

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 15, 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, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

### **AGENDA**

LaDonna Allen motioned to move item 9 on the agenda to immediately follow public forum. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as amended. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Hollie LaVigne wanted to change the minutes from April 1 to reflect partnering with the Briarbrook CID, rather than a donation. Hollie LaVigne motioned to approve the consent agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Chevelle Lawver – 616 Locust – She wanted to thank Rick Flinn, LaDonna Allen, and Mayor Powers for their years of service and leadership.

Tera Miller – 132 Briarbrook Dr – She was present because she wants properly sized water line at soccer fields. She said the school donated a hose, but it can't be used without a properly sized water line.

Richard Housley – 29124 Imperial Road – He wanted to know if a sidewalk had ever been discussed by Casey's from Silver Oaks to Lone Elm. He said it's busy there all the time and asked if it could be considered to build a sidewalk there. Mayor Powers said Steve Lawver could look into it and see what would be required.

### **DISCUSSION OF PROVIDING INTERNET SERVICE TO CITY PARKS**

Steve Lawver said this is a continuation from a previous meeting. Rodney and Dave from Optic Communications were present to answer questions, as was Adam Davenport who works in IT. Steve said there is currently service to the parks, and they currently provide service at 16 different locations. Hollie LaVigne said she had brought this up in the previous meeting and she said Optic reached out to her after the last meeting. They can bring in a temporary portable unit for CJFC to get their cameras hooked up and for the vendors for the farmers' market. She said they were great about answering questions about public networks. Optic said they would bring a temporary Wi-Fi service for the Bluegrass Festival. Carole asked about fees. He said the agreement was for 10 connections and beyond that they charge \$65/month, which is the residential rate.

### **DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

Steve Lawver said this came up in a discussion with Kurt Higgins and an engineer with OWN, Inc. and it would attach to future developments. Kurt Higgins said they received plans from Schuber Mitchell for Fox Briar Plat 7 and he wouldn't approve them until road guaranteed in Fox Briar 6 road was finished, which they can't finish because it's an EPA clean-up site. Kurt said Schuber Mitchell doesn't want to do road through to Joplin Street anymore because it will be too expensive. He said this could be considered as a funding mechanism for future road projects. Steve Lawver said it gives revenue stream for streets, but it isn't so severe that it will hinder developers

Rick Flinn asked if it would be assessed to an individual building a home.

David Pyle asked if there was any mechanism for enforcing construction traffic on the temporary entry. Kurt Higgins suggested potentially fining construction traffic that doesn't use that entrance.

LaDonna Allen asked if it was in writing that they would build a road to Joplin Street and Mayor Powers and Steve Lawver said no.

Steve Lawver asked if this would need to be added into chapter 400 of the code and Mike Talley said yes, it would need to go through P&Z and public hearings would be required.

Kurt Higgins said there would be time between the preliminary plat & final plat processes to get this taken care of.

### **DISCUSSION OF HOOKING UP WATER METERS ON IRON LANE TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM**

Steve Lawver said Mr. Triplett came to him because he has lots at Iron Lane and Ivy that aren't inside city limits. He said he's surveyed the land into 4 lots, but one will likely remain empty so he would need three meters that would come off the water main along Ivy Road. Hollie LaVigne asked if they could annex into the city, and he said they don't have any property that touches city limits. SL said it could be possible in the future because he's been talking to Jasper County about annexing Ivy Road. Hollie LaVigne asked for the pros and cons. Steve Lawver said non-residents pay a water rate that is 2 ½ times the resident rate. He said it does set a precedent for refusing meters outside city limits, but this has always been evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Steve said there's a lot of growth in that area. Rick Flinn asked who pays for the line from the main to the lots and Steve Lawver said the owner would. Hollie LaVigne asked where the property is and SL said it was immediately west of the Special Road District building. Rick Flinn motioned to approve allowing the water meters to be connected to the city's water system. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

### **DISCUSSION OF IRRIGATING SOCCER FIELDS**

Steve Lawver said it would be a project public works would do. He said a 2" water line would be needed to power the water cannon from the school and the price for everything would be \$6,966.84. It will take some time because Jay Morton will have to order the supplies. Carole Wofford asked if the city would provide the water for free or if they would pay for it and Steve Lawver said that it would be up to the council to decide. LaDonna Allen asked if it would be park improvements or water, and Steve Lawver said water.

Hollie LaVigne said she's in favor of it. Walter Hayes motion to approve the project. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

#### **APPROVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CDL ELECTRIC**

Steve Lawver said this was discussed at the last meeting and the maintenance agreement was included in the packet. David Pyle motioned to approve the maintenance agreement with CDL Electric. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

#### **APPROVE BIDS FOR STORAGE SHED AT PUBLIC WORKS**

Mayor Powers said this is what was agreed to for the Cultivator's Club, but the price changed from the first time it was approved. Steve Lawver said the price went from \$7,500 to \$7,850 and it was with Trimline Barns. Hollie LaVigne motioned to approve the bid from Trimline Barns. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

#### **ORDINANCES**

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY TO SPIRE MISSOURI INC" on second reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Mike Talley said this had to be on file with the city clerk for 30 days to allow the public to file petitions to protest. Mike Talley asked if there had been any petitions and Alaina Wright said no.

David Pyle motioned to put it on final passage. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #25-11 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**

Long-Term Project report – Steve Lawver said he reworked the report to get rid of old projects and add new so there is new information on there.

Treasurer's report – Steve Lawver said Hollie LaVigne asked at the last meeting about an annual report and Maribeth said it would be easy for her to do a compilation at the monthly report she does

Public Works report – Hollie LaVigne said the pavilion and concession stand look great.

Police Dept. report – Mayor Powers said he'd like to appoint Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel as an honorary police officer with the Carl Junction Police Department. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the honorary appointment. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen had nothing to report.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle said internet connectivity to the parks would be a discussion for the committee after they are seated.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne said Retail Strategies came to town last week and they're following up on several leads and properties with them.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chief McCall said the camera in the interview room has failed and he said its state mandated to have one in there.

#### **APPROVE CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS**

LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the election results. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed

Mayor Powers wanted to thank the public that utilizes public forum and wanted to thank the police department for keeping the city safe. He thanked the city employees and current and past city councils, and thanked Mike Talley for sage advice

#### **SI-NE-DI**

Mayor Powers declared that we were SI-NE-DI.

#### **SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mike Moss, Hollie LaVigne, James Shanks, David Pyle, and Anita Francis were sworn in.

#### **ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM**

David Pyle nominated Hollie LaVigne. Carole Wofford seconded the nomination. Roger Spencer nominated David Pyle. Anita Francis, Bob McAfee, Roger Spencer, David Pyle, Walter Hayes, Carole Wofford, and James Shanks voted for Hollie LaVigne. Hollie LaVigne abstained.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Hollie LaVigne congratulated the new alderman and mayor.

Roger Spencer said he has the new evaluation sheet and employee handbook for whomever is on the HR committee if he's not on it.

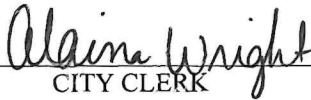
Mayor Moss asked Roger Spencer, David Pyle, and Hollie LaVigne to stay as committee chairs.

Mayor Moss said he would like to see the swimming pool put back online and would like discussion from council members. Hollie LaVigne asked if anything would work to bring the pool online. She said we filled the pool last year and the basin was cracked. Mayor Moss said he disagreed with that evaluation, and he thinks it's the drain and it can be covered. Bob McAfee said if it's going to be filled, we should have a plumber come in with a camera and see where the leak is. David Pyle said what Mayor Moss proposed won't cost much. Walter Hayes said he doesn't have an issue with seeing if there's a low-cost solution to fixing the pool. Carole Wofford said she doesn't mind seeing if the low-cost solution works. James Shanks said getting a second opinion is a good idea, but he'd like to see a professional do what Mayor Moss was proposing. There was a consensus to try Mayor Moss's idea to isolate the master drain in the pool and Mayor Moss directed Steve Lawver to have public works isolate that drain and see if that will fix the pool.

Mayor Moss asked Mike Talley to research the state statutes for what the Mayor and City Administrators powers are. His understanding was the mayor had sole direction of the police department. His understanding mayor had direct supervision of the City Administrator, and the City Administrator had supervision of day-to-day operations for the city

#### ADJOURNMENT

David Pyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR