

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mike Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Richard Zaccardelli, Barbara Evans, Gary Stover, Pat Smith and Walter Hayes. Aldermen Wayne Smith, Carl Skaggs and Dee Lynn Davey were absent. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley and City Clerk Maribeth Matney.

AGENDA

Mike Talley asked that we amend the agenda to table the wild and dangerous animal ordinance. He would like to look at the definitions before it is passed and asked that it be tabled until the next meeting. Pat Smith motioned to amend the agenda as requested and approve the agenda as amended. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Barbara Evans motioned to approve the consent agenda. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

William Snyder, 116 Briar Meadow Drive, addressed the council regarding the ordinance on removing animal waste. He stated he had a fairly expensive lawn and he tries to take care of it. It is disrespectful to allow people to let their animals litter other people's yards and not clean it up. He is glad the city is looking at this ordinance.

ORDINANCES

The council then looked at the ordinance on Chapter 205.180. Gary Stover stated after reading the Joplin Globe article and looking at both sides of the issue, he would like to see us do the first reading tonight and the second reading later. He would like to leave it open for discussion in the community. Gary Stover then motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE: CHAPTER 205: ANIMAL REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 205.180: ANIMAL WASTE TO BE REMOVED BY OWNER, TO REQUIRE ANIMAL OWNERS TO REMOVE AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ANIMAL WASTE WITHIN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION" on first reading by title only. Pat Smith seconded. City Clerk read by title only. Gary Stover motioned to table the second reading until the next meeting. Pat Smith seconded. 4 (Evans, Stover, P Smith, Hayes) in favor. 1 (Zaccardelli) opposed.

REPORTS

The council reviewed the City Administrator's report. There was no discussion.

Memo #1 – Pending Items. Joe reported that we are still waiting on the judge's order from the Federal Court on the Rails to Trails. Mike Talley stated he had submitted, hopefully, the last pleadings. There is no update on the Williams lawsuit. Joe also reported that they had taken the second NIMS training and Richard Zaccardelli and himself were now certified. Delmar reported that they are doing the training tomorrow at the Police Station. The first session is at 8:00 AM and the second starts at 12:00 PM. Mayor Moss stated that Joe Perkins at the Fire Department has offered to give the training. After some discussion Pat Smith and Barbara Evans said that Saturday would be best for them. Mayor Moss will get with Mr. Perkins to see if he can do it Saturday. It was also stated that Gary Stover and Dee Lynn Davey have taken the first session. Pat Smith asked if we could add to the pending list. It was started to help remind the council of pending items and we haven't added anything to it for a long time.

Memo #2 – Employee Insurance. At the last meeting the council asked the City Administrator and City Clerk to look at some other options and bring back a recommendation. Joe suggested as the base plan we go with Option 5, which leaves our health plan the same except our prescription card. It will go to generic only. This will save the City approximately \$36,000/annually. The employee's out of pocket will range from \$21 - \$155 depending on the plan they choose. Based on that recommendation he also recommends we do a cost of living raise at 3% and a merit raise of 3% on the employee's anniversary date. The other option would be to give a flat 6% raise at the beginning of the budget year to help defer the insurance cost. We also would offer Option 1 as the enriched plan. We need to make a decision tonight about the insurance because we are already late. Richard Zaccardelli motioned to approve the insurance plan as outlined by Joe with Option 5 as the base and Option 1 as the enriched plan. Pat Smith seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Memo #3 – Joplin Home Builders Association. Joe reported that they are building a model home in Carl Junction and would like the City to participate by either waiving the building permit fees or the inspection fees. Joe feels this is an economic development tool. Mike Talley said that if the City Council wishes to do this we need to revise our ordinance to give some leeway to waiving fees. Right now we can only do it in a disaster situation. We can amend the ordinance to make it broader but set narrow guidelines to follow. There was a lot of discussion and the suggestion maybe we could enter into a contract with them for services and not amend the ordinance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Nuisance Committee has not met.

The Budget/Finance Committee has not met. Joe reported that we are working on the budget. He has met with the department heads and got their wish list. He will contact Dee Lynn to set a meeting date.

The Code Review Committee will meet again on 3/7/06 at 6:00 PM.

The Public Facilities Committee had nothing to report.

The Human Resource Committee has no meeting scheduled at this time, but need to get one scheduled.

The Park/Pool Committee met tonight with CJYAA. They reported that they had changed their non-for-profit status from CJYAA to Bulldog Youth Athletic Association. They have a 501 C3. They are getting insurance and will name the City as an additional insured. They discussed other areas for practice as they are running out of room. We need to do some grading and we are

getting ready to move the T-Ball field to make for more parking at Memorial Park. They gave us a list of items they would like some help with. They currently serve 450 kids.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richard Zaccardelli stated he was glad that the Snyder's came tonight to speak. He has had a number of people state we need this ordinance. He knows it will be hard to enforce but with the Globe reporting on it should help make people aware of it. It is like the leash law, it is a good code and needs to be added.

Pat Smith would like to set the Bluegrass Meeting for 2/28/06 at 4:00 PM.

Walter Hayes reported that we are in the process of changing our web site. It is not all the way open and running yet. We need to get our domain name swapped over. We can put anything on it we want and would welcome suggestions from the council. He also asked if we had joined the Home Builders Association. Joe replied yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Talley stated he would not be at the second council meeting in March as he will be out of town.

Joe reported that our long distance carrier, CGI, has filed bankruptcy and we need to find another long distance carrier by 2/28/06. Joe also informed the council that we are on the Village of Airport Drive's agenda for Thursday night at 7:00 PM and encouraged the council to attend to discuss common goals. He also attended an I-49 Coalition meeting. They have asked to make this highway a high priority. They hope to have it completed within 3-4 years. The stretch between I-44 to Harrisonville, Arkansas is the longest but the cheapest. This Interstate will run from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Joe stated that we need to have a closed session for personnel matters. Mike Talley asked if it could wait 24 hours so that we can post it. Joe stated no, that we are leaving to go out of town tomorrow morning and won't be back until Thursday night and we have to discuss this before that date. If not, it will be too late. Mike Talley stated that RsMO 610.021 (3) and City Code Section 110.400 1(c) allows the City to go into executive session without a 24 hour notice if it is an emergency. Walter Hayes motioned to amend the agenda to add a closed session per 610.021 (3): Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. Pat Smith seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Barbara Evans then motioned to go into closed session per RsMO 610.21 (3): Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting closed at 8:00 PM.

Meeting reconvened 8:15 PM. Mayor Moss reported that the City Council went into closed session to discuss personnel matters and no official action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR