

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday July 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: Bob Cook, Don Marshall, Richard Zaccardelli, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Jeff Hammons and Randy Hutcheson. Alderman Mike Burns was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Bob Cook motioned to approve the consent agenda. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Joyce Dunn, 1207 Scott Drive, addressed the council about a neighbor's house. She has been at her residence for 47 years. She doesn't understand why we can't get her neighbors to clean up their yard. (She passed around pictures) She doesn't understand why it is taking so long to get it cleaned up. She has been working on this for 3 years. They have junk cars, tires, high weeds and a pool that is a mosquito haven. Chief Haase reported that it is in the process but it takes time. If they plead not guilty it takes it even longer. Don Marshall asked if we needed to change our ordinance. Mike Talley stated that it follows state statutes. Joyce Dunn stated they are chronic abusers. Chief Haase said that they can abate it one time and then we have to start the process all over again. Chief Haase said he would check into it personally. Mike Talley said that our ordinance follows state statues but the state is hand tying municipal courts, especially nuisances. Joyce Dunn asked what a resident could do. LaDonna asked if the health department could get involved since there is a mosquito issue. Chief Haase will check into it.

P&Z CASES

Case #17-03 – Site Plan Review – 702 E Pennell. Jeff Hammons stepped down from the dais due to a conflict with this project. Jeff is the contractor on this project. Steve reported that the P&Z met 7/17/17 and is recommending approval of this project. Jeff reported that Cindy McNally couldn't be here but nothing has changed from the preliminary site plan. There was no one to speak against this project. Bob Cook motioned to approve the site plan. Don Marshall seconded. 6 in favor. 1 (Hammons) abstained. Jeff Hammons returned to the dais for the rest of the meeting.

Case #17-04 – Final Plat Briar Rock Estates (formerly Thomas Subdivision). Richard Zaccardelli stepped down from the dais due to a conflict with the project. It is his son-in-law's subdivision. Steve Lawver reported that P&Z met on 7/17/17 and they are recommending approval. Steve Lewis, engineer, was present to answer any questions. Bob Cook asked where this was at. It was responded that it is in Briarbrook by the golf course. Bob Cook motioned to approve the subdivision. Don Marshall seconded. 6 in favor. Zaccardelli abstained.

ORDINANCE

LaDonna motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BRIAR ROCK ESTATES SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS" on first reading by title only. Jeff Hammons seconded. All in favor. No opposed. There was no discussion. Roger Spencer motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Bob Cook seconded. All in favor. No opposed. There was no discussion. LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Bob Cook seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Cook-y, Marshall-y, Zaccardelli-abstained, Spencer-y, Allen-y Burns-absent, Hammons-y, Hutcheson-y. Motion on Ordinance #17-13 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. Richard Zaccardelli returned to the dais.

REPORTS

The council reviewed the Administration report.

Police Dept. – Chief Haase reported that the new dispatcher is on full time rotation. They also have a new part time dispatcher that is local. The bridge is coming along at a good pace. Bob Cook asked about some kids going around late at night knocking on doors. Chief said he would look into it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance – Mike Burns was not in attendance.

Code/Nuisance – Don Marshall had nothing to report.

Human Resources – Roger Spencer had nothing to report

Public Facilities & Planning – LaDonna Allen had nothing to report.

Senior Citizens - Richard Zaccardelli had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Powers reported that he had talked to the Briarbrook CID Board about exchanging land for a parking lot. They are to look at the proposal and get back with the City.

Mike Tally stated that he had not looked at the sidewalk situation but the problem may be solved. He also reported that the pretrial hearing on the fence lawsuit is not set yet but he wants Steve Lawver to be there. It was stated that there are concerns about the fencing around the pool.

Bob Cook asked what size of pipe will be installed under Center Creek for the sewer line. Steve said it was going to be 10" and 8" lines.

Steve reported that after the last meeting he talked to Mike Burns about hiring a full time person in PW. Steve said that Mike Burns had no problem with it and we would budget for it. We may need to add a little extra due to the benefits. Don Marshall motioned to hire a full time person in the PW Department. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. Bob Cook asked if it could be a CJ resident. Steve said we did not have a residence requirement. All in favor. No opposed. Dom Marshall said he would volunteer to help mow until we could get on top of our mowing. There was some discussion about liability and worker's compensation applying to volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Zaccardelli stated that we needed the bridge open as soon as possible. We have 72 school buses and Joplin only has 10 more than Carl Junction.

Roger Spencer stated they have a possum problem on Schimm Circle and asked what could be done. Chief Haase said that we have traps.

Mike Talley reported that he attended his annual attorney's meeting and one session dealt with public forum. He stated that the City has the right to control the time a person can speak but we can't control the content. The speech we say at the beginning of the public forum will have to be rewritten. They can say anything they want as long as they are not disruptive. The council has a right to not have a dialogue with them but once we engage in a dialogue the door is open.

Steve said that we had a problem with barns harboring rodents and the owner came in and talked to Steve. He has been out of town a lot for the last 2 years but he will take care of them.

Mayor Powers brought up the robo calls that can be utilized with the new software package we are going to get. It was stated that it could come in handy when we have emergencies and we need to get the word out on them. It could be useful but we need to only use it in emergencies.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting. Don Marshall seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR