

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday November 19, 2013 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mike Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Don Marshall, Steve Daniels, Mark Powers, Bob Cook, Tim Smith and Roger Spencer. Aldermen Sean Haase and Richard Zaccardelli were absent. Also present were City Clerk Maribeth Matney, City Administrator Steve Lawver and City Attorney Mike Talley.

### **AGENDA**

Mark Powers motioned to approve the agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Steve Daniels motioned to approve the consent agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Craig Hull, 404 N Roney, is with the Joplin Sports Authority. He stated that he wants to be involved with the planning of the proposed sports complex. He also wants to help with the promotion of it. He suggested we involve the BYAA also. He thinks that he can provide input on what is needed. He stated that getting tournaments to come would be difficult since it is very competitive but if we were looking to upgrade our complex he thinks we are on the right track. Tim Smith asked if there are grants to build the complex. Mr. Hull was not sure and would have to research that. Mr. Hull said he is a resident of Carl Junction and is very supportive of the idea for the local kids. He wants the kids of our community taken care of also. He said that BYAA will keep the fields busy. There was a lot of discussion about the fields and everyone working together on this project. It was stated that they would like the school's input also. It was agreed that we need more fields and space.

### **CHAMBER REPORT**

Gary Stubblefield reported that they had a great November meeting. He also reported that they had the ribbon cutting for the new pavilion on Saturday and had the biggest crowd at any ribbon cutting. The CJ Chamber hosted a Chamber Summit last Friday for other area chambers. It was a very good meeting and found that they all had a lot in common. The Christmas parade is 12/8/13 and they have 5 new members in the Chamber. Their next meeting is 12/5/13 and on 12/10/13 they are having their business after hours at Minerva Candy. On 12/12/13 they are having their Network at noon. Tim Smith talked about the bricks they are selling for the sidewalk to the pavilion. He bought one and challenged all the council to buy one also.

### **APPROVE ELECTION RESULTS**

The City Clerk read the election results from the Local Use Tax ballot question. It failed 69% to 31%. Mark Powers motioned to approve the election results. Bob Cook seconded. All in favor. No opposed. The City Clerk mentioned that it failed in all the local area.

### **ORDINANCES**

Mark Powers motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING" on first reading by title only. Steve Daniels seconded. Mark Powers asked if this was the same program we looked at with all the restrictions. Steve reported that Harry Rogers and he went to Columbia about this project. The USDA has made significant changes to their loan program, where before it used to take 120 days to get your money now it takes 30 days. Also they did not use to pay upfront cost but now they do. You can also draw up to 95% of the loan up front. The help they offered was significant. We need to take a look at it. We can back out at any time prior to drawing the money. Steve is recommending we go forward to see if we can get it. Mark Powers agreed. They suggested we complete the application and get it approved. The money is available at the state and we could have it by the end of winter or the 1<sup>st</sup> of spring. Mark Powers motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Don Marshall seconded. There was no discussion. Steve Daniels motioned to put it on final passage. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Zaccardelli-absent, Marshall-y, Daniels-y, Powers-y, Haase-absent, Cook-y, Smith-y, Spencer-y. Motion on Ordinance #13-58 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 report.

Public Works report – had nothing new to report.

Police Department report – Chief Haase reported that he had an officer that was looking at taking a job in Kansas. He has an officer to fill the position if he leaves. Tim Smith asked about Shop with a Cop. Chief Haase stated it was scheduled for 12/14/13. They have 300 kids on the list and they will have to pare it down. Tim Smith encouraged the other council members to get involved. He did it last year and it was the best experience he had last year.

Court report – had nothing new to report.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Budget/Finance – Mark Powers reported that he had reviewed the monthly bank reconciliations and everything looked fine. He also asked for a budget meeting for 12/3/13 at 6:30 PM to go over the 6 month financial report.

Code/Nuisance –Don Marshall had nothing to report.

Human Resources – Steve Daniels asked that the council not fill out their City Administrator review forms until after their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. He would like to schedule that meeting for 12/3/13 at 6:00 PM.

Public Facilities & Planning – Tim Smith reported that they met tonight at 6:30 PM to go over ballot language for the sports complex question we would like to place on the ballot in April.

Senior Citizens - Richard Zaccardelli was absent

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Bob Cook asked that Mike Talley research our animal control codes. He understands that the PD hands are tied to some extent. He would like for Mr. Talley to draft a letter to be sent to the residents. He offered to pay for it himself because he is tired of it. Mark Powers suggested that since our dog licenses are up for renewal in January that we give them the paper when they get their license. Tim Smith does not feel that all residents should be punished because their dogs bark. There should be some tolerance and that it should take more than 1 person to complain about it. Mr. Cook listed off 6 people who have complained to him. Tim Smith stated he wanted to protect the other dog owners who don't need to be fined. There was some discussion about his letter. Mr. Cook said that all dog owners should get a copy of the letter. Mr. Talley said he needed direction from the council or the Mayor on this letter. There was a lot of discussion about this problem. Mr. Talley stated that his job is to advise the City. He does not prosecute any cases. That would be up to the City Prosecutor and what he is willing to prosecute. Chief Haase suggested that we put together a summary of the ordinance and had it out with the licenses. He stated that they only cite the offender and are not responsible for the punishment. Mark Powers stated that residents probably do not have any idea of our codes and that we probably just need to let them know what it is. Mr. Talley agreed it was probably smarter to let the Chief hand out the code with the license.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Moss reported that the Fire Chief is upset with him because he wanted a driveway off of Main Street and the Mayor said it was city property and we were putting in a sidewalk. The Fire Chief accused him of not listening to his request and the Mayor responded it was city property not the Fire Department. He just wanted the council to know because he might approach them about it. Mr. Cook said that the Fire chief already had contacted him and he explained that it was City property and when he left the house he thought he understood. It was stated that we need to do what is in the best interest of the City.

Steve Lawver stated we had received a request from Bailey's Eats and Sweets to give them a letter to accompany their state application for a liquor license. The City Clerk explained that this letter just states that we have one available to issue when they get approved. Tim Smith motioned to approve the letter. Mark Powers seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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MAYOR