

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mike Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Anita Francis, Walter Hayes, Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, James Shanks, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Hollie LaVigne asked about the disbursement to Barker Phillips Jackson. Alaina Wright said that was for the cyber liability policy we carry since MIRMA no longer handles cyber liability. Hollie also asked about the disbursement to S&S Computers for the emails and firewall for City Hall. Alaina Wright said that was the monthly charge billed annually for the Microsoft emails. Hollie LaVigne motioned to approve the consent agenda. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Kristen Hawkins-301 S Main-She said the sidewalk in front of store is dilapidated, says chunks are coming out and wanted to see about getting the sidewalk fixed.

Hollie LaVigne asked if there's a procedure for getting sidewalks fixed. Steve Lawver and Jay Morton said yes and that they are working outward from the school.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS

Steve Lawver said we advertised for bids to get tornado damage taken care of from the tornado on Easter Sunday. There were three bids: Branco Enterprises, Inc. with a Division A bid for \$71,870 and a Division B for \$154,600 for a total bid of \$226,470; Brightergy with no Division A bid and a Division B bid of \$71,137; and RE Smith Construction with a Division A Bid of \$106,084 and a Division B bid of \$74,327, for a total bid of \$180,411. Steve Lawver said Allgeier Martin is recommending the bid from RE Smith for \$180,411. He said there will be an immediate change order because the council decided to abandon the two solar arrays, which will result in a deduction of around \$1,600. Hollie LaVigne asked about wellhouse repairs and repairs to the fencing around the pickleball courts. David Pyle motioned to approve the bid from RE Smith. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCES

Roger Spencer motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A PROMISSORY NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000.00 TO COMMUNITY BANK AND TRUST, NEOSHO, MISSOURI, LENDER, AT A FIXED RATE EQUAL TO 5.50 % ON THE OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE FROM TIME TO TIME UNTIL APRIL 30, 2026, SUBJECT TO OPTIONAL PREPAYMENT BY THE CITY AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PREMIUM OR PENALTY, OUT OF FUNDS DEPOSITED IN THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND DERIVED FROM TAXES AND OTHER REVENUES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2026; PROVIDED HOWEVER, AFTER APRIL 30, 2026, ANY AMOUNT OUTSTANDING SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT THE RATE OF 10 % UNTIL THE NOTE AND INTEREST IS PAID IN FULL; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SAID PROMISSORY NOTE FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Mayor Moss asked about the line regarding 10% after April 2026 and asked why it was in that language. Steve Lawver said it was the language that was sent over from the bank. Mike Talley said we are not approaching our debt limit because this is payable in full by the end of this budget year. Mike Talley said he raised the question of not being paid back prior to April 30, 2026 with special counsel and hasn't heard back yet. He said carrying over the balance to have a 10% isn't something the city should plan to do.

Hollie LaVigne motioned to put it on second reading. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Hollie LaVigne asked if the note was renewed for another year, if that's what the rate would be or if it would change. Steve Lawver said it would change but we can't predict if it would be lower or higher. Mike Talley said that the 10% interest rate on the carried over balance concerns him, and he would like guidance on that. Mike Talley said passing the ordinance doesn't automatically borrow the money, it just gives the city the authority to move forward.

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-yes. Motion on Ordinance #25-17 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 part of the packet was the quote for updating A/V in the council chambers and the proposal on that from Mid-Central is \$14,000. He said someone had asked about the police department proposal and its \$49,440 but that is what they are working on the grant for.

Walter Hayes asked if the work on the Country Club soccer fields was done and approved. Hollie LaVigne said she wasn't satisfied with the work. Mayor Moss asked if the contractor was paid and Alaina Wright said the check was held at the council's instruction. Hollie LaVigne said she didn't know where to go from here but she's not happy with the work. Bob McAfee asked what was supposed to be done and Steve Lawver said they were supposed to bring in dirt and spread it and hydroseed it. Bob McAfee said

it doesn't look like there's enough dirt and Carole Wofford said it is uneven. Hollie LaVigne said the field doesn't look any better than it has in the past several years. Mike Moss asked Steve Lawver what he would do about the situation and Steve Lawver said he would contact the contractor and tell him the council isn't happy with the work done. Steve Lawver said since payment is being withheld from a contractor at this point, he would like the council to vote on not sending the payment. Anita Francis said it's obvious he has done some work and if it was possible to pay part of the invoice. Hollie LaVigne motioned to hold check to Nelson Enterprises until a resolution could be found. Carole Wofford seconded. Hollie LaVigne, Roger Spencer, Walter Hayes, and Carole Wofford were in favor of holding the payment. Anita Francis, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, and Jim Shanks were opposed. The vote was tied, and Mayor Moss voted to hold the payment and broke the tie.

Mayor Moss said there was caution tape around the pickleball courts and people were still playing and asked if the city was released from liability. Steve Lawver said he told Jay Morton he could get the fence cleaned up so that it's not in the way.

Hollie LaVigne asked about the bid for the A/V upgrades to the council chambers. She said she wants to see what that includes, how many hours and how many people for installation because she was looking on Amazon at the equipment and thinks it could be done in house for less than the bid. Carole Wofford asked if it was the only bid, and Steve Lawver said yes. Walter Hayes asked if it was part of the larger technology agreement and Steve Lawver said yes. Mayor Moss asked if the agreement with Mid-Central was for upgrades and Steve Lawver and Hollie LaVigne said the contract is only for them to do the analysis. Walter Hayes said he thought it would be good to go out for bids, and Steve Lawver said this was a proposal only, not a bid. He said it has not been advertised; this proposal was simply a number to get started with. Carole Wofford said she'd like to see bids plus what it would be from Amazon if we install it. Anita Francis suggested gathering two types of bids—one with and one without installation.

Hollie LaVigne asked if anything had been done to the pool and Steve Lawver said no because of the rain.

Hollie LaVigne asked if there was an update on the strategic plan and Steve Lawver said no.

Treasurer's report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – Hollie LaVigne asked if they got the suspect who dumped stuff into the park and Asst Chief Stever said yes.

Public Works report – Carole Wofford said the sidewalk in front of the post office looks good. Mayor Moss asked if the special road district helped at all and Jay Morton said yes Jerry helped for about an hour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Walter Hayes had nothing to report.

Code/ Nuisance: Carole Wofford had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle had nothing to report.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business before the council.

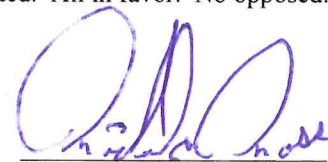
NEW BUSINESS

Jay Morton said he did put up no parking signs on Cowgill from Broadway to Roney because he had complaints.

ADJOURNMENT

Hollie LaVigne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR