

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 21, 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. James Shanks joined the meeting at 7:02 PM.

AGENDA

David Pyle asked if there was a reason items 10-13 would be at the bottom of the agenda. Steve Lawver said the business before the current council needs to be concluded before the new council is seated. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda. Anita Francis seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

CLOSED SESSION PER RSMO 610.021 (1): LEGAL ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION OR LITIGATION INVOLVING A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY AND ANY CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS ATTORNEYS

Walter Hayes motioned to go into closed session. Roger Spencer 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 7:04 PM.

Council meeting reconvened at 7:21 PM. Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne said no votes or action was taken.

ORDINANCES

Roger Spencer motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING CITY OFFICERS TO THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION TO SERVE THE ENSUING YEAR UNTIL NEW OFFICERS ARE DULY APPOINTED**” 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. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Roger Spencer 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 #26-09 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.

Walter Hayes motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CARL JUNCTION POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MUTUAL AID FOR POLICE SERVICES PURSUANT TO MISSOURI STATUTE TO MEET ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS CAUSED BY THE UPCOMING 2026 WORLD CUP MATCHES SCHEDULED TO OCCUR IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI FROM JUNE THROUGH JULY OF 2026; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI**” on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Chief McCall said this is for FIFA World Cup soccer events and won't go beyond that. He said it allows officers to go assist with security during games.

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

Discussion: Walter Hayes said the agreement terminates July 31.

Walter Hayes 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 #26-10 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.

David Pyle motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL, WATER, WASTEWATER, AND GENERAL OBLIGATION FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026**” on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Alaina Wright said this is the standard ordinance passed each year to bring all funds in compliance.

David Pyle motioned to put it on second reading. Walter Hayes 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 #26-11 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 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 TO COMMUNITY BANK AND TRUST, NEOSHO, MISSOURI, LENDER, AT A FIXED RATE EQUAL TO 4.90% ON THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE FROM TIME TO TIME UNTIL APRIL 30, 2027, SUBJECT TO OPTIONAL PREPAYMENT BY THE CITY AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PREMIUM OR PENALTY, OUT OF FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE CITY’S GENERAL FUND DERIVED FROM TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2027; PROVIDED HOWEVER, AFTER APRIL 30, 2027, ANY AMOUNT OUTSTANDING SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 10 % UNTIL THE NOTE AND INTEREST IS PAID IN FULL; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SAID PROMISSORY NOTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI**” on first reading by title only. Anita Francis seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this is for the economic development property. He said it’s a once-a-year payment on the interest.

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

Discussion: David Pyle asked how much the payment was that was budgeted and when we anticipated paying the note off. Steve Lawver said the payment was around \$46,000 and the plan was to pay off the note when a developer buys the property.

Walter Hayes 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 #26-12 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 in his Administrative Report he has a section for citizen follow up, and he will also have in that next report that state statute and city ordinances were being followed when the mayor seat was advertised for the election and that the city was advised by the special counsel to do so.

Steve Lawver said Steve Nelson has been working at the Lakeside Park pavilion and that he is halfway through the ceiling and side soffit. Steve said the work is moving along nicely.

Hollie LaVigne asked where Gold Leaf is and what is needed there. Steve Lawver said there’s an easement for a section of road that was never built because it was never platted and that estimate is the complete the cul-de-sac.

Steve Lawver said the Comprehensive Strategic plan is final and complete. He said the document is large enough that it would have to be shared with an online link or with a thumb drive. Steve said we set a joint meeting with the Board of Aldermen and P&Z for Monday, May 11th at 7:00 PM. He said the grand total of everything listed in the plan is \$26 million worth of improvements, but that the expansion of the Community Center and other services in this area was high on the list for people. Hollie LaVigne asked if that would be a presentation style meeting and Steve Lawver said yes.

Treasurer’s report – No discussion

Public Works report – Jay Morton said they made it through DNR inspection for water.

Police Dept. report – No discussion

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne said she distributed a copy of patriot flag mural mosaic kit. She said July 4th is the 250th anniversary of the USA. She said if the city bought one, everyone would get a tile and they’d each paint their own tile and then everyone would bring their tiles and it makes a flag mosaic. Hollie said the 7x9 size comes with 200 tiles and costs \$5,000. She said she’s already received a pledge for \$1,000 and they will be fundraising to try and recoup more funds. She said it takes 4-6 weeks for the kits to be mailed so it would need to be ordered soon. Carole Wofford motioned to approve the purchase of a \$5,000 kit. Anita Francis seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Walter Hayes said at the last meeting he mentioned speed bumps on Park Lane and was asked for an update. He said twice now someone has taken it upon themselves to remove that temporary speed bump on Terrill to the side of the road. Steve Lawver said he would order another set.

APPROVE CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

David Pye motioned to approve the certified election results. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

SI-NE-DI

Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne declared that we were SI-NE-DI.

SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Tom Paul, Carole Wofford, Walter Hayes, Bob McAfee, and Roger Spencer were sworn in.

ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM

Tom Paul opened nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. David Pyle nominated Hollie LaVigne. Carole Wofford seconded the nomination. Roger Spencer motioned to end the nominations. David Pyle seconded. Anita Francis, Bob McAfee, Roger Spencer,

David Pyle, Walter Hayes, Carole Wofford, and James Shanks voted in favor of Hollie LaVigne for Mayor Pro-Tem. Hollie LaVigne abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne welcomed Tom Paul as the new mayor.

Walter Hayes commended Hollie LaVigne for her work as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Walter Hayes said he would like P&Z to look at reducing lot size for new homes. He said something we suffer from is entry-level housing. Walter said the current minimum lot size in the city is 8,000 and he would like P&Z to consider reducing that to 5,000.

Walter also said he talked previously about forming a committee to look at moving from a class 4 city to a class 3 city and would like to look at that again.

Carole Wofford thanked Hollie LaVigne for her work and welcomed Tom Paul.

James Shanks thanked Hollie LaVigne for her work and said he likes Walter's suggestion about the committee and hopes people get involved and would like to see more engagement from the community.

Tom Paul asked what was necessary to follow through with the suggestion about the minimum lot size. Steve Lawver said P&Z has a spot on their agenda for a report from the city council and he will put it there for P&Z to consider.

Alaina Wright said Tom Paul would need to be added to the bank accounts to sign checks. Hollie LaVigne motioned to add Tom Paul as a signer on the bank accounts. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Steve Lawver said he's out of the office Monday in Columbia for HR training with MIRMA.

ADJOURNMENT

David Pyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR