

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 16, 2007 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 Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

Carl Skaggs motioned to approve the agenda. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Carl Skaggs then motioned to approve the consent agenda. Dee Lynn Davey seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one for public forum.

RESOLUTION FOR CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN MO SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Steve Lawver went over the grant application. He stated he met with the City Administrator and David Stephens trying to put the grant application together. They decided to go for a technical assistance grant this year. They felt it would be in the best interest of the school. Each of the Board of Aldermen has to sign the Resolution as part of the grant application. Pat Smith motioned to approve and sign off on the Resolution. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PAINTING BIDS FOR TOWER #7

City Administrator, Jim Whisenant, reported that we had to postpone the bid opening until 1/24/07 due to the ice storm. Pat Smith motioned to table the item until the next meeting. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

CONSIDERATION OF CEASING PORTABLE SANITATION DUMPING AT WWTP

Jimmy Chaligoj reported that he has one company that currently dumps at our WWTP. He said he is having trouble with rags, nails and other items being in what is being dumped and they dump straight into our wet well. We are really not set up for this type of activity. They do it in Joplin but they test it before it is dumped. We do not have enough manpower to monitor it. He also said that if we do it for one we would have to do it for others. We had a wet well pump go down and it cost \$8000 for the pump. They found a shirt in it and that is what caused it to fail. We are not under contract with this company. Mike Talley said there are no legal obligations. He felt that 30 days notice was fair and there should be no problem that he can see. This is for the council's information only and does not need council approval. It was the consensus of everyone that we should stop this practice.

REPORTS

Jim then went over his report. Item #2 was regarding the request of the use of the City Hall facility. Mike Talley helped out and Jim will review his draft and have it ready for the next meeting. #8 reported that we had met with MoDot to discuss moving Hwy Z to Main Street. They will have a conceptual plan by 2/16/07. Most of the cost will be put together by then and we could apply for some 50/50 money with MoDot. They will have the final numbers by 3/16/07. The City will need to make a decision then. Up to that date there is no cost involved. #9 is a conceptual plan for a splash park that could be added to Center Creek Park. Larkin Aquatics has done this drawing. There has been no expense to date. #11 reports they met with MoDot and the school to discuss the flow pattern at the new CJ Jr. High. There was also discussion whether a stoplight is needed. Jim will continue to talk to them regarding this. On page 4, #2, work is being done on the detention pond at Deerfield Estates. In Miscellaneous regarding health care options he pointed out that Wayne Wilmes is here to discuss that. Item #4 discusses the new minimum wage law that was passed. There is a wide speculation on the impact on municipalities. Mike Talley stated that there is a penalty provision in the new law that exposes the City if they fail to abide by the law. He advised we should probably do what we can to minimize our exposure until the issue is resolved. He is not sure that we will have a fast resolution or if they can make it retroactive. It could go on a long time. Chief Haase reported that the MO Police Chief Association is drafting an emergency injunction. Mike Talley said that could help in the short run. We should limit our exposure. There was more discussion of the impact to the City. On item #5, regarding the request to use the police station for elections, Mike Talley said that some cities use City Hall. Dee Lynn said that there is no easy way for the elderly to get around at the school. They have to walk 2 blocks of hallway's to vote. The council discussed traffic issues also. Chief Haase said that he would like to have someone clean the carpet and take care of it otherwise he has no problem with it. Steve Lawver suggested we approach the CJ Christian Church. They have a gymnasium that could be used. It is also ADA compliant. Jim will contact the church to get permission to use it as option one and if they can't we will use our courtroom as option 2.

Jimmy reported that he had to order salt and cinders. They had only 1 complaint on their ice removal. He is also going to start a disabled list and will try to start doing cul-de-sacs if it is big enough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Nuisance Committee had nothing to report.

The Budget/Finance Committee met tonight and discussed the budget process. They have set a schedule for the next couple of months to put the budget together.

The Code Review Committee has a meeting set for 2/6/07.

The Public Facilities Committee had nothing to report. Pat Smith requested that we add a light to the list for the Senior Citizens facility. Jim will research it.

The Park/Pool Committee had nothing to report.

The Human Resources Committee will be meeting 02/20/07.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Talley reported that he had discussed with the City Administrator, Jim Whisenant the New Life Pentecostal Church on the non-conforming use issue. The building permit was issued during the 6-month period. They looked at the issue and feel that the applicant needs to prove the issue. We do not feel this is our burden to bear. Also since he expanded the facility beyond the original structure they would be disqualified for the non-conforming use.

Chief Haase reported that he would need to purchase 2 vehicles this year. We need to go ahead with the bid process so that we can order them by the middle of next month. We will take delivery after May 1st. The council agreed to put out the RFP.

Jimmy also reported that he has a few pieces of equipment he needs to order by 4/1/07 but will receive after 5/1/07. There was some discussion about procurement.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Zaccardelli reported that the Senior Citizens Center is ready to come talk to the City about their needs. He asked that they be put on the agenda to talk to the council. It was stated that we need to research what other towns are doing. Mike Talley said at some point he will need to be involved. We need some idea of the direction first. It was also pointed out that in Webb City and Carthage the city owned their buildings.

Richard then discussed getting an access to Country Club Park at the end of Zachary. Jeff Stutesman said that he would leave a path for the City. We need to look at it and lay it out.

WAYNE WILMES – INSURANCENTER – HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL QUOTES

Wayne Wilmes, Insurancenter, went over the insurance quotes for next year. He pointed out that Anthem had bought out Blue Cross/Blue Shield. There are not a lot of differences between the 2 companies but Anthem is a larger corporation. Before we could build our own packages, Anthem has prepackaged products. We currently have a base plan and a buy up plan. Wayne then went over the spreadsheet with our old rates and the new quotes (see attached). The Base plan has an increase of 1.98% and the renewal is Column 1. The buy up plans are in Column's 3 & 5. If we go with #3 the increase is 7.26% if they go with #5 option the increase is 1.06%. There was discussion between the two plans. Taking the group as a whole, if we go with option #5 the increase is 1.58% and if we do #3 it is 3.55%. There was discussion of all the plans. Wayne said the only problem they have had with Anthem is the conversion of the information to the computers. They are headquartered in St. Louis. Carl Skaggs motioned to accept the proposals. Mark Powers suggested we table until the employees can see the options and give them the choice of #3 or #5 since they pay the difference. Carl rescinded his motion. Jim asked about other plans. Wayne said that they are available but they decrease the current benefits. Mark Powers motioned to table this item until the next meeting to get the employees input. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR