

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 at 7:00 at City Hall. Mayor Jim Wisdom called the meeting to order with the following present: Richard Zaccardelli, Barbara Evans, Mike Moss, Gary Stover, Pat Smith, Mike Palmer, Walter Hayes and Wayne Smith. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley and City Clerk Maribeth Matney.

### **AGENDA**

Mayor Wisdom stated that we needed to add items 6a & 6b for proclamation for FFA and Community Support Services. Mike Palmer motioned to amend the agenda as requested and approve as amended. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Barbara Evans motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Pat Smith seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Enoch Black, 507 S Main, addressed the council about code enforcement issues. He stated that our codes need to be enforced as written and not as she interprets them. She should not be allowed to say what they need. It is unconstitutional. He would like for the council to look into it. He has been here 10 years and he feels that it is not as "nice" a place to live. Joe stated that Mr. Black has been cited into court and he could not respond to this at this time. Mr. Palmer thanked Mr. Black for coming forward and it was not the City's intention to not be as "nice" as they were. Mr. Black stated that there were a lot of people who felt the same. He thinks that the codes should be enforced in the affluent areas of town but not the blue-collar areas.

### **PROCLAMATIONS-Patriotic Week, FFA Week, Community Support Services**

Mayor Wisdom then presented proclamations to the Elks Club, FFA Club and the Community Support Services Association.

### **P&Z CASE**

Case #05-01 – Annexation of 35 acres from Briarbrook Development. Ray Schmidt stated that this 35 acres is directly south of the last 40 he annexed. It is west of Copper Oaks. It does not quite reach Fir Road. There are another 18 acres there and another 60 acres before he reaches Joplin Street. Gary Stover reported that the P&Z Committee recommended approval. There were no conditions. There was no one in the audience for or against the annexation. Mayor Wisdom closed the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

### **STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS UPDATED BOOK**

Joe reported that our engineers have updated our specification book. Mike Talley reported that we would have to have an ordinance to adopt the updated specs. We adopted the previous ones by ordinance and it is in our codebook. There was some discussion about the spec book in general and what we use it for. Mike Talley said he would have the ordinance ready by the next meeting.

### **HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Our health insurance has come back with a 2% increase for renewal. It will be effective 3/1/05. We have 2 plans. The base plan is what the city pays for and the enriched plan the employee has to pay the difference. The base plan is a 70/50 plan the enriched plan is 80/60. The first 2 columns are our current rates. Columns 3 & 4 are the renewal rates with no changes to the plan. Columns 5 & 6 are changing the prescription card to generic only. The council discussed about the employee's paying 10% of the dependents coverage. They also stated that we could do that pre-tax for the employees. We can do that at a later date if necessary. Gary Stover motioned to renew our health insurance program with the same plan as last year with the City paying 100% of the employee coverage and the employee paying 10% of the family and dependant coverage and the city paying the remaining 90%, with the City also setting up a pre-tax payroll deduction for the employee. Mike Palmer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

### **REPORTS**

The council reviewed Joe's report. It was discussed that we are taking some delinquent taxes to court.

Memo #1 – Pending items. Joe stated that we would be trying to do all the major roads in town with the counter Joplin has loaned us. He will be having his initial meeting with the county commissioner and road districts about some of our roads at 10:00 AM 2/16/05. It was stated that we couldn't do a traffic count on the Highways. Pat asked about the soccer fields since the budget was coming up. Joe said the budget committee needs to meet.

Memo #2 – Police Chief's position. We have received 19 résumé's and 4 are in state and the rest are out of state. We need to get the committee together to look them over. Joe would like to send out a questionnaire for them to answer and then narrow it down to 4-5 for interviews. Joe will be contacting the committee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Walter Hayes reported that the budget committee needs to meet. It was decided to meet Thursday 2/17/05 at 3:30 PM. Mike Palmer requested water data for the meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Richard Zaccardelli reported that the Briarbrook greens had severe vandalism again.

Walter Hayes reminded Joe that we need to set a retreat date.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Gary Stover reported that the P&Z Committee elected Steve Stone as their chairman and Mike Brower as the Vice-Chairman. They also asked if Gary would see if the council would look into the speed bumps at the High School in their driveways. It seems to back the traffic up out onto the highway.

Pat Smith said we need to start on the Bluegrass issues. She needs help since she has her hands full right now. Mike Palmer said he will help with the electrical issues and will look over the flyer to see if we need to modify it. The City Clerk stated that the office could mail out the fliers once the changes had been made. Pat said she needs to meet with the car show person.

Joe reported that the water test all came back OK. Joe also reported that they would be looking at the traffic around the schools again. There was some discussion about making some of the streets one-way to keep the traffic flowing. Richard Walters will be coming out to meet and discuss it. There was some discussion about Wise Street and the problem is going in and not coming out.

Mayor Wisdom reminded the council that the fluoride issue would be on the ballot. We need to decide on how we are going to finance it. We could do a lease purchase or a short-term loan. Gary Stover also said that Allgeier-Martin had it on a 10-year pay back and he thinks that it should be 5 years. We also need to discuss water rates and the capital outlay it will require.

Mike Talley reported that a motion has been filed to extend their time to respond to our motion to 2/22/05 on the Rails to Trails issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Walter Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mike Palmer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM.

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