

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday December 2, 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, James Shanks, and Carole Wofford. Roger Spencer was absent. 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. Anita Francis seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. David Pyle motioned to approve the consent agenda. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

APPROVAL OF ANTHEM BCBS HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

Steve Lawver provided a breakdown of the costs for the current insurance options, as well as the costs for the renewal options. He said it was overall a roughly 14.9% increase. He said there had been one large claim and one moderate claim this year which influenced the renewal amounts. He said the base plan will not have a lowered deductible, but that is balanced by going to a 20% coinsurance in network. He said going with this choice will keep the insurance affordable for both the employees and the city. Hollie LaVigne asked if any employees were changing plans and Steve Lawver said we didn't know that yet because we haven't sent the information to the employees yet. Carole Wofford motioned to accept the renewal as presented. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Steve Lawver said elections sign-ups will begin December 9th and end December 30th. Alaina Wright said they open at 8:00 am on December 9th and are required by law to be open until 5:00 pm on the 30th.

Police Dept. report – Chief McCall said he received another letter from the Jasper County Sheriff about the change to inmate housing costs and Jasper County is delaying that change until July 1st.

Public Works report – Hollie LaVigne thanked the department for getting the Christmas decorations up. Hollie LaVigne asked where the 150 feet on concrete was poured and Jay Morton said it would be on Cowgill Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Walter Hayes had nothing to report.

Code/ Nuisance: Carole Wofford had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer was absent.

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

Walter Hayes said next year it might be prudent to consider a pass through the Schoolview Estates subdivision next year.

Hollie LaVigne reminded everyone of the Lions Club breakfast Saturday December 6th. She said the funds will go to Shop with a Cop this month, which will be held on December 13th.

Crystal Winkfield reminded people that the Christmas parade will be held Sunday at 2:00 PM.

Gina Newby requested permission to speak. She said she wanted to know the process to get a streetlight considered to go in at the parking lot around the lake on Sunnybrook. Steve Lawver said he would turn it into Liberty Utilities, and they will look into it and see if it's possible to get a light put in that area. He said it was the second time in the past month someone had brought up having a light there.

ADJOURNMENT

David Pyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. James Shanks seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.