

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 02, 2017 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: Bob Cook, Don Marshall, Richard Zaccardelli, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns, Jeff Hammons and Randy Hutcheson. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

AGENDA

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Rosie Bogart, 214 Lakeview Lane, addressed the council. She is with the CJ Cultivator’s Club along with Vicki Kramer. They are here to ask the council’s permission to build a bridge across the creek in Memorial Park. Jean Roy’s memorial was donated to the garden club to go towards this bridge. They are trying to put it all together but wanted the City’s blessing before they get too far. They also want to plant some bushes around the pavilion. Once it is built the Cultivator’s Club wants to make sure that the responsibility and liability of the bridge will be transferred to the City. Steve stated that we have talked about putting in some culverts in that creek but not the part where they want to put the bridge. Mike Talley suggested the city look at the plans for the structure since we will have liability responsibility. Rosie stated that the bridge would be 20’-25’ long. It was also stated that it needs to be 5’ wide for ADA standards. Richard Zaccardelli asked if we could tie in the veteran’s memorial with it. He had envisioned a covered bridge with veteran’s memorial references. LaDonna Allen said they need to come to the Public Facilities Committee with their plans when they get them put together. There was discussion about volunteer labor versus hiring someone one to do it. There was also discussion of the culverts and where they are going. It was suggested that the Chamber might be able to help and that maybe the school program could build the bridge.

ASSIGN DESIGNATED SIGNATURES ON CBT BANKING ACCOUNTS

Mayor Powers stated that we need the council to authorize the signatures that will be on our Community Bank & Trust accounts (checking, money market, certificate of deposits and safety deposit box). It was stated that the old signatures were Mike Moss, Maribeth Matney, and Ruby Dunn. The City Clerk also reported that a couple of them still had Jim Wisdom on them. The council stated we needed to get them all corrected. Richard Zaccardelli motioned to put Mark Powers, Ruby Dunn and Maribeth Matney as signatures on all our Community Bank & Trust accounts and remove Mike Moss and Jim Wisdom off the ones that they were on and not to renew our safety deposit box as there is not a need for it anymore. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

REPORTS

The council reviewed the Administration report. There were no additional questions or comments.

PW Dept. report – reported that we did get some water in the WWTP basement. It got into our control room that has our SCADA system and electric boxes. We do not know if there will be any damage in the future but everything is running for now. There was a lot of discussion as to why it came up so high this time. It was discussed that it might be the new culvert DNR made us put in. It was questioned if we clear the channel and widen it if that would help. Jimmy said that it was just up a few hours and then right back down. He has never seen it move so fast. Jeff Hammons summed it up by stating that all is working great now but we might have problems down the road. Jimmy said yes. Bob Cook then asked about the walking trail. He does not think we should ask for money to repair it again. Steve said that he has no answer now but we are looking at permanent fix to relieve the pressure so that it won’t wash out again. Richard Zaccardelli commented on the shut off’s. It was down from the previous months. LaDonna wanted to thank the PW for the all work they did. The ball fields will need some work. It was asked about mosquitoes. Jimmy said he has a new fogger that is oil based and will work better. He also said that people need to treat their own yards and there are products that they can do that with. Mayor Powers said that pond in Lakeside Park had some run over and we will need to fix a small spot on the trail. Jimmy said he will look at it. It was stated that BYAA got their equipment out before the flood waters hit.

Police report – there was nothing to add.

Building Inspector report – there was nothing to add.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance – Mike Burns said he had reviewed the bank statements and they all looked OK.

Code/Nuisance –Don Marshall had nothing to report.

Human Resources – Roger Spencer had nothing to report

Public Facilities & Planning – LaDonna Allen said that they will be scheduling a meeting. They are also going to do a tour of the WWTP after things calm down if anyone else wants to go.

Senior Citizens - Richard Zaccardelli stated that Zelda Fowler passed away and that the Senior Center won an award at the Chamber Banquet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Steve reported that they had a pretrial for our former court clerk. They are pushing for no time served and we are pushing back.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Cook said that there was a drainage problem at the end of Cherry. Jimmy said he would look at it. Bob also stated that there is a car at Chitwood & Allen that has been parked for 3-4 months. Chief Haase said he would look into it.

Mayor Powers reported that he has asked Steve to give each council a map of their ward (11X17) and that if they have a problem they can mark it on the map and give it to him. Steve said he would also send out an electronic version. Mayor Powers also stated that we are looking into our utility bills. For the last few months we have had a lot of problems with our bill cards. It is taking 2-3 weeks to get checks in or receive bills. Our software will sort by carrier and we are checking to see if we sort by carrier if they would stay in Carl Junction and not go to Springfield. Steve said last month 2% of our bills did not make it to our residents. Mayor Powers also stated that our software has a module to allow us to e-mail bills. He would like the budget committee to look into maybe budgeting for the module. Richard Garrett also said we need to encourage direct draft for our residents. Mayor Powers also reminded the council that he would like to have a picture taken after the meeting of the elected officials.

Mike Burns asked that we look into Quail's Nest water drainage problems. He stated that cars on the streets had water up to the bottom of their doors. It needs to be addressed. Steve said we would look into it.

Steve handed out pictures of the flood damage. He said that the water was moving fast this time. Steve pointed out that the piling on the bridge was cracked. He is having the engineers look at it. Another problem is the debris that needs to be removed from around that area. He has started contacting some companies to give us an estimate. BYAA has started cleaning up the ball parks and are going to use a temporary fence for now. They plan on starting their ball games Monday. They have asked that the city grade the parking lot and replace trash barrels that floated away.


One other thing Steve wanted to address was the house at 202 Terrill. This is the 2nd time it has flooded and he wants the council to consider buying it out through the buyout program. If we take it out it will make it all flow better. It is the house right beside the apartments. Chief has done a good job in trying to get help for them. They are disabled. Cooley branch always flood and Center Creek also backs up into it. It is an old house. Bob Cook said that he is not in favor of it. People should be aware of the danger with they buy in low land areas. He does not think this is good use of our tax dollars and it does not benefit the City.

LaDonna Allen asked Steve to talk about our water meters. Steve stated that we met with our meter company as they will no longer be producing the MXU's that we use. They are changing them out since they have a protected frequency. We have to upgrade our MXU's. Steve said he did not like the options proposed and would like for us to look at going to a fixed base system. That way we can read the meters from City Hall and not have a person driving around town. Currently it takes them 3 days to read the meters. We have submitted all the service addresses to the meter company and they are doing a study on it to see if we can switch to that program. When the numbers come in we will need to set a Public Facilities meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting. Don Marshall seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

The Carl Junction City Council met in special session on Tuesday May 02, 2017 at 6:45 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: Bob Cook, Don Marshall, Richard Zaccardelli, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns and Jeff Hammons. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

APPOINTMENT OF WARD III ALDERMAN TO FILL VACANCY

Mayor Powers stated that he would like to appoint Randy Hutcheson to fill our vacancy in Ward III. Richard Zaccardelli motioned to approve Mayor Powers's appointment. Roger Spencer seconded. Bob Cook stated he would like to ask Mr. Hutcheson a few questions. He asked how he felt about Carl Junction. Mr. Hutcheson stated he lives on West Briarbrook Lane and has since 2004. He used to live on Scott Drive. He has lived in Carl Junction several years and has raised 2 sons here. His wife is serving on the school board. He stated that Carl Junction is a terrific place to live and raise children. He also thinks there are opportunities to expand our businesses in the area to benefit the town. Everyone goes to Joplin for entertainment and dining and we need to keep it here in Carl Junction All in favor of Mr. Hutcheson's appointment. No opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Don Marshall seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.


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