

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday October 04, 2016 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Michael Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Richard Zaccardelli, Mark Powers, Roger Spencer, Wayne Smith, LaDonna Allen and Mike Burns. Aldermen Bob Cook and Don Marshall were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

Mark Powers motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Mark Powers motioned to approve the consent agenda. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one for public forum.

CHAMBER REPORT

Gary Stubblefield reported that the Bluegrass Festival was a success. He thanked the council for allowing them to change the parking on York Street. The traffic seemed to flow much better. He thanked the PD and the PW and all the volunteers for a spectacular job. They felt the attendance was as good as last year if not better. He also reported that they will be hosting 2 seminars this next week. They are also starting to plan for their 2017 Business Expo.

REPORTS

The council reviewed the Administration report. There was nothing added.

Public Works report – had nothing to add.

Police report – had nothing to add.

Building Inspector report – it was commented that he added a column for APD inspections. Mayor Moss said he keeps us up to date on what is happening in the City.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance – Mark Powers stated that we will be paying off our JJ Hwy lift station loan since we have the funds to do that at this time.

Code/Nuisance – Don Marshall had nothing to report.

Human Resources – Roger Spencer reported that they met last weekend with a handful of employee's regarding the current health insurance plan. It seems to be going good except in the claims department. They are working on that part but it seems to be going OK.

Public Facilities & Planning – Wayne Smith had nothing to report.

Senior Citizens - Richard Zaccardelli just stated that there seems to be some activity going on at the Center almost every day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Burns referred to the Joplin Globe article about our solar power savings. He is wondering why we aren't seeing much difference. Steve said that the comparison was from August of last year to August of this year. If we are comparing dollars and cents it is not real accurate. We need to compare KW hours. Mike Burns said he would like that report. Steve said it is not separated out but all bundled together and it is hard to read. He is working on getting it separated out. He says the KW hours are down but not my much. Mark Powers asked if we could read the meters ourselves. Steve said that Empire will be coming over to show him how to read them. It was stated that we need to get a lot of money back. It was asked if they are producing as promised. Steve said all the panels are producing. He said that we have 2 different account numbers but 1 meter number that shows what is received and what is delivered. Mark Powers said we need to find out what is going on and get it explained to us. There was a lot of discussion about the solar panels and that we need to get on top of what we are or are not saving.

Mike Talley stated that the attorney, on our litigation case, had filed for an extension and it was granted.

Mark Powers said that he feels that the council needs to slow down on their decisions and take time to think about them. He has been burnt twice, once on the housing that was proposed to go out by Casey's and the other the naming of our gymnasium. It is now all emotional and he does not like it. If it is not on the agenda we should not vote on it and look at it closer. He said we have now opened up a can of worms. He feels that the person needs to be a resident or a business of Carl Junction to have something named after them. He means no disrespect but Jensen Smith was not a resident of the City. He stated that we need to slow down and ask more questions before we vote on something.

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Maribeth Matney reported that we had inquired about updating our utility and tax software. The upgrade is free but we found out that our server cannot handle the upgrade. Our server is 6 years old and it will cost \$4900 to replace it with something that can handle our software for several years in the future. She is asking the council for permission to purchase the new server. Richard Zaccardelli motioned to allow City Hall to purchase a new server for the software upgrade. Mark Powers seconded. 5 (Zaccardelli, Powers, Spencer, W Smith, Allen) in favor. 1 (Burns) opposed. Mike stated that he felt we should wait till next

meeting to vote on it so they had an opportunity to think about it. He asked Steve if we got other quotes. Steve said he did call around for prices.

Steve Lawver said that we should be getting our health insurance renewal in a couple of weeks. We are also looking at changing our effective date from 12/1/16 to 1/1/17 (calendar year) to help the employee's manage their deductibles better. He then said that a few years ago we passed an ordinance to allow elected officials to get on our health insurance plan if the insurance company allowed it. They were to pay 100% of the premium if they chose to sign up. We now have had a request for part time and appointed officials to be allowed to option in on the insurance plan. Steve said that we could do something similar as to what we did for the elected officials at no cost to the City. Steve did caution that the part time employees may not make enough money to pay for the premiums. He asked the council for their input. It would be a change in our policy. Mark Powers stated that we could maybe do a 50/50 split or some other kind of split. Mark Powers suggested that Steve come up with some proposals to give to the council to consider.

Steve then also reported that we will have to have a single audit done since the grant money received for the WWTP Expansion was federal money. We did not have any idea until DNR asked where our single audit was for last year. Taylor Green will be doing a single audit for this year and last year. We received a \$2,000,000 grant.

CLOSED SESSION PER RSMO 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

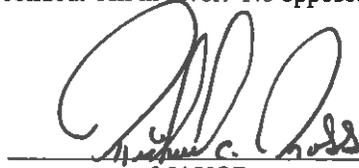
Mark Powers motioned to go into closed session per RsMO 610.021 (3): Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. Roger Spencer seconded. Zaccardelli-y, Powers-y, Spencer-y, Smith-y, Allen-y, Burns-y. Council went into closed session at 7:39 PM.

Council reconvened from closed session at 8:02 PM. Mayor Moss stated that no action or vote was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR