

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday February 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Walter Hayes, Hollie LaVigne, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. Bob McAfee was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Roger Spencer motioned to strike the Retail Strategies payment from the consent agenda. Rick Flinn seconded. Hollie LaVigne presented an update from Retail Strategies. LaDonna Allen asked Hollie if she believed they were making progress and Hollie LaVigne said she thought they were and that she was in favor of continuing with them. Rick Flinn agreed with Hollie LaVigne about continuing with the contract. LaDonna Allen also agreed. Walter Hayes said he was in favor of continuing if there were serious conversations about updating infrastructure. None in favor of the motion to strike Retail Strategies from the consent agenda. All were opposed with one absent. David Pyle motioned to approve the consent agenda. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jennifer Gozia-601 Springhill Drive-She was present on behalf of the CJ Cultivators Club. She said their goal is to make CJ look more welcoming and she said they take care of the welcome garden at 171 & Pennell and the planters downtown. Jennifer said currently they store their supplies at public works, but they are asking to find an area where they don't have to worry about stairs. Mayor Powers said Jay Morton's suggestion is to buy a storage building and place it behind the public works building.

Ashley Landon-Student with PSU had questions for the council for a class.

ORDINANCES

David Pyle motioned to put "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, BY AMENDING TITLE VI. BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION, CHAPTER 605: BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX, BY ADDING NEW SECTION 605.095: EXEMPTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A FARMER RESIDING IN THIS STATE SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE TO SELL FARM PRODUCE OR PRODUCTS AT A FARMERS' MARKET**" on first reading by title only. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Rick Flinn said the code committee met on this and is recommending approval. David Pyle asked what the process would be to ensure the farmers claiming an exemption reside in Missouri. Steve Lawver said the farmers market has an application that requires an address.

Walter Hayes motioned to put it on second reading. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Mike Talley said this is already state law and this will bring the city code into compliance.

David Pyle motioned to put it on final passage. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #25-06 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 reviewed the Administration report. Steve Lawver said on February 25th at 6:00 PM there will be a public community forum in the dining hall for the strategic plan. He said Sapp Designs will have architects and engineers available to give presentations and answer questions.

Steve Lawver said they started putting cameras up in Lakeside Park and Country Club Park today.

Public Works report – No discussion

Police Dept. report – No discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there is a budget meeting at 8:00 AM on Saturday February 8.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said there is a closed session later in the meeting.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle said he was glad to hear movement on the strategic planning process.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne said she had given an update on Retail Strategies earlier in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LaDonna Allen said she wants reminders on Facebook about council meetings and doesn't feel it's too much to ask.

NEW BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne said it was LaDonna Allen's birthday yesterday.

Rick Flinn said he talked to Steve Lawver about doing a newsletter possibly once a quarter.

Roger Spencer said there's a problem in Oscie Ora Acres with prowlers and he's spoken to Chief McCall about it.

Steve Lawver said there was one response for Country Club Park from Nelson Enterprises for \$25,000. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the bid from Nelson Enterprises for \$25,000. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Chief McCall said the LEST meeting was today. He said he applied for \$28,000 and if the recommendation from today is approved, they will receive \$25,977.

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

David Pyle motioned to go into closed session. Roger Spencer seconded. Roll call vote: LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Council went into closed session at 7:46 PM.

Council meeting reconvened at 8:30 PM. Mayor Powers said no votes or action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR