

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 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, Mike Palmer, Pat Smith, Walter Hayes and Wayne Smith.

AGENDA

Gary Stover motioned to approve the agenda. Mike Moss seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Pat Smith asked about the motorcycle towed to Public Works. Joe stated that was for the Police Department, it had been confiscated. The taxes being paid were on the Verbyck property for taxes up until we bought it. We were compensated during closing for these taxes. The appraisal was on the land for the Police Department in order to get reimbursed from the State. MoDot did the review appraisal at no expense. We have sent a bill to the railroad for the sign we had to replace for reimbursement of our expenses. The re-lettering of the banners was for the Bluegrass Festival. Pat Smith motioned to approve the consent agenda. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Mayor introduced the new Joplin Globe reporter, Derrick Spillman.

ORDINANCES

The council reviewed the ordinance. Pat Smith motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, IN THE ENERGY LEVERAGED LOAN PROGRAM OF THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND ENERGY RESOURCES AUTHORITY AND THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,952 AT 0% INTEREST TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO FINANCE THE INSTALLATION OR CONSTRUCTION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES, SUCH FUNDS TO BE REPAID FROM ENERGY COST SAVINGS REALIZED BY THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION AS A RESULT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE, 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. Walter Hayes seconded. Pat Smith motioned to put it on second reading by title only with a roll call vote. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. Zaccardelli-y, Evans-y, Moss-y, Stover-y, P Smith-y, Palmer-y, Hayes-y, W Smith-y. Motion on Ordinance #04-76 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 read the City's Administrator's report. Mike Palmer discussed Dean's letter about our high flows during the rain and our capacity issues. There was a lot of discussion about abating our infiltration. It was stated it might delay another expansion if we could work on it. It was also stated that the most we could hope to improve it was 30%. It is a big problem in the older lines and manholes. We need to look at smoke testing some lines. It needs to be considered during our budget time. Joe also reported that our Shop With A Cop is at about 50% of what it was last year. Mike Palmer then asked how many reserve officers we have now. Joe reported none on staff but we started it last year and had 3 at that time. We now have 3 candidates that want to apply. We only supply uniforms which we budget a few hundred dollars for the reserves. John stated that they just help out at peak times and to keep their hours they need for certification. Mayor Wisdom said that he has to sign their commissions and he has talked to Mike Talley about this. He has a problem with liability and that they carry a gun. They are not employees and we have no control over them. Mike Talley stated that he checked with MIRMA and they stated they are covered like a regular employee. He wrote a memo to the Mayor, Joe and the council. These officers are subject to our regulations and are under the Mayor. If they are not working out we do not have to call them in. We just stop calling them. They are all POST certified. It was stated that a reserve is like having a new employee but don't have to pay them. Joe stated that he will give the names of the reserves to the Mayor and if he does not want them he doesn't have to sign their commissions. It was also stated that they are not guaranteed a job when a position comes open. They have to apply like all the other applicants.

Richard Zaccardelli asked about the building on the corner of Lone Elm and Fir Rd. Joe reported that it is 2 retired teachers that are going to make it a fitness center. They are upgrading the bathrooms, new lighting and will have to have an inspection from the Fire Chief. Gary Stover stated in April when it was rezoned we told the neighbors that we would keep them informed and they could speak at the site plan review. It was responded that at that time there was a rumor that an auto repair shop was going in there. Joe stated that they are doing nothing to the outside but parking and taking down the fence. Pat Smith reported that the Fire Chief has inspected the building and they told him they are living in the top part and the fitness center is in the bottom part. He also stated they did not need another door. Joe stated he would have Ed go back and talk to them. We need to look at traffic, exterior parking and lighting.

Memo #1 – Pending items. Richard Zaccardelli asked if we should add the Center Creek bridge to the list. Joe has the report back but now we need to find the funding.

Memo #2 – Strip Mall-Jasper County. Mrs. Tullis had contacted Joe about hooking onto the Airport Drive sewer lines. They are not in their city limits. He asked Dean to review our plant capacity and report back to us. See attached report. He does not see a need to curtail economic development.

Memo #3 – I-49 Coalition. This will be an interstate highway from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. They have asked us to contribute \$750 to join this group. It is an annual fee. Joe feels we should be a part of it. There was some discussion about this project.

It was stated that there would be a local subchapter to this group. Louisiana and Arkansas have already started on it. We need to make sure we are not left out of the loop. Joe also stated we are now getting a voice at MoDot. There was also discussion about streamlining sales tax collection. There was discussion about Highway 71 needing to be brought up to interstate standards. The council asked Joe to find out what the other towns are paying in dues and try to negotiate ours.

Memo #4 – W Briarbrook Lane and Hedge Drive drainage project. Joe is lacking one easement but would like to go ahead and order the materials. Mike Talley stated we might need to go through the nuisance procedure to get their attention. We can't work on the property without the easement.

Memo #5 – Policy sale of City property. Mike Talley said that the original policy was set by motion and doesn't have a problem with it being reset by motion. He just stated we shouldn't reset it very often. He also does not have a problem with Joe's recommendation. There was some discussion of the previous policy and the one recommended. It was discussed that we need to have better definition of residential and commercial non-residential. This also only pertains to abandoned railroad property and not any other property that the city may own. Walter Hayes stated that the residential is for residents who are trying to buy property adjoining their property to square it up. Commercial non-residential is for resale or developers. Mike Palmer also suggested we set a minimum of \$100 to make it worth our while. Mike Talley stated we should pass a resolution on this policy. He will draw it up.

Memo #6 – Court report.

Joe pointed out the election notice and the budget updates. There was some discussion about the updates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports at this time. It was stated that they need to start meeting again.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pat Smith stated we need to start looking at a retreat date.

Mike Talley stated we handed out a confidential memo regarding the Rails for Trails. He also has a follow up for the council on this he will get to them.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Palmer stated he received a phone call from a resident asking if we had a policy for developers to provide areas for play in the subdivisions. It was stated no.

Joe reported that he has received a resignation notice from our Chief of Police John Hofer effective 1/1/05. He has done an excellent job for the City and regrets he is leaving. He is recommending we appoint Asst. Chief Ron Shaw as Acting Chief in the interim. He would also like to start the search for a new Chief. He will need the council to be a part of the committee. He also would like for Asst. Chief Shaw to receive the Chief's salary while he is acting Chief. This will take a few months. Barbara suggested we appoint Ron Shaw as the Chief. Joe replied he may not want it and he can apply with the other applicants if he does. Joe will start the advertising. Joe said it is best to go out and try to get the best-qualified candidate. It is in the best interest of the City to see who is available. Mike Palmer suggested we do something at the next meeting for John. It was decided that we would do a proclamation for him.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Evans seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR