The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday December 16, 2025 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. Walter Hayes motioned to approve the consent agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne asked for discussion regarding Case# 25-11– Ordinance amending Chapter 405: Zoning Regulations

The public hearing was opened at 7:03 PM. Steve Lawver said this proposed change was brought to the city by concerned citizens. Steve said this is several changes, including the size of lot required and distance from fueling station. He said it went to P&Z and Code Committee, and both are recommending approval. Steve Lawver said none of the current businesses would be affected and would all still meet the requirements.

The public hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR ZERO TURN MOWERS

Steve Lawver said this was advertised and two bids were received. He said only the bid from Bobcat of Joplin met the full scope of the bid, which was for both 60" and 72" mowers. Kubota of Joplin only sent a bid for a 60" mower, which was $13,250.00. Bobcat of Joplin sent a bid for a 60" mower for $12,534.86 and a 72" mower for $13.393.26. Steve said he is recommending Bobcat of Joplin. Hollie LaVigne asked if the city had purchased from them before and Steve Lawver said no. David Pyle motioned to approve the bid from Bobcat of Joplin for the zero turn mowers. Roger Spencer second. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCES

David Pyle motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV: LAND USE, CHAPTER 405: ZONING REGULATIONS, SECTION 405.071: HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS IN THE "C-2" RETAIL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, TO REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 30,000 SQUARE FEET FOR ANY COMMERCIAL OPERATION SELLING GASOLINE, AND A DISTANCE OF AT LEAST 175 FEET FROM ANY PUMP TO ANY RESIDENTIALLY OCCUPIED STRUCTURE" on first reading by title only. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

David Pyle motioned to put it on final passage. Anita Francis 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 #25-41 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 the new screens have been installed in the council chambers and he is working on getting the cameras working but is waiting on a few more parts.

Roger Spencer asked about Marie Lane. Steve Lawver said the estimates were out of date and he asked the engineers to get new estimates and said he would bring it before the council when he gets those estimates.

Roger Spencer asked where the water improvement project would start in Oscie Ora Acres and Steve Lawver said he didn't know exactly where it would start.

Treasurer's report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – Chief McCall said 251 children were invited to the Shop with a Cop event. He said 216 showed up on Saturday and that several parents called that morning and said the kids were sick, so Detective Castlebury and Allie Bindel will help those families shop at a later time. He said there will be 221 kids who get to shop this year total.

Carole Wofford said the officers that worked the parade did a great job at directing the traffic on Pennell.

Public Works report – Jay Morton said they were almost done with the first round of leaf pickup.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Walter Hayes said there will be a meeting in January to go over the budget.

Code/ Nuisance: Carole Wofford had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said Mike Talley has the evaluations and will need a closed session on the agenda for the January 6th meeting.

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

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne thanked the Lions Club for hosting the breakfast and parade on Saturday.

Steve Lawver said he's been working with Michael Moore on getting a meeting set up with Allgeier Martin because FEMA is changing some flood plain boundaries. He said the meeting is currently set for Tuesday January 13 at 6:00 PM. Steve said there will be engineers from Allgeier Martin and also an insurance agent present to talk about the changes. He said it would be open to the public but is specifically for residents that live next to a floodplain or have floodplain that runs through their property.

Hollie LaVigne said she signed an emergency declaration to repair the repeater system for the emergency sirens. David Pyle motion to ratify the emergency declaration. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Carole Wofford asked about the lead line inventory and Steve Lawver said the information was sent to DNR last year. Alaina Wright said there are forms that will be sent to residents again this year that might have lead pipes and it is going out to around 73 residents this year.

Steve Lawver asked for a count of anyone that would attend the Christmas dinner on Tuesday.

Chief McCall said command staff interviewed a candidate yesterday and he hopes to have someone here at the next meeting to be sworn in.

Jay Morton said he hasn't seen any lead lines in the city in about 15 years because they've been replaced.

ADJOURNMENT

David Pyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Alaina Wright
CITY CLERK

Hollie LaVigne
MAYOR