

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 07, 2017 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Michael Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Bob Cook, Don Marshall, Richard Zaccardelli, Mark Powers, Roger Spencer, Wayne Smith, LaDonna Allen and Mike Burns. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

Mark Powers motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Mark Powers motioned to approve the consent agenda. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sara Miller introduced herself to the council. She stated she was the new director for the BYAA. She stated she was looking forward to working with the city.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Moss opened the public hearing on Case #17-01 – rezoning 713 S Roney from R-1 to R-2 at 7:06 PM. Steve Lawver stated that P&Z met and is recommending approval. Mr. Alford said that he has 3 ½ acres on that side of Roney. They have put a duplex on the West side of Roney and they want to put one at 713 S Roney. They may develop more later. He has done a lot of clean up on South Roney. He said that although he lives in Diamond his family came from up here. Don Marshall asked about the sewer. He said that it will be gravity fed because the line is at the bottom of the hill. There was no one against the rezoning. Mayor Moss closed the public hearing at 7:12 PM.

Mark Powers motioned to put “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, BY ORDINANCE NO. 99-10 ON THE 18TH DAY OF MAY, 1999, AS AMENDED, TO REZONE 713 S RONEY, CARL JUNCTION, JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI OWNED BY DON C AND DONNA ALFORD, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE, FROM R-1 TO R-2” on first reading by title only. Don Marshall seconded. All in favor. No opposed. There was no discussion. Mark Powers motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. There was no discussion. Mark Powers motioned to put it on final passage. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Cook-y, Marshall-y, Zaccardelli-y, Powers-y, Spencer-y W Smith-y, Allen-y, Burns-y. Motion on Ordinance #17-05 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

CHAMBER REPORT

Gary Stubblefield reported that last weekend they held their 6th annual Business Expo. He said they received a lot of praise for our facility. The tail gate mixer on Friday night was a great success. He said that the Lions’s breakfast will be held 3/11/17. Also the Education Awards are set for 4/20/17 and they are accepting nominations for awards. The City Wide garage sale is 4/29/17 and their next meeting is 4/6/17. LaDonna Allen stated that she felt Gary was doing a wonderful job promoting not only the Chamber but the City as well.

APPROVE EARLY PAYOFF OF 2002A SRF BOND

Steve stated that we had inquired about an early payoff on our SRF 2002A Bond on the WWTP. There is enough surplus funds to pay it off. If we pay it out it would be \$297,550 but the early payoff is \$282,120. We are getting into the high interest part of the bond and if the council authorizes the prepayment Gilmore & Bell will prepare the ordinance. It will be a June payoff. Mark Powers motioned to authorize the early payoff of our 2002A Bond. Don Marshall seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PRESENT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR

This is the proposed budget that the council needs to review. We will pass the ordinance approving the final budget the 1st meeting in April. Steve said that he did an interview with the media about it today. He reported that the outcome was good due to the fact we have paid off some loans and we had the accrual fund to purchase new equipment without borrowing additional funds. It was not as painful as expected. Mark Powers stated that before we started the budget talks we were not sure we would be able to give a raise to our employees this year. Mark said that he was pleased to find that we could give a 2% COLA raise.

REPORTS

The council reviewed the Administration report. Richard Zaccardelli asked about an emergency evaluation of the City. We need to be prepared if we have a train wreck or something. He said it was something to think about. Chief Haase said we have an emergency operation plan in place.

PW report – there was nothing to add. Richard said he had received a phone call about not getting his bill and his water being shut off. He said that we knew we had received his bill back from the post office. The City Clerk explained that we did have several come back and we had to re-mail them this month, but on the other hand the residents know they are to receive a bill each month and if they don’t receive it they can look it up on the website or call City Hall. There was a lot of discussion about problems with the Post Office lately. It was suggested we go down and talk to the Postmaster.

Police report – Chief Haase stated that his repeater coax cable broke on tower #8 and we have to get it repaired. He is estimating it to run about \$4000. We have to have it. We had to reprogram to be able to be ready to sound off the tornado sirens. He

will try to see if LEST will pay for it but they usually don't pay if it is already done. Mayor Moss stated that he will write an emergency order to get it repaired.

Building Inspector report – there was nothing to add. Mayor Moss stated Bud retires the end of March and he hopes the new inspector's reports are as thorough.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance – Mark Powers said that we presented the proposed budget tonight and would like for the council to review it.

Code/Nuisance – Don Marshall stated that they needed to schedule a meeting. Steve said that the P&Z needs to meet on it first.

Human Resources – Roger Spencer had nothing to report

Public Facilities & Planning – Wayne Smith had nothing to report.

Senior Citizens - Richard Zaccardelli had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Talley reported that Bob Cook had asked him to look to see if we could collect our PP taxes with our utility bills. After researching the statutes we are only authorized to file a suit on delinquent taxes up to 3 years but not after 3 years. It does not give us the authority to collect with our utility bills. We also do not have the authority to take them to our municipal court but he has provided the statutes to Bob Cook and the City Clerk. The City Clerk would like to see the state statutes changed.

Mr. Talley then stated that he had filed a pretrial conference on our fence litigation. Our judge, Dean Dankelson has recused himself from the case. Judge Martin was disqualified and Mike Talley requested a change from Judge Crane. That leaves us 2 judges. One of the 2 judges was successful in a suit against the city on a sewer claim and the other judge was his partner at that time. There was more discussion about delinquent taxes and our options. It was stated that Personal Property taxes are the only ones that we have trouble with.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Cook stated that he appreciates Jimmy keeping our parks looking so nice. He also thanked the PW regarding his water issues.

It was requested that Steve find out how much the solar panels are saving per building. Steve said that he has started a spreadsheet and in a couple of months he will have a year's worth of information.

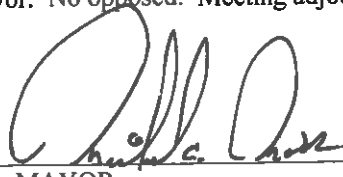
Mark Powers stated that there is a benefit breakfast for Deputy Nolan Murray this Saturday 3/11/17 at the Briarbrook Country Club.

Steve reported that he had talked to Representative Davis about adding Carl Junction to a bill that would allow us to go to the vote of the people for a public safety tax. If it passes the council can decide if they want to put that proposal in front of our voters. We can pass up to a ½ cent sales tax. We can put this to the vote at any time. There is no time restriction on it. It is an option for the council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Cook seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR