

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 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 was 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. Carl Skaggs motioned to approve the consent agenda. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

CLOSED SESSION

Carl Skaggs 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. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed. 7:16 PM.

Mayor Moss stated that they went into closed session to discuss the probability of hiring a City Administrator. Pat Smith motioned to amend the agenda to add 5(a), an ordinance to hire a City Administrator. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCE

Pat Smith motioned to put “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH JAMES LLOYD WHISENANT TO SERVE AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, LESS ONE DAY, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HIS EMPLOYMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION” on first reading. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Pat Smith motioned to put it on second reading by title only with a roll call vote. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. Zaccardelli-y, Evans-y, Skaggs-y, Powers-y, P Smith-y, Davey-y, Hayes-y, W Smith-y. Motion on Ordinance #06-23 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 stated he would like to appoint James Whisenant as City Administrator. Pat Smith motioned to approve the Mayor’s appointment. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Mayor Moss and James Whisenant then signed the proper documents and Mr. Whisenant took his seat as City Administrator.

PUBLIC FORUM

Audrey Preston, 1206 Meadow Ridge, came to the council along with her neighbors to request a street light to be placed on Meadow Ridge. They have 15 residents and 22 children. It is a matter of safety. They would like to start a neighborhood watch program and provide safety for walkers also. It was stated that the easement is in the rear of the lots and we have contacted Gene McMeen with Empire to provide a cost estimate of what it would take to put in a street light. They would also like Children at Play signs and speed limit signs put up. She handed a petition to the council with the above requests. The council stated they could put up the signs but needed to wait on the light to hear back from Empire.

PLAQUE TO DON MARSHALL

The council presented a plaque to Don Marshall for his years of service. He retired 4/29/06 from the Police Department.

BYAA-BOB WENTWORTH

Mr. Wentworth gave the council an update on the events of the Athletic Association. He stated that 2 years ago they had 550 kids and now the have 800 kids. The problem they are having is running out of fields. They are trying to make improvements to the fields for foul ball protection. They are updating their web page and are going to try to keep it timelier. Bob is the 1st contact for questions and the City Hall has his cell phone number. He asked if it was possible to put a park tax on the August ballot for improvements. There was discussion about deadlines for ballots.

P&Z CASES

Case #06-08 – Preliminary Site Plan Review. This is for the Learn & Grow Preschool along Briarbrook Drive. They were not present for the meeting and they tabled the case. Pat Smith motioned to table until our next meeting 5/2/06. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Case #06-09 – Curtis Smart, vacating part of Bair Drive. Curtis Smart, 102 Bair Drive, was at the meeting to request the council vacate part of Bair Drive not being used for road-right of way. This was on the original plat for a street easement to access phase 2. The developer sold the land for phase 2 and it was never completed. It dead ends to the back of the adjacent lot in another subdivision. We have had numerous complaints about the upkeep of the property. Mr. Smart stated he and his neighbor are willing to reimburse the City any cost to vacate this road right of way. Mike Talley stated that a survey is not necessary. We need to get the language off of the original plat and vacate that part of the road. We don’t need the legal to draw up the ordinance. At some point in

the future the landowners may need it. When we pass the ordinance to vacate it automatically goes back to the adjoining landowners ½ and ½. There was discussion of easements on the property. Pat Smith motioned to draw up an ordinance to vacate this section of road. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

BIDS ON EQUIPMENT & SEWER RATES

The council reviewed the bids on the brush hog. They are as follows: Tatum Motor \$3065, Lambert \$3224.13 and Fritz Motor \$3952. Jim Chaligoj recommended the bid from Tatum Motor. Pat Smith motioned to accept the low bid from Tatum Motor. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

The council reviewed the bids on the Kubota mowers. They are as follows: Anderson Car & Tractor \$21770 with trailer, Fritz \$21150.08, trailer \$1225, Ozark \$22122, no trailer, Enlow \$21600, \$1850 trailer. Jim Chaligoj recommended we go with Anderson Car & Tractor. Walter Hayes motioned we accept the low bid from Anderson car & Tractor. Dee Lynn Davey seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

We only received the one bid for the tornado sirens. It was explained that this is the only company that carries this brand of sirens in the area. There is one on the east coast and west coast and then this company. The bid is from Blue Valley Public Safety for \$30318.60 (2 sirens installed). Pat Smith motioned to accept the bid. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

The council reviewed the bids on the fluoridation project. Mayor Moss explained that the original estimate was for \$140,000. The actual bids were \$190,000 for temporary structure and \$246809 for permanent structures. MACU said that there was no problem in loaning the City \$257,000. There was a lot of discussion about whether to go with a 5 or 10 year loan. It would raise the customer rates \$2.50 monthly on an average if we go 5 years and \$1.56 monthly if we go 10 years. There was a lot of discussion amongst the council on how long and if we should rebid it. It was the consensus not to rebid it. After more debate among the council Pat Smith motioned to table this item until the next meeting so we could review all the information. Mark Powers seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Dean Willis's letter was reviewed regarding our current sewer rates. He is recommending a 3 cent per thousand gallon increase on our sewer rates. This would mean an increase of 18-19 cents/month per household. He also wants to negotiate with Airport Drive on their rates after we decide on our rates. He has attached a new appendix A for review. Pat Smith motioned to accept Dean Willis's recommendation on our sewer rates of an increase of 3 cents per thousand gallons and have Mike Talley draft an ordinance with an effective date to coincide with our negotiations with Airport Drive. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

The council reviewed our air conditioner bids for City Hall. We received 3 bids for repair or replacement of our current unit. There was quite a difference in the quotes for a new unit. The council discussed on whether we should move our meetings down to the Police/Court room and make our current council chambers storage area. This is for a 4 ton unit. The bid from CLM does not include wiring. Pat Smith commented it does not look like they were all bidding on the same thing. There was discussion about wiring and duct work. It was the recommendation of our Building Inspector, Ed Reeves, that we repair this unit and go with the bid from Z 1-2 Call for those repairs. After more discussion, Carl Skaggs motioned to accept the bid from Z 1-2 Call to repair our unit in the amount of \$864. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

The police department received their bids on the SUV. The council reviewed the bids. They were as follows: Carthage Ford \$21481 new, trade in \$2500; used SUV \$18100 (15,000-20,000 miles); Friendly Ford \$21495.91, trade in \$1800. It will not be a normal every day vehicle but will be handy to have. It is a V-6; our PD cars are V-8's. It is not a pursuit vehicle. It will be low profile, it will also be used to go to meetings, and it will not be fully marked. Walter Hayes motioned to go with the low bid from Carthage Ford for a new SUV. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Car Video System bids were reviewed. These are being purchased by the Homeland Security Grant. We received only 2 bids from one company. One bid was for \$34,000 and the other was \$37,000. Chief Haase recommends we go with the \$37,000 bid since it is a better system. Chief Haase then went over all the features. It is the top of the line and is easy to install. We will be able to do it ourselves. Pat Smith motioned to go with the bid for \$37,000. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCES

The ordinance approving the lease purchase agreement for the fluoride was tabled until the next council meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF MIKE MCDANIEL

Mayor Moss stated that he would like to appoint Mike McDaniel to replace June Chenot on the Board of Adjustments. Barbara Evans motioned to approve the appointment. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

REPORTS

There were no department reports this meeting.

Memo #1 – Pending Items. Mike Talley stated that we needed to put Rails to Trails back on the list. They have filed an appeal to the judge's decision. There is nothing we need to do at this point. We will be starting on well #6 next week. Mike Talley will also be getting in contact with KCSRR about cleaning up the property next to our ball fields.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Nuisance Committee nothing to report.

The Budget/Finance Committee had nothing to report.

The Code Review Committee met tonight. They went over the Peddler/Solicitor ordinance. They would like Mike Talley to get with Joplin and Webb City to see how theirs is worded and maybe we can adapt one of their ordinances. They also went over Chapter 505 regarding the \$1000 surety bond. Walter stated that the surrounding towns no longer require them and is requesting that we change our codes to eliminate the need for the \$1000 surety bond. Their next meeting is 6/6/06 at 6:00 PM.

The Public Facilities Committee had nothing to report. They will be getting with Jim Chaligoj.

The Human Resource Committee had nothing to report.

The Park/Pool Committee will meet 5/16/06 at 6:00 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Administrator Jim Whisenant thanked the council for the opportunity to serve Carl Junction and is looking forward to working with them.

Richard Zaccardelli asked about the letter from Joplin Special Road District. Mayor Moss explained why they had to do the 2” overlay. He said that the county is still willing to put in their \$50,000-\$60,000 on the Briarbrook Drive/Fir Road project but Joplin Special said they do not have the money right now. The total cost of the project was \$306,000 after the second bid. Kurt Higgins suggested we wait and not bid it the 3rd time. He stated we need to wait until we can tie it in with another project such as the APD project at the triangle along Hwy 171. We are planning on paving the shoulder on the west corner and part of Briarbrook Drive, from Fir to Anita Drive.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Zaccardelli stated that Saturday they are having a veterinarian clinic at the Police Station and that we should hand out our ordinance pertaining to animals. He also suggested we put up signs saying “Buy Carl Junction; keep our sales tax dollars here”. He suggested we send out an e-mail to the chamber members to put it up on their signs.

Mayor Moss pointed out that there is an open house at the Community Clinic 5/5/06 from 11-1. The MML is also having a legislature wrap up on 5/16/05. It is \$15/person. It was commented that is our council meeting night.

Walter Hayes asked that we have P&Z look at requiring street lights in our new subdivisions. We can also do that as CID areas also.

Pat Smith & Wayne Smith welcomed Jim Whisenant to Carl Junction.

Chief Haase stated that they were having a driving class 10:00 AM at MoDot Friday morning.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR