARK PAVILION REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

Steve Lawver said three companies submitted bids, one bid for labor and supplies, and one bid for materials, labor, and supplies. The bids were labor and supplies were: Mid Central, \$12,500; Nelson Enterprises, \$10,250; and RE Smith, \$15,720. The bids for materials, labor and supplies were: Mid Central, \$18,000; Nelson Enterprises, \$15,450; and RE Smith, \$22,200. Steve Lawver said his recommendation is to have Nelson Enterprises provide labor and supplies and the city buys the materials. David Pyle asked what materials would consist of and Steve Lawver said siding, sheet metal, fans, and paint. Roger Spencer asked if that included the bottom part and Steve Lawver said yes.

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the bid from Nelson Enterprises for labor and supplies only. Hollie LaVigne said she was apprehensive of using that contractor because of what happened in the past. Steve Lawver clarified that the project in question was the dirt work at Country Club Estates Park and Hollie LaVigne said she also had an issue with his work around the splashpad. David Pyle seconded the motion from Roger Spencer to approve the bid from Nelson Enterprises. Anita Francis, Bob McAfee, Roger Spencer, David Pyle, Walter Hayes, Carole Wofford, and James Shanks were in favor. Hollie LaVigne was opposed.

ORDINANCES

Steve Lawver said this is for the walking trail crossing at Roney Street mentioned earlier.

David Pyle motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS TO MEET ADA STANDARDS AS DESCRIBED UNDER PROJECT NO. JSR0337”** on first reading by title only. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Motion on Ordinance #26-02 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.

Roger Spencer motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII. UTILITIES: CHAPTER 705: WATER ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 705.140. CONSTRUCTION OF LINES AND MAINTENANCE—INSTALLATION FEE, TO MODIFY CONNECTION AND CONSTRUCTION FEES”** on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Carole Wofford said this ordinance brings the fees we charge for water meters in line with our costs.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Motion on Ordinance #26-03 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

David Pyle motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO 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, SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO ADD SIDE CHANNEL STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS BETWEEN HEDGE DRIVE AND MAIN CHANNEL FOR AN ADDED COST OF \$8,965.00, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO \$330,803.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI”** on first reading by title only. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this is the change he talked about several meetings ago for a ditch between Hedge and W Briarbrook Lane.

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

Discussion: Bob McAfee asked if all this was done with ARPA money and Steve Lawver said the majority of it was.

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Motion on Ordinance #26-04 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

David Pyle motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOX BRIAR #7 OF CARL JUNCTION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS”** on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Motion on Ordinance #26-05 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

Roger Spencer motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING ALL OF THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR IVY ROAD LOCATED ON AND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP LINE BETWEEN TOWNSHIP 28 AND TOWNSHIP 29 IN JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI, FROM ROUTE YY EAST TO RAINER FARMS SUBDIVISION, AND ALL OF THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY OF COUNTY ROAD 284/RONEY STREET SOUTH TO CURVE PAST IRON LANE, AND ALL OF THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE EAST INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 275/GRIMES STREET FROM IVY RD SOUTH TO THE KITCH PROPERTY LINE, ALL BEING A PART OF JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE”** on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this would clean up the city limits on the north side of town that started because of a proposed development on the north side of the city along Ivy Road. He said there is a small .05-mile portion of the curve on North Roney that is not included in this. Steve said the surveyors didn't survey it to the correct location of our city limits and we'll have to come back and do the same process for the .05 miles in question. Roger Spencer asked if it was the curve on Roney and Steve Lawver said yes.

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

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Motion on Ordinance #26-06 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

Walter Hayes motioned to put **“AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET”** on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Motion on Ordinance #26-07 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

Roger Spencer motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026**” on first reading by title only. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said there was one adjustment to the city treasurer’s salary because Maribeth Matney is such a tremendous resource for the city and has taken on added duties. David Pyle asked if the salary range for the positions that are a single person is to allow for the possibility of a salary change if the current employee leaves and Steve Lawver said yes.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Motion on Ordinance #26-08 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

David Pyle motioned to table “**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING CITY OFFICERS TO THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION TO SERVE THE ENSUING YEAR UNTIL NEW OFFICERS ARE DULY APPOINTED**” until there is a mayor who has input on the appointments. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Steve Lawver said he had two quotes for security cameras in this building because we’ve only got five cameras working right now and they’ve figured out the DVR in the server rack is the problem. Steve said S&S Computers provided a quote for \$7,672 and Total Electronics provided a quote for \$11,000. He said this is for roughly 30 days’ worth of memory. James Shanks asked about the camera quality and if the resolution could be lowered to save money. Steve Lawver said going down in resolution quality would actually cost more. Roger Spencer motioned to accept quote for S&S Computers. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Carole Wofford asked how soon the Lakeside Pavilion work could be done. Steve Lawver said he’d check tomorrow to see if Nelson Enterprises could get a rush on it. Hollie LaVigne said the opening day for the Carl Junction Farmer’s Market is April 30.

Police Dept. report – Chief McCall FIFA world cup soccer is coming to Kansas City and they have reached out to numerous agencies in the State of Missouri to assist with that. He said he emailed Steve an MOU to allow officers to assist if they choose to. Chief McCall said they would be expected to fulfill their duties to the city first. He also said the city would have to pay for everything up front and then the city would be reimbursed for meals and overtime.

Hollie LaVigne asked about the application for the BlueShield designation and Chief McCall said they were awarded the designation.

Public Works report – Jay Morton said he’s hired two new employees. Hollie LaVigne asked for the timeline for opening the splashpad. Steve Lawver said as soon as the cool nights are over it will be opened.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Walter Hayes said the budget was passed earlier tonight.

Code/ Nuisance: Carole Wofford had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle said he appreciated having the bids for the pavilion improvements so that they can get done.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

David Pyle said it’s embarrassing to go through an impeachment process, hire a special counsel to guide, go months without a mayor and not be able to give answers about the process of filing the vacant office.

Walter Hayes said we put temporary speed bumps on Terrill Lane and asked if we would consider doing the same thing on Park Lane.

James Shanks agreed with David Pyle.

Mike Talley said he feels bad about the issue with the mayor because he was unaware the vacancy was advertised and he said he would step down as city attorney if the Board of Aldermen wished him to do so.

NEW BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne said April 16th is the Chamber of Commerce awards banquet.

Bob McAfee said to the east of the Lakeside Pavilion there’s grass and an electric box and he thinks it needs to be marked off so that nobody can park there because someone has hit the electric box.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR PRO-TEM

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