

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 02, 2015 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mike Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Bob Cook, Don Marshall, Richard Zaccardelli, Mark Powers, Tim Smith, Roger Spencer and LaDonna Allen. Alderman Wayne Smith was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

Mayor Moss asked that we amend the consent agenda by striking the closed minutes off of it.. Mark Powers motioned to amend the agenda by striking off the closed minutes and approve the agenda as amended. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Mark Powers motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor Moss then presented a plaque to Steve Daniels for his years of service on our City Council.

Alan Palmer, 504 Joplin, addressed the council about 2 houses behind his house on Main Street. Their yard has not been mowed all year. He has complained about it before and it is just a junk pile. He also asked about the fence they made out of pallets. It looks bad. He would like for the council to get it cleaned up. This is in the 500 block of Main Street. Both houses are occupied. They have had snakes and other rodents on their property because they don't mow. It is an eye sore. Mayor Moss said that they need to contact the code enforcement officer. Mr. Palmer said that they have. Steve will check into it.

Richard Donham, 7830 County Lane 286 addressed the council next about his house at 212 S Cowgill. It is a corner lot and he has torn the house down. The new house he wants to build needs to be 15' off of the property line. He is trying to save the fireplace and that would only leave him 12' off the property line. It is on the corner of Cowgirl and Allen. He has talked to the building inspector about this. The Mayor informed Mr. Donham that he needs to apply for a variance with the Board of Adjustments. Mr. Donham asked what happens if they deny it. Mr. Talley stated that there are certain standards they have to meet in order to grant a variance. If it is denied then he has to appeal to the circuit court. The other option would be to change the code but then it gets changed for everybody in the city. Bob Cook said that we should help anybody who wants to put up a new house. It was restated that Mr. Donham needs to apply for a variance.

CHAMBER REPORT

Gary Stubblefield was not in attendance but Steve invited the council to their ground breaking on Thursday at 9:00 AM.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM RICHARD SHREWSBURY FROM THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

Mark Powers motioned to accept Richard Shrewsbury resignation from the Board of Adjustments. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCES

Mark Powers motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII. UTILITIES: CHAPTER 720: USER CHARGE SYSTEM BY ADOPTING A NEW APPENDIX "A" TO SEWER USE CHARGE ORDINANCE (ACTUAL USE RATE STRUCTURE) (MAY 2015) AND BY AMENDING SECTION 720.040 "USER CHARGE RATES" TO REFLECT SAID CHANGES IN RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAID NEW RATES" on first reading by title only. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. Steve explained that the engineers did a rate study and adjusted the rate a little. The in town base rate was raised but the per thousand rate was lowered. The out of town base rate was lowered but the per thousand was raised. The way it is structured now the out of town users will always be charged more than the in town users. LaDonna Allen asked about the APD rates. Steve said that once we pass this ordinance we will be adjusting the APD rates. Mark Powers motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Don Marshall seconded. There was no discussion. Mark Powers motioned to put it on final passage. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Cook-y, Marshall-y, Zaccardelli-y, Powers-y, T Smith-y, Spencer-y, W Smith-absent, Allen-y. Motion on Ordinance #15-19 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

The council reviewed the Administration report. Steve reported that Aire Fiber has over 325 people signed up now. Steve said that the next step is the RFP for financing and he will have those responses back by 6/10/15 for the 6/16/15 meeting. The debt service should be no problem at all. We will get together to see what we could put together for a time schedule. We will need to get the list of parts to the manufacturer and then wait for the product. LaDonna Allen asked how many of the 325 are outside the city limits. Steve said he does not know but will try to get that number. There was discussion about coverage area. Mayor Moss said that it is 3 miles with possibility up to a 5 mile radius. It should reach JJ and Fir and JJ & Fountain with no problem. Steve will try to have more information at the 6/16/15 meeting.

Public Works report - Jimmy reported that they have spent a lot of hours at the WWTP. They met with Allgeier Martin & Associates and had a really good head on correcting things down there. The pumps keep going down so we ordered more pumps. They have a lot of work to do. LaDonna Allen asked about DNR fines. Steve said that DNR had been notified right away and we should have no fines assessed. Jimmy reported that they stopped bypassing today.

Police Department report - Richard Zaccardelli asked if the person who ran off the road and ran into a tree was texting. Mark McCall said he had not read the report yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance - Mark Powers had nothing to report.

Code/Nuisance - Don Marshall had nothing to report.

Human Resources - Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning - Tim Smith reported that it looks like we will get help with the Frank Dean Complex improvements. He also said that we need to meet about Memorial Park to see what the cost would be to start on that project next year. He had noticed that the pavilion was being used last weekend for a family reunion. He asked if we could hold a Public Facilities meeting at 6:00 PM on 6/16/15 before our next regular council meeting. He would also like to look at the trail to the Senior Center. Richard asked if they could look at a path from W Briarbrook Lane to the Club house for golf carts so they don't have to get on Briarbrook Drive. Bob Cook commented that he was glad they were looking at the trail, he looked at the master plan. Folks need a walk way until it can get done.

Senior Citizens - Richard Zaccardelli had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richard Zaccardelli said that people have their sump pumps going out to the street on West Briarbrook Lane and it gets pretty bad.

NEW BUSINESS

La Donna Allen has been talking to Steve about some MODOT issues.

Roger Spencer said he wants to talk to Jimmy about a couple of problems at the park and he has a couple an idea on how to fix it.

Tim Smith recognized the Boy Scout in the audience and stated he was glad to see him here. His name is Austin Tanner and he is here to earn a badge.

Mark Powers pointed out the petition regarding 303 Briarbrook Drive should be turned over to Code Enforcement. Steve said he would talk to David about it.

Don Marshall asked about the lot at Temple and Locust. He asked if the code enforcement officer had been out there.

Bob Cook said that a car had been parked along Joplin Street for 3 months now and not been moved. Steve said he would check it out.

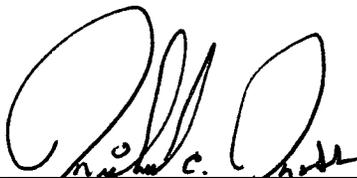
Mark McCall reported that there had been some vandalism but they have an idea who it is. Also high grass complaints some people have had trouble getting into their properties due to the rain.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.



CITY CLERK



MAYOR