

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 5, 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, Walter Hayes and Wayne Smith. Alderman Dee Lynn Davey was absent. Also present was City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

Carl Skaggs motioned to approve the agenda. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Carl Skaggs motioned to approve the consent agenda. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

ORDINANCES

Pat Smith motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND HOWARD L. DARNELL, DOING BUSINESS AS DARNELL BULLDOZING, TO CONSTRUCT AND COMPLETE THE LEXINGTON DRIVE REGIONAL RETENTION BASIN FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, FOR THE SUM OF \$9,095.00; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Pat Smith motioned to put it on second reading by title only with a roll call vote. Carl Skaggs seconded. Zaccardelli-y, Evans-y, Skaggs-y, Powers-y, P Smith-y, Davey-absent, Hayes-y, W Smith-y. Motion on Ordinance #06-40 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.

Pat Smith motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC., TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO LICENSE, INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SOFTWARE FOR OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, FOR THE SUM OF \$7,106.00; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. 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. Barbara Evans seconded. Zaccardelli-y, Evans-y, Skaggs-y, Powers-y, P Smith-y, Davey-absent, Hayes-y, W Smith-y. Motion on Ordinance #06-41 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

City Administrator, Jim Whisenant, pointed out that in his report he stated that some of the telephone carriers are paying the franchise fee under protest. Also on page 2 under miscellaneous items he reported that we are in the early stages of negotiations with Fall Creek Estates about trying to connect the South part of town to the North side of town. We are looking at connecting into Hodge Street. The developer said he would work with us. Jim also talked to the developer about a trail to connect to our Thom's Station Trail from his subdivision. He also stated that they would be having their builders' forum in the near future. We are taking a look at our ISO rating. We will need to adopt a more current code to keep our rating up. They want to talk to developers and other surrounding towns about the newer codes. Mike Talley said he talked to Joplin and they are looking at upgrading. It will be February or March before they adopt the code. Webb City is also looking at it. Mr. Whisenant also reported that he is working on the sales tax information. He wants it to be easy to read.

Department reports. Chief Haase reported that his new officer will go on full duty next week. Richard Zaccardelli asked if we knew who bid on the property at Briarbrook Drive & Fir Road at the auction. We do not have a name yet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Nuisance Committee met tonight and looked at 2 ordinances that were drafted by our attorney. The first one is letting owners do their own rabies vaccinations. The second was regarding how many pets you are allowed. There were a few questions on these ordinances and they will be getting back to the council with them.

The Budget/Finance Committee chairman Dee Lynn Davey is absent, but the City Administrator reported they are putting together a fact sheet for the sales tax issue.

The Code Review Committee will meet 11/7/06.

The Public Facilities Committee reported that they handed out maps of the city. Carl is asking that they make notes of where the street lights are and prioritize the areas that need lights. He would like the maps back in 2 weeks.

The Human Resource Committee has nothing to report.

The Park/Pool Committee chairman Pat Smith reported that the Bluegrass was a success and thanked all the people who helped. She will have the financial report at the next meeting. The Bluegrass Committee will meet 10/10/06 at 7:00 PM. They will be looking at giving the FFA a donation for the petting zoo. They did a fabulous job. They will also be giving the mounted guard a donation for their assistance. Both of these donations will be taken out of the gate funds that were donated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Richard Zaccardelli stated again that we need to start a “Shop Carl Junction” initiative. We need to show where the money goes. We can put signs at the entrances and exits of the city.

Mark Powers asked about getting Briarbrook Drive striped at the Fir Road intersection.

Mayor Moss asked the council what they wanted to do about Fir Road. We need to let MoDot know if we want to modify the plans. Becky at MoDot called and they are going to get an individual to review the traffic flow now and then again after the improvements are made to see how much difference it made. There was discussion about the gas line and why there would be a need to move it if the current road was left open. That is where the big money is. It was stated it has something to do with the storm water but no one had the details. Wayne Smith said that if we keep it open it is too costly. He suggested we let them go ahead as planned and see how it develops. There was also discussion about the maintenance of the road. It was commented that it was a done deal before we got involved. It was also stated that we were appreciative of the representatives and that they tried to do what they could. Richard commented that maybe if MoDot made improvements at the Stones Corner stop light it might work. Mark Powers said that MoDot has no funding for those improvements. It was commented also that MoDot said they would put a sensor on the light if it needs it. There was more discussion about how people are going to use the side streets to avoid the light. Pat Smith motioned not to do anything about the proposed road changes. Barbara Evans seconded. 5 (Evans, Skaggs, P Smith, Hayes, W Smith) in favor. 2 (Zaccardelli, Powers) abstained.

City Administrator, Jim Whisenant, reported we brought 20 River Birch trees back from St. Louis for our adopt a tree program.

Walter Hayes asked about collecting the taxes from the Special Road District. He wondered if we were getting our fair shake and if we need to revisit it. Mayor Moss will bring the City Administrator up to date on that issue.

Chief Haase reported that his officers did a speed study in Deerfield Estates. He said that they were out there during all shifts and that the average speed was 20 MPH. They wrote no speeding tickets. Pat Smith asked if we could take another look at a stop light there now that there are houses in the subdivision. We will need to contact MoDot and check into it.

NEW BUSINESS

Walter Hayes reported he will not be here the next meeting.

Mayor Moss pointed out to the council the map of the overall trail system in the area connecting our area towns. He also asked the council about the memo on 311 N Roney and the storage shed they want to build. Mike Talley said that there is a non-conforming use that is allowed if rebuilt within 6 months. He did not recall the council making any exceptions due to the storm. Mike Talley said we could pass an ordinance but we don’t have anything on the books now. We passed an ordinance waiving fees for storm damage buildings but that was all. He said she could go to the Board of Adjustments but it might not qualify. Mike Talley said that if they make an exception they put all of our building codes in jeopardy. We need to research and if the council wants to be able to grant exceptions we need an ordinance.

Mayor Moss then stated that he has handed out an evaluation form. The contract with our City Administrator calls for a 6 month evaluation to be done. He would like that in by the end of the month.

He also discussed the letter we received regarding our DREAM application. This will keep us in the process. There is also a meeting on 10/13/06 10:00 AM at the courthouse to discuss 2007 storm water grants. He showed the council the certificate that he will be presenting to Mark Cox on achieving his Eagle Scout status on Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT

Carl Skaggs motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR