

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne called the meeting to order with the following present: Anita Francis, Walter Hayes, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. Bob McAfee and James Shanks were absent. 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 with two absent. Carole Wofford motioned to approve the consent agenda. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Eric Baab-603 Rose Lane-He wanted the board to take into consideration altering the speed limit on Rose Lane. He said the speed limit is 30mph and there are always vehicles parked on the street, and it would be impossible for a vehicle doing 30 mph to stop. Hollie LaVigne asked Chief McCall if that was the correct speed limit throughout the subdivision and Chief McCall said yes.

Michael Moore-801 Delaney Drive-He asked if there was a plan for developing or marketing the property that was purchased at Highway 171 & Gum Road. Hollie LaVigne said we are working with Retail Strategies who will work on recruiting businesses to that property.

He said after the meeting two weeks ago he was talking to Ken Wickstrom and Steve Lawver about the minutes. He thinks the process could be better. Mike Talley said the city clerk should be consulted since they are her draft work product until they are approved.

ORDINANCES

Water Hayes motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 33 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, OWNED BY THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, LOCATED GENERALLY AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 171 AND GUM ROAD IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 28, RANGE 33 IN JASPER COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE BODY OF THIS ORDINANCE" on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: Hollie LaVigne said this is for the property on Highway 171 that we are looking to build on.

Carole Wofford motioned to put it on second reading. Anita Francis seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: There was no additional discussion.

Roger Spencer motioned to put it on final passage. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-absent. Motion on Ordinance #25-34 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor Pro-Tem, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

Someone in the audience spoke up and asked about public forum. Someone else in the audience said the person that interrupted couldn't hear well and she hadn't heard the call for public forum and asked if she could speak then. Hollie LaVigne allowed the unknown female to speak. She did not give her name or address but said she is very upset with what has been done to Mayor Moss. She said she thinks it's a conspiracy that began even before the election. She said the city is destroying the landscape of Carl Junction and she doesn't understand why we need so many employees. She doesn't trust the city administrator, she thinks he went to Carthage to do research about firing the mayor and she thinks it's deplorable what's happened to Mayor Moss.

REPORTS

Long-Term Project report – Steve Lawver said he was going to get with S&S Computers about what it would take for the equipment and installation for the council chambers and he would report back.

Roger Spencer asked how much rock it would take for the road at Center Creek Park and Steve Lawver said not much.

Hollie LaVigne asked if there was another meeting yet set for the strategic plan and Steve Lawver said no.

Treasurer's report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – Hollie LaVigne asked about the issue with the dogs at large. Chief McCall said it's getting worse and it's compounded by the Humane Society not accepting any more dogs.

Carole Wofford said she appreciated the job done on catching the vandals.

Public Works report – Hollie LaVigne asked Claudia Cox if they brought in dirt and Claudia said they did for part of it.

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 said attempting to recruit business is moving forward for the land at 171 & Gum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alaina Wright said the minutes must be approved by a vote of the Board of Alderman, which must be done in a posted, public session, even if the vote were taken by email.

Mike Talley said the only statutes applicable are the ones that require a runoff vote, but only due to a tie vote. He said Charlie Davis relies on RSMO. 115.517 and 115.519 to make his decisions.

NEW BUSINESS

Carole Wofford said a public works crew went behind Scott and Craig and she got a letter back public works for the services and the job they did.

Hollie LaVigne said the homecoming parade is Friday September 19 and the Bluegrass Festival is September 27.

Chief McCall thanked David Pyle and the school for putting up the first responder memorial in the middle of the sports complex.


CLOSED SESSION PER RSMO 610.021 (1): LEGAL ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION OR LITIGATION INVOLVING A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY AND ANY CONFIDENTIAL OR PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES AND ITS ATTORNEYS

Roger Spencer motioned to go into closed session. Walter Hayes seconded. Roll call vote: Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-absent. Council went into closed session at 7:25 PM.

Council meeting reconvened at 7:45 PM. Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne said no votes or action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Carole Wofford motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR