

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 1, 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, Tim Smith, Roger Spencer and LaDonna Allen. Aldermen Mark Powers and Wayne Smith were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Tammy Divine, 201 Wedgewood, address the council about the size of culvert in her backyard. She distributed photos of the last rain and the rain before that. She stated that the culvert is very small and cannot handle the water. She talked to the City Administrator and PW supervisor 15 years ago and they told her it was a very expensive project. They had the engineer look at it and he gave them some recommendations. They followed those recommendations and it has helped but not solved the problem. She said even with 3" of rain it can't handle the water. Steve Lawver said he talked to her and he had Jimmy look at it. He suggested we do an elliptical culvert and put wings on it. He also said that this last rain was classified as a 100 year rain. There was a lot of discussion of water drainage in the city. Don Marshall suggested a retaining wall. She said that they have some railroad ties down but don't want to cause their neighbor a problem either. There was a lot of discussion on this problem. Mike Talley said that the discussion in other cities is that you can do storm water projects and that will help most of the time but not all the time. It will not prevent all the flooding that occurs.

Richard Bourne, 144 Red Oak Drive, said he addressed the council a couple of weeks ago and nothing has been done. He does not understand why the neighbor's do not have to follow the rules. The city needs to enforce them for all residents or forget them. Roger Spencer said he drove by and didn't see anything wrong other than a dump truck and some dirt. Chief Haase said that we have sent letters about trash cans. David has over 200 cases. LaDonna Allen said that she drove out there and there were a few cans out but not a lot.

Ann Langston, 520 Pine Street, said she has lived here since 1974. She has water problems and it washes her drive out. She is widowed and tries to keep her property up. She can't keep putting her driveway in. Mayor Moss said we would have Jimmy look at it. Ann said she would appreciate any help she could get.

Bill Stansberry, 8435 Highway 290, said that he has listed the north part of his property with a realtor. He asked if the city had any incentives for new businesses. Mayor Moss said that we have no tax break. That would take a TIF. Steve asked that Bill come into the office to talk to him about it. There are a lot of things that have to be considered. Bill also asked when the lift station debris will be cleared. It is also settling where the lines went in and they want to know when they will finish it. Steve said that they have been contacted once. He will be get back with them.

CHAMBER REPORT

Gary Stubblefield stated that they are in Bluegrass Festival mode. Attendance was up 50% last year and the ads started today. The posters have also been delivered. The construction of the Chamber building is underway and their next meeting will be 9/3/15 and he would like to invite the council to the meeting. The Chamber members would like to meet them. Their website is being revamped and he also reported that they now have 279 members.

REPORTS

The council reviewed the Administration report. Richard asked who was attending the MML meeting. Steve replied himself and the City Clerk.

Public Works report - had nothing to add to report. Steve reported that the plant is fully functional again and we processed 5 million gallons in the last rain and did not have to divert to the lagoon.

Police Department report - had nothing to add to report. Chief stated that they have tested for new officers but did not see any candidates he wished to hire. They will run short handed for awhile.

Building Inspector report – had nothing to add to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance - Mark Powers was absent.

Code/Nuisance –Don Marshall had nothing to report.

Human Resources – Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning – Tim Smith reported that the soccer fields lead levels tested OK. He went over the goals and items Jimmy has lined out for the Country Club Park.

Senior Citizens - Richard Zaccardelli had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

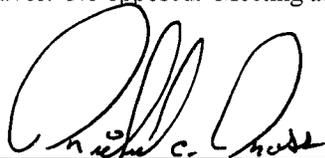
Bob Cook asked about the portable car ports at 205 Joplin Street. Steve reported they are on the side of the house and does not violate any codes. Bob asked why new subdivisions do not have sidewalks. Steve reported that at this time it is not a requirement. That would require a code change if the council wants to add that. Property owners are responsible for sidewalks on their property.

Steve Lawver reported that MIRMA has a health insurance proposal that would save the City about \$77,000/annually. It is the exact same coverage we currently have. It would also have the same network. Our employee's would not have to change doctors. We currently spend \$345,000 and their estimate is \$267,000. Matt Brodersen would like to present the proposal to the council. Steve would like to set a special meeting for Tuesday 9/8/15 at 6:00 PM. Bob Cook said he would be out of town. Mike Talley will also not be present. The council asked that the employee's be informed so they can come and ask questions. It was stated that we need to see if Mark will be back in town also.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tim Smith seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR