

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mike Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Richard Zaccardelli, Don Marshall, Carl Skaggs, Mark Powers, Pat Smith, Dee Lynn Davey, Walter Hayes and Wayne Smith. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

Pat Smith motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Pat Smith asked that the consent agenda be split for discussion. Mike Talley said he would like to have the minutes reflect he was not present at the last meeting. Carl Skaggs motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Pat Smith seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Pat Smith then asked about the bills for Daniel's Garage. They seem high. Jimmy said he has had a lot of repairs done lately. His equipment is getting old. He still has more repairs to do. She then asked about Barnett Construction. Jimmy said that was for I&I repairs. She asked about Diamond Towing. Jimmy said that he had a pick up towed because the transmission went out and that was just the name of the business. They are located in Joplin. Pat Smith motioned to approve the disbursements. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Steve Lawver introduced Tom Flanigan our new State Representative of the 127th District. Mr. Flanigan stated that he wanted to have a strong working relationship with the City of Carl Junction and looked forward to working with us. He stated that if we had any questions or problems to just call. He gave every council member a business card with his contact numbers.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Moss then opened the public hearing at 7:05 PM to review Case #08-16 – Chapter 412 – Signs. Steve Lawver reported that Planning & Zoning held their public hearing last Monday and recommended approval of the ordinance. He also had sent out a copy to the Chamber and the only response he received was regarding Christmas lights. Mayor Moss closed the public hearing at 7:09 PM. Pat Smith motioned to put “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, BY ADDING NEW CHAPTER 412: SIGNS TO TITLE IV. LAND USE AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 412.010 TO 412.110, INCLUSIVE, TO REGULATE THE USE OF SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI” on first reading by title only. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Pat Smith motioned to put it on second reading by title only with a roll call vote. Carl Skaggs seconded. Zaccardelli-y, Marshall-y, Skaggs-y, Powers-y, P Smith-y, Davey-y, Hayes-y, W Smith-y. Motion on Ordinance #08-46 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.

Mayor Moss then asked the council to review Case #08-18 – Site plan review – 1st Baptist Church. Art Maddox and Clyde Bower, trustees for the church, informed the council that they want to build a bus barn for their bus. They bought it 2 years ago and cost \$50,000. It has been vandalized once already and they would like to get it and a trailer out of the weather. It will be a tin building with a wooden frame. Steve reported that P&Z recommended approval. Kurt Higgins said that since they are putting it on the present pavement it would not cause any new storm water issues. They are only going to have electricity in the building. There was no one against the site plan. Don Marshall motioned to approve the site plan. Pat Smith seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

REVIEW BIDS & RECOMMENDATION ON MINI TRUCK

City Administrator, Steve Lawver, reported that we received only 1 bid for the truck and it was from Graham Equipment for \$7400. It was higher then they thought by \$1000. He is recommending we reject the bid. Jimmy is looking at different equipment that is more needed then this truck. Richard Zaccardelli motioned to reject the bid. Don Marshall seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Moss then stated that he would like for the council to consider giving the employee's 1/2/09 off since it is on a Friday. They worked hard last year during the holiday season during the ice storm. He feels it is well deserved. Pat Smith motioned to put “AN ORDINANCE DECLARING JANUARY 2, 2009 A HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEE'S” on first reading by title only. Don Marshall seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Pat Smith motioned to put it on second reading by title only with a roll call vote. Carl Skaggs seconded. Zaccardelli-y, Marshall-y, Skaggs-y, Powers-y, P Smith-y, Davey-y, Hayes-y, W Smith-y. Motion on Ordinance #08-47 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's report.

Police Department – there was nothing to add. Shop with a Cop is scheduled for 12/20/08 at 7:00 AM at the Rangeline Wal-Mart.

Public Works report – there was nothing to add. The council stated they were doing a good job on the leaf pick up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nuisance Committee had nothing to report.

Public Facilities Committee had nothing to report.

Budget/Finance Committee had nothing to report.

Human Resources Committee reported that they had met and would like to have some items they discussed put on the next agenda. Most are not going to cost the City any money such as sick days. They also discussed the health insurance and Richard asked that they look that over. Mark put a lot of work into it.

Citizens for Better Life Committee reported that they lost Gary Stubblefield as their manager due to his health. They are looking for a new manager.

Park/Pool Committee reported that they are still working on the veteran's memorial.

Code Review Committee had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Moss informed the council we had pictures for the council of the pink hair meeting since the Post Office met their goal.

Mark Powers asked that Mike Talley look at a green zone for the City to add to their zoning code. It would include parks, golf courses, athletic fields and that type of areas. Mike Talley said he will research it. Mark feels it would help promote Carl Junction and give people who are marketing for Carl Junction a selling point. It would also keep them from being developed. The trails would also be green areas. Mayor Moss stated it was a good idea.

Richard Zaccardelli then asked that the council look at barriers along busy roads. He asked Bill Dunn about evacuating along busy highways and Bill responded that it would depend on the situation on whether he would evacuate or not. He asked if they have a crisis plan. He also raised questions about safety along the busy roads, such as the daycare and the damaged caused by the Joplin Special Road District when they damaged the cars. Fir Road is close to the homes and he feels that we need barriers for the residents. We need to protect our people. There was some discussion about Fir Road and busy roads in general. Mayor Moss agreed to have P&Z look at it.

Steve reported that he has been working with PILR on a camera link for the Community Center. It would run \$1804 with no additional charges. It would not be a security camera it would only be for observing construction progress. The council did not feel they wanted to pursue this project.

Steve then brought up the church at 208 N Main, Reverend Harrell Boyd, stating that the building permit is going to expire on 11/20/08. He has not done anything since his last meeting with Ed and Steve. He would like some direction on how to handle this situation. They have tried all avenues. Don Marshall said it would be bad to shut him down due to lack of money. It was asked what options we have. There was discussion about the reverend's health, his ability to finish the project, and what benefit it would be to shut him down. Steve said it was a no win situation with everybody. The council was not opposed to giving him another extension. Mike Talley stated that action had to be done by the building inspector.

NEW BUSINESS

Jimmy said that he is going to replace a 4" sewer line along Cherry Street. There is no way to clean it out. We will have to set a manhole but we have the 10" pipe to put in.

Steve reported that they had figures for sidewalks by the schools. Phil is taking it to his board for approval Monday. Steve also reported we have the opportunity to eliminate one of our lift stations. We have talked to Steve Hayes and he will give us a sewer easement across the golf course for \$5000. Kurt said that it would cost \$200,000 to put in the gravity fed line. It will hook onto the line from Oscie-Ora Acres. We will have to bore under the railroad. Steve said that we had one claim on this lift station a few years ago.

Steve then talked to the council about making the lift station's generator ready. It will cost about \$3000 per lift station. We are also looking at generators to go with it. We have found a new one for \$21,000 with a one year warranty but would need some other modifications to make it ready to use. Joplin Industrial Electric found 3-4 used ones that are ready to use with a 5 year warranty for \$15,000-\$16,000. We will go out for bid for that.

Steve then said that the Men of Briarbrook had a meeting. They are very supportive of the City buying Briarbrook and are willing to work on their end of it if we take it to a vote. Steve also reported that Steve Hayes approved for Kurt Higgins to look at the infrastructure for renovation at the Country Club. There was some discussion about this proposed project.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard Zaccardelli motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dee Lynn Davey seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR