

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mike Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Richard Zaccardelli, Barbara Evans, Carl Skaggs, Mark Powers, Pat Smith, Dee Lynn Davey, Walter Hayes and Wayne Smith. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley and City Clerk Maribeth Matney.

AGENDA

Carl Skaggs motioned to approve the agenda. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Barbara Evans motioned to approve the consent agenda. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one here for public forum.

P&Z CASES

The council reviewed Case #06-11, site plan review for Carl Junction Christian Church; Larry Daniels was representing the Church. Mayor Moss opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM. Mr. Daniels explained that they are going to have a drive through and they are adding on 1500 square feet. They have addressed the storm water drainage and have allowed for a retention pond. Walter Hayes reported that the P&Z recommended approval. There was some discussion about the drop off zone. There was no one in the audience against the site plan. Pat Smith asked if the engineers had reviewed it. It was stated that Goodman Architect designed the building. Walter reported that Kurt has been involved in this project. The public hearing closed at 7:10 PM. Richard Zaccardelli motioned to approve Case #06-11, site plan for the Carl Junction Christian Church. Dee Lynn Davey seconded. All in favor. No opposed. There was some discussion about the retention pond. It was stated that we will need to go out for bid on the retention pond.

REPORTS

City Administrator, Jim Whisenant, went over the main points of his report. They were as follows: He has submitted his 2nd editorial to the Jasper County Citizen, pointed out amount of membership dues for ICMA that was part of the agreement when he was hired, went over discussion he has held with Mediacom regarding problems reported by citizens, we had our 1st lead testing on new construction sites, he has scheduled the tour of Joplin's incubator for Friday 8/18/06 after lunch, pointed out his memo on absences of council for meetings scheduled, next school meeting on bond issue is 8/8/06 at 7:00 PM at the High School Auditorium, and that the ground breaking ceremony for new airport terminal is 8/7/06 at 10:00 AM.

Jim also reported that he has hired Steve Lawver part time to help with our Economic Development activities and projects. He will have a presence at City Hall 2 afternoons a week.

Steve Lawver then gave a report to the council. He reported that we had submitted our DREAM application and it will be 6-8 weeks before we hear anything. He stated that we used some of our past Task Force meetings as part of that application. He has had meetings with Kevin Welch and Rob O'Brien and toured the incubator that they have next to their Chamber building. We are also participating in the Tai America targeted industrial study. It consists of Joplin, Neosho, Webb City and Carl Junction. Their website is joplinmetroarea.com and it is a commercial effort to bring new industry or helping current industries expand in our area. We have also talked to Choice Marketing about a marketing plan for Carl Junction. It will be a joint effort between the City and the Chamber of Commerce. Richard Zaccardelli stated we need to be working on a business to fill Mulligan's vacancy. Pat Smith asked about the new car wash. Steve reported that it is about to open. There was also discussion about a road to the Country Club Park from the Briarbrook area. Richard also talked to the new manager for MoDot and stated we need to look at the maps they have for the next 5 years of projects. We will look at their website and talk to Joe Kelly also.

Public works reported that we are finishing up our paving projects and are still researching information on a new pick up. The soft start has been installed at #6 well and is working well.

Police Department reported that they are investigating a burglary on Par Lane.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Nuisance Committee will meet again 8/15/06 at 6:00 PM.

The Budget/Finance Committee asked if the attorney was working on the language for the sales tax issue for next meeting. Richard Zaccardelli asked if we could help the Senior Citizen Center with this money. There was some discussion about previous conversations with them. It was stated that we need to start negotiations again in order to help them out.

The Code Review Committee will meet again 9/5/06 at 6:00 PM. They met tonight and talked about the sign ordinance draft and fence issues.

The Public Facilities Committee will meet 9/19/06 at 6:00 PM.

The Human Resource Committee has nothing to report.

The Park/Pool Committee stated that they have mailed solicitation letters to area businesses for donations for the Bluegrass Festival. They are also looking for chili cook-off entries. They need at least 6 entries. We are also looking for someone to head up the car show.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Talley reported he had a 30 page draft of his response to the Rails to Trails lawsuit that he will mail on Thursday to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Mayor Moss stated he is still looking for names for his Task Force. Richard said that he has some names but he has not contacted all of them yet. Mayor Moss said that we are going to tie it in to the sales tax issue and that we need to look at 20 years from now not just 2-3.

Chief Haase stated that we are ready to pass the ordinance for reimbursement for jail costs. He has talked to the Judge and City Prosecutor and they are fine with the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Walter reported that he will be attending the Human Resource meeting for MML on 8/10/06. He will also not be here for the next council meeting as he will be out of town on business. Mayor Moss stated that the City will pay Walter for his expenses to the MML meeting.

Pat Smith stated that our park signs around town need updated. They look bad. She also stated that Hickory Street needs repaired. She asked if the City crews would check the electricity at the park and pavillions to make sure they are all working for the Bluegrass Festival. Pat also requested if we could look at either renumbering Leisure Lane or maybe renaming one of the streets. There is confusion between Leisure Lane and Leisure Lane Place and the numbering is not consistent. She also has problems with the electricity going off at her residence. Jim Whisenant stated he will contact Gene McMeen about that problem.

City Administrator, Jim Whisenant, reported that our City crews have made our property at 205 N Main Street pad ready. This was to help with our Economic Development activities.

Mayor Moss pointed out that Bill & Ruby Dunn will be celebrating their 50th anniversary 8/5/06 at the Methodist Church from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Ruby is the City Treasurer.

Richard Zaccardelli reported that he had a complaint about dumping in the ditch north of West Briarbrook Lane that runs by 234 W BB Lane. It is overgrown and people are dumping in it. He asked if something could be done about it. He also stated that around the 600 block of Copper Oaks, someone had a hydraulic leak and that the road will need repaired eventually.

ADJOURNMENT

Carl Skaggs motioned to adjourn the meeting. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR