

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, Hollie LaVigne, Walter Hayes, and Carole Wofford. Bob McAfee and Rick Flinn were 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. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Maria Dam-605 Oak Drive-She said her concern is the storm drain at Oak Drive. She said her house is lower than the street and her fence line is washed out from the last 17 years of rain. She said no stormwater is going to the storm drain on Lone Elm. Mayor Powers said Jay Morton would come down and look at the area and find out why the water isn't draining.

### REQUEST FROM SCHUBER MITCHELL FOR WATER SERVICE FOR THE ESTATES AT FOX BRIAR

Art Elivo-Schuber Mitchell Homes-He said Schuber Mitchell has owned the property for several years now and have been looking at developing it. He said they're requesting water services on the east side because rural water doesn't have the capacity to serve 18 lots there. He said this will benefit the city because they would build a connecting road from Joplin Street. He said the homeowners of those lots will pay 2.5 times the cost of a residential customer which would also benefit the city and there will be a homeowner's association that will maintain the water lines privately so the city would not be responsible for them. Art said it wasn't feasible for Schuber Mitchell to annex the area into the city because of the infrastructure improvements that would be required.

Hollie LaVigne said she didn't like providing water to people who don't live inside city limits but live right next to people who are inside city limits.

LaDonna Allen said when this issue was brought up previously, it had been discussed the road to Joplin Street was supposed to be built regardless and the city was told there was nothing in writing and unless water service was provided to those homes they would not be able to build the road. She said the homes not being inside city limits means the homes won't have to be built to our code's standards and the owners will not have to follow any city codes. LaDonna Allen said she thinks if the city does this it will be setting the city up for failure into the future. LaDonna Allen asked what benefit there is to the city, beyond getting a water rate of 2.5 times the residential rate. Art said the road from Joplin Street will be the other benefit.

Walter Hayes said detention ponds serve multiple purposes, which includes giving water a place to return to the water tables and he said the detention pond is needed there for that purpose. Walter Hayes asked why a detention pond would be necessary if the ravine that runs through the property is sufficient for storm water.

Roger Spencer said a few years ago there was an issue with people wanting water and sewer if they annexed into the city limits and at the time the council said they would not allow anyone to hook up to public utilities if they didn't annex into the city. LaDonna Allen agreed that has been the policy.

Micah Souder was present with Own, Inc to discuss stormwater issues they had looked at.

LaDonna Allen asked if the intention was to annex into the city when the property was purchased and Art said he didn't have the answer to that question.

LaDonna Allen motioned to disapprove the proposal to add city water service. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

### ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put **"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND MID CENTRAL CONTRACTORS, LLC, TO BE A PREFERRED SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PROJECTS, UPGRADES AND MAINTENANCE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, COMMUNITY CENTER, CITY PARKS AND PUBLIC WORKS, FOR THE SUMS SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI"** on third reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said he had nothing to add. Mike Talley said the clause he questioned in the previous meeting is now gone and he has no concerns.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Flinn-absent, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #24-11 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

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Carole Wofford said the names need to be changed on the voting screen. Hollie LaVigne asked about the storm siren activation policy. Steve Lawver said they have been working on the sirens all afternoon and he received a message from Chief McCall that it was a programming issue and they are all now working properly. Hollie

LaVigne asked how much the city had paid for storm siren repair previously and Steve Lawver said he wasn't sure. Hollie LaVigne asked about the process to sound the sirens. Steve Lawver said there are five people that can sound the sirens. LaDonna Allen said she spoke with Fire Chief Perkins and he said there is good communication between the fire department and police department so if a trained spotter sees anything they can let the police department know to sound the sirens. Hollie LaVigne asked if there is an emergency operations plan and Steve Lawver said there is but it has been several years since it was updated and it's time to look at that plan again. Steve Lawver said he is going to Carthage tomorrow to help them get their FEMA paperwork started. Hollie LaVigne asked if there was an idea of how the new car wash would affect our wastewater plant. He said right now we don't. He said his concern is the chemicals they use and if they are chemicals that we are required to test for. Hollie asked if there is a limit for the flow from Airport Drive and Steve Lawver said yes and if they go above the limit they are charged for it.

Treasurer's report – No discussion.

Public Works report – Hollie LaVigne said there's a large tree down at Country Club Park and Jay Morton said he just heard about it today and would be taking care of the issue. Carole Wofford said she received a compliment for Jay Morton from the Cultivator's Club about his help for the plant sale. Mayor Powers said he received multiple compliments from Dogwood Trails area about the fast response to last week's tornado.

Police Dept. report – Hollie LaVigne asked if the digital tickets were up and running yet and Allie Bindel said there is training tomorrow and they should be up and running within a month. Hollie LaVigne asked if there is a radius for take home patrol vehicles and how far they can go and Steve Lawver said it is a 7.5 mile radius.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget/Finance:** LaDonna Allen said she is going to look at the ARPA funds and bring some numbers back to the full council.

**Code/ Nuisance:** Rick Flinn was absent.

**Human Resources:** Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

**Public Facilities & Planning:** David Pyle said there was a meeting at 6:00 PM to discuss pending projects. He said the committee did vote to recommend asking the full board to approve the playground designed by Miracle.

**Economic Development:** Hollie LaVigne said she, Carole Wofford and LaDonna Allen attended a meeting by Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council that was interesting and talked about grants. She said Retail Strategies has completed our marketing guide and she will get that later this week and they have matched us with 32 retail prospects and she has a meeting with one tomorrow.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

David Pyle said since the agreement was approved with Mid Central, one of the first items should be the technology used at council meetings to better get information out to the public during meetings.

Mayor Powers asked if Liberty Utilities had said anything about the solar panel meters. Crystal Winkfield said he hadn't heard back from them yet.

Mayor Powers also asked Steve Lawver about getting meters installed to register solar production. Steve Lawver said he is waiting to hear back from Allgeier Martin about the types of meters that are available.

Mayor Powers asked about the flags at Memorial Park and Steve Lawver said there is a quote for \$31,000 and he asked Liberty Utilities about partnering with the city. He said he gave them options and has not yet heard back about it. Hollie LaVigne asked if there was a temporary lighting solution and David Pyle said they discussed that at the Public Facilities meeting and they are looking at funding it from other options.

Mayor Powers asked about possibly changing the speed limit in front of the golf course to 20 mph permanently.

Hollie LaVigne asked if there is fiber optic available at Frank Dean Sports Complex and Steve Lawver said he would have to check into it. She asked Steve Lawver to get with Jay Morton about hiring a seasonal worker for mowing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**


Hollie LaVigne asked to set up a work session to look at city logos and see about changing them.


Mayor Powers said Spire awarded Jay Morton a Silver Shovel Award for 2022 and 2023 for safe digging practices.

Mayor Powers presented Kenny Wickstrom with a life saving award for responding to a traffic accident and saving someone in distress.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR