

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: Rick Flinn, Don Marshall, Richard Zaccardelli, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns, Randy Hutcheson and Mark Satterlee. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Maribeth Matney, Deputy City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield

AGENDA

Mayor Powers stated he would like to amend the agenda to remove the closed session. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda with the proposed amendment. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for public forum.

JOE HARRIS - REQUESTING TO CONNECT TO CITY SEWER

Steve Lawver informed the council the Joe Harris is requesting permission to connect to the city sewer from his land that sits between the Briarbrook area and Joplin Street. He stated lot 34 will be used for the driveway and to connect to the sewer. Mayor Powers asked if there needed to be a motion made for the council to make a decision. Steve Lawver said the decision was in the hands of the council. Mike Talley asked if there are standards or policies in place for who can connect to the city's sewer lines. Steve Lawver advised they only allowed properties that adjoin city property. Maribeth Matney stated annexing in used to be a requirement, but it's not any longer. Mike Burns asked if the city could ensure no other properties could use the sewer services without the city's knowledge. Maribeth Matney asked how the city will bill him to know how much flow there is. Steve Lawver stated he doesn't know how Mr. Harris will get water. Mayor Powers suggested if Mr. Harris doesn't connect to city water, a stipulation would be to require a flow meter to bill for sewer costs. Mike Talley asked if the city was prevented from making them connect to city water. Mark Satterlee asked if there's a standard if he's required to have a flow meter. Steve Lawver recommended first he hooks to city water, and if not then he must install a flow meter. Mike Talley questioned if the council wanted the stipulation to be, he must either hook to city water or install a flow meter, or if they wanted to require him to use city water. Richard Zaccardelli motioned to allow Mr. Harris to hook to the city sewer only if he also hooks to the city water system and that is his only water system. Ladonna Allen seconded. All in favor, no opposed. Mayor Powers noted if Mr. Harris would like to appeal the council's decision, he needs to attend the next council meeting.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF DEMOLITION BIDS FOR 303 BRIARBROOK DRIVE

Steve Lawver stated the bids were opened Friday December 13. He stated that at \$3,107.48 BD Yard Builders was the low bid. The other bids were Nelson Enterprises at \$5,300.00, Lee Sandtorf Excavating at \$11,500.00, and Randy Vilela Trucking, Hauling and Demolition at \$6,200.00. Mike Talley questioned what the bid required because the low bid did not include some details the higher bids did. Steve Lawver stated the low bid included all the requirements listed. Steve Lawver said he got a call from a lawyer in St. Louis representing US Bank inquiring about the city's intentions for the property because US bank wants to demolish the property also. Steve Lawver said he gave the attorney the information from the bids the city received but never heard back from him. Mike Talley stated when the city demolishes a building it is a high-risk liability situation, and it would be in the city's best interest to allow US Bank to demolish the structure. Richard Zaccardelli questioned if it was a reverse mortgage situation. Steve Lawver stated he did not know the answer to that, but the city notified everyone they were required to. Mike Talley suggested a motion to tentatively approve the bid, contingent upon being unable to get US Bank to take care of the problem, and also contingent upon approving a contract with BD Yard Builders. Mike Burns so motioned, Ladonna Allen seconded. Mike Talley asked if there was a contract the city had devised in a previous demolition. Steve Lawver responded no. All were in favor of the motion, none opposed.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Steve Lawver stated category G was dropped because there was a minimum of \$3,200.00 per project and the city did not meet that threshold.

Richard Zaccardelli asked if there would be a ribbon cutting for the Veterans Memorial. Steve Lawver stated it would likely be in May and that the flags had arrived.

Public Works report – Richard Zaccardelli said there were piles of mud on the streets in Briarbrook where Schuber Mitchell are building the new homes. Steve Lawver replied the city was aware and Greg Coats had already been informed to notify Schuber Mitchell.

Mayor Powers stated he's had good responses from residents about leaf pickup.

Richard Zaccardelli suggested that when new streets are added to the city, the public works budget should increase as well.

Building Insp –Richard Zaccardelli said he spoke with Greg Coats about having someone do quality control checks on the materials Schuber Mitchell is using when they build new houses.

Police Dept. report - Chief Haase stated Shop with a Cop helped around 225 children on Saturday and it went well. He said the Walmart on 15th Street had scheduled the Carl Junction and Joplin Shop with a Cop events at the same time, so ours was moved to the Webb City Walmart and they were extremely helpful.

He also stated that two people were arrested for stealing packages, but the police department can only charge them with the items they can prove were stolen. The Jasper County Prosecuting Attorney's office declined to file a misdemeanor charge, so a charge was filed through city court.

Chief Haase also said he believes he has a good candidate for a police officer position, he is just waiting on the results of the background check. Roger Spencer asked about the juveniles who were injured in the fire on Schimm Circle Drive. Chief Haase reported both were in stable condition and no charges are expected to be filed.

Court report - Nothing to add.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Mike Burns had nothing to report

Code/ Nuisance: Randy Hutcheson had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report, but said there will be a closed session during the next meeting.

Public Facilities & Planning: LaDonna Allen said the committee met at 6:30 to discuss ongoing projects, but they had to discuss the information received from the city engineer about curbing erosion and rerouting Center Creek. She stated the cost would be \$90,000 for the first phase, and it would require a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Kurt from Allgeier Martin recommended the city apply for a permit because they are good for two years and there is no penalty if the city doesn't do the work. Ladonna Allen recommended following the engineer's recommendation. She stated the only other option is to take whole sewer line north but it would mean the city would walk away from work already done. The consensus of the council was to apply for the permit.

Senior Citizens-Richard Zaccardelli had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Powers questioned the last day to put a use tax on the ballot. Maribeth Matney responded January 20. Mayor Powers believes the city should have a use tax on the ballot again. Randy Hutcheson asked if there were going to be any other taxes on the ballot. Ladonna Allen suggested to check with fire dept to see if they will be asking to increase their levee.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Zaccardelli stated THC is being funneled in from Asia. Mayor Powers said Congress is currently considering raising the tobacco age to 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR