

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 4, 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, 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 Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

David Pyle motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

KEN WICKSTROM WITH A RECAP OF THE FIRST YEAR FOR THE CARL JUNCTION FARMER'S MARKET

Ken Wickstrom was present on behalf of the Carl Junction Farmer's Market. He said they had their last market a few weeks ago and thanked the council for allowing them to use the pavilion at Lakeside Park. He said the market was successful and asked if the market could use the same pavilion next year. He suggested that fans be installed in the ceiling to help with extreme heat and asked if something could be put on the soffit's to keep birds from nesting there. He said at least half of the vendors have already committed to coming back next year. Roger Spencer asked how many vendors they had, and Kenny Wickstrom said the most at a given market was 13.

ORDINANCES

David Pyle motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND SOUTHARD CONSTRUCTION CO. OF JOPLIN, INC., TO CONSTRUCT THE CARL JUNCTION WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUM \$2,496,320.20; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this was from the bid approval at the previous meeting. He said this is the money we borrowed from MPUA.

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

Discussion: Bob McAfee asked if this was to replace old, existing lines that needed to be updated, and Steve Lawver said yes. He said specifically in Oscie Ora Acres it replaces older two-and-four-inch lines.

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

Francis-yes, LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Spencer-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes, Shanks-absent. Motion on Ordinance #25-39 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 the quote from Mid Central was just over \$17,000 and a quote from TEC for close to \$25,000. He said if we buy the products and Scott from S&S Computers installs everything, it would bring the cost down to \$11,226.56. He said if we have to replace any cables there would be an additional cost. Steve Lawver said when we have a contractor do work like this, we shift the liability onto the contractor completing the work, rather than the city. Bob McAfee asked how it would be paid for and Steve Lawver said it would be the General Fund. The consensus among the council was to move forward with the project.

He said the next community meeting is scheduled for November 19, and the engineers and architects will be here from 3-8 pm. He said this will allow people to give input so SAPP can prioritize the projects the residents want done.

Police Dept. report – Chief McCall said they handed out just over 500 child id kits, and they are now out again. Hollie LaVigne confirmed that Shop with a Cop would happen December 13. Carole Wofford asked how many children they would take this year, and Chief McCall said they always try to take around 230 children.

Public Works report – Hollie LaVigne asked how disconnections went with the increased number and Alaina Wright

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Walter Hayes said there was a meeting at 6:00 PM to present the annual audit on the city. He said they also reviewed the budget report for the last quarter and will have the next meeting after the first of the year

Code/ Nuisance: Carole Wofford asked about the P&Z meeting, it will be December 8.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle said SAPP Design did a good job at summarizing the public input.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne Retail Strategies will be here November 18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the trunk or treat and said the Holiday Bazaar will be this weekend.

Alaina Wright said the bills haven't been emailed out yet but Tyler Tech is working on the issue and the amounts are available if anyone needs to know.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Lawver reviewed the leaf vac schedule and said it will be distributed to the public.

Steve Lawver said there was an emergency repair order for a pump at the WWTP that Hollie LaVigne had signed. David Pyle motioned to ratify the emergency repair order. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Walter Hayes said he won't be at the next meeting.

Roger Spencer said the Human Resources Committee will meet at 6:30 pm on November 18th.

ADJOURNMENT

David Pyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR