

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem LaDonna Allen called the meeting to order with the following present: Jim Gozia, Bob McAfee, Rick Flinn, Roger Spencer, Mike Burns, and Gary Stubblefield. Mayor Mark Powers and Mark Satterlee was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Maribeth Matney, Deputy City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

Mike Burns motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Mike Burns motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Pro-Tem Allen asked for discussion regarding Case #21-07 – Annexation 54.4 acres – Rainer and Ilona Scholz

The public hearing was opened at 7:02 PM.

Steve Lawver said P&Z heard the case and they are recommending approval. Terry Mitchell was present to speak on behalf of Rainer and Ilona Scholz. He said they would like to eventually build a neighborhood with approximately 160 homes.

The public hearing was closed at 7:04 PM.

ORDINANCES

Mike Burns motioned to put “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #21-08 ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2021 BY ADDING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ” on 1st reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Gary Stubblefield motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Mike Burns asked about the May 1, 2021 date. Mike Talley explained that was the date the original ordinance was passed, and the amended ordinance would be effective as of its passage and not retroactively.

Mike Burns motioned to put it on final passage. Gary Stubblefield seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

McAfee-yes, Stubblefield-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #21-35 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.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Steve Lawver said last Friday we received \$139,000 of ARP money which was not the correct amount. Steve resubmitted our documentation and we will receive the additional money this Friday.

Public Works report – Jay Morton had nothing to report.

Police Dept. report – Gary Stubblefield said a resident and her children had a bad experience at Memorial Park and would like to see additional policing of the area.

Court report - No discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Ladonna Allen said there was a budget meeting earlier tonight where salaries were discussed. She said further research will be done and another meeting will need to be held. There was no action taken on salaries. Ladonna also informed the board the police department needs four new ballistic vests to replace expired vests, and both the police department and public works need new reflective vests.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Bob McAfee had nothing to report.

Senior Citizens: Richard Garrett said The Center is open again and there are new people joining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gary Stubblefield said Bill Stansberry’s concerns from the previous meeting have already been addressed.

Mike Burns asked why an ordinance didn’t follow the public meeting earlier. Mike Talley explained there is a 14 day waiting period to allow for any objections to the annexation process, and only after that 14 days has passed can an ordinance be presented to the board.

Steve Lawver got quotes for replacing the shed at Frank Dean Sports Complex with containers, and the containers will cost between \$3,300-\$5,700 per container depending on the quality of the container. Mike Burns asked if there’s anything that could be done to the containers to keep them safe. Steve Lawver said that would be the responsibility of the BYAA to buy locks so they will have the keys or codes for whichever locks they buy.

Steve also said we bought a sewer camera earlier this year and applied for a grant from MIRMA and we will be receiving \$6,000 from that grant for a partial reimbursement of the camera.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Burns showed a picture from April 2017 showing flooding in the same area where homes are being built and trenching is dug around the new homes. He questioned what happens to the existing homes when the water is diverted by the new construction and the trenches. Steve Lawver said the trenches do not divert the creek, they divert water back to the creek. Steve said the issue was already studied by engineers when the plat was accepted. There was also discussion of how to keep creek water out of our water system, and regarding roads and city infrastructure in the event of flooding.

Mike Burns said something needs to be done about trash pickup at Lakeside Park.

LaDonna Allen asked if there's any way to get Kansas City Southern Railroad to follow city codes at their right of ways. Steve Lawver said no.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Stubblefield motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR