

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: Rick Flinn, Don Marshall, Richard Zaccardelli, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns, Randy Hutcheson and Mark Satterlee. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, and City Clerk Maribeth Matney.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one for public forum.

CHAMBER QUARTERLY REPORT

Ashley Butcher from the Carl Junction Chamber of Commerce discussed the tornado relief efforts. She stated that Martha Neiss did a lot of volunteer work and expressed thanks for everything she did. Second Tuesday was a larger turnout than what was expected with attendee's numbers reaching between 1500 and 2000 people. They are hoping for continued growth. The Bluegrass Festival will be coming up in September. Butcher stated that she has started working on sponsors and grants and that the vendors and bands are pretty much booked. There have been 6 ribbon cuttings in the last six months and five more scheduled in the upcoming months. The chamber has added 26 new members this past year. LaDonna Allen stated that Ashley and Martha were helping with the relief most of the time. Allen also stated that they were great at organizing other chamber members to help as well. Allen stated that she feels they went above and beyond and is very thankful for the help received.

DISCUSSION OF TORNADO RECOVERY

Steve Lawver stated that the trail and park waterway cleanup of downed trees is underway. Lawver stated that Jimmy has looked at the trees and have pulled some up to keep from impeding the water. Lawver stated that there are more trees further north of Center Creek and he is not sure how soon the city can get to them. Lawver stated that the Copper Oaks walking trail have very large trees that are impossible to get to. Lawver stated that he feels the city will need to contract the job out. Mike Burns asked if there was any way to join with the CID on tree removal. Steve Lawver stated that might be a possibility. There was discussion on the options for tree removal. Rick Flinn asked if leaf pickup had started. Jimmy stated that it has not started yet. Randy Hutcheson discussed the condition of the house located at 303 Briarbrook Dr. Steve Lawver stated that the city is having trouble finding the parties responsible for the property. There was discussion regarding locating the owner. We contracted to have the tree's removed from the tornado and used our nuisance ordinance to get that work done. Due to its condition, Lawver stated that they are working on the steps to condemn and demo the house.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Mike Burns asked about hazard mitigation funds for the use of the ballparks. Steve Lawver stated that the funds are from FEMA and are granted on an occasional basis. FEMA mitigates funds for damages caused by disasters such as flooding. In this case, the funds could help with the flood damaged ball fields. Mike Burns stated that this ballpark season has been rough due to the amount of rain and flooding. Burns feels that there is renewed motivation to build a new ballpark.

Public Works –Richard Zaccardelli asked Jimmy if the water tower on Copper Oaks was damaged by the tornado. Jimmy said the tornado went north of the tower and there was no damage.

Police Dept. - Chief Haase stated that the last of the LEST money grant has been spent. Haase reported that 4 schools were broken into on the night of 6/17/19. The culprits stole a key faub, money, and merchandise. Haase stated that by noon on 6/19/19 the police had the suspects in custody and the merchandise had been returned. Haase stated that the security footage was very helpful in identifying the culprits. Chief Haase stated that he's going to have the Police Department cars drive all of the streets showing the tornado damage. He stated that he wants to have the damage recorded, and a saved copy kept at city hall.

Building Insp –Nothing to add.

Court report - Nothing to add.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Mike Burns looked over the bank statements for the month of May. There were no irregularities.

Code/ Nuisance: Randy Hutcheson- nothing to add

Human Resources: Roger Spencer- nothing to add

Public Facilities & Planning: LaDonna Allen would like to see if a Public Facilities & Planning meeting could be scheduled for July 2nd at 6:00 PM.

Senior Citizens-Richard Zaccardelli nothing to add.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rick Flinn asked Steve Lawver about the log cabin on Pennell St. Steve Lawver stated that the log cabin had been sold and the new owners have started cleaning up.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Lawver stated that some employees have asked about Friday July 5th and whether they can take that day off without pay. After much discussion, Roger Spencer motioned to allow City Hall to close July 5th. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor no opposed. Motion passes. City Hall will close on July 4th & 5th. Chief Haase has a conference next week and will be gone. Mayor Mark Powers reminded the board not to call Jimmy directly to ask him to do things. He stated that they could call Steve, set up a committee meeting or call him.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mark Satterlee seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR