

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday December 03, 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, Mark Satterlee and Randy Hutcheson. 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

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Mayor Mark Powers stated that during the previous meeting, in the closed session the council discussed personnel issues and no actions were taken, and he would like that added to the minutes from the previous meeting. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda with Mayor Powers amendment to the previous minutes. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

PROCLAMATION FOR SETH TAYLOR

Mayor Mark Powers read a proclamation commending Seth Taylor for actions taken to save the life of his neighbor.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Powers asked for discussion regarding Case #19-14 – Site Plan Review – Cherry Estates – Burns Investments.

Steve Lawver stated P&Z heard this case and they are recommending approval of the site plan. He stated it also got a recommendation from the city engineer. Ladonna Allen moved to approve the preliminary site plan as recommended by P&Z. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Steve Lawver reported he and Maribeth Matney had a meeting with SEMA earlier that day. He reported that currently the city expects to apply for around \$300,000 in assistance. He also stated they are looking at an electrical system hazard mitigation plan for the lights in Frank Dean Sports Complex, but SEMA needs information on the scope of the project and an estimate. Mayor Powers asked if there's any indication the city will be reimbursed for tornado expenses. Steve Lawver stated they did not have an answer to that question yet. Mike Burns asked if it were possible to do more than just move the electrical boxes. Steve Lawver pointed out that for SEMA to consider it, it has to go through a cost benefit analysis. Ladonna Allen asked if the work done along Center Creek could be included in the hazard mitigation plan. Steve Lawver responded in the negative, saying the two things are not related and can't be combined. Ladonna Allen then mentioned it would be helpful if the Army Corps of Engineers could assist the city in a plan for the sports complex to move more than just the electrical boxes. Steve Lawver stated that planning grants are available that could help with the cost, but the scope for those grants is very narrow. Roger Spencer said moving the outlet boxes would be no problem, but moving the circuit breakers could be an issue because those can't be moved any higher. Steve Lawver stated that issue would be considered during the estimate.

Public Works report – Mayor Powers stated he's had positive reviews from residents about the leaves being picked up. Jim Chaligoj stated they have all the parts for the Fairway project to begin. Mayor Powers questioned if the city has the easement for that project and Steve Lawver responded yes. Mike Burns stated he's thankful for the Christmas decorations public works has put up.

Police Dept. report – Delmar Haase reported there were thefts in the Dogwood Trails area because residents aren't locking their vehicles. He also reported Shop With A Cop is having an issue because Wal-Mart chose to have 3 separate agencies there at the same time and if it's not fixed by tomorrow the location will move to Webb City Wal-Mart. He also stated a patrol vehicle was damaged during the past week when it hit a deer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Mike Burns stated there was a meeting at 6:30 where changes to the funding of the employee dental plan was discussed. He stated the committee decided the city had the funds available for the city to pursue the changes. He said the committee had planned for an 8% increase in health insurance rates beginning January 1, and since that rate isn't increasing the city will have additional money available in the health insurance fund. Mayor Powers asked if the decision needed to be made by the first of the year. Steve Lawver responded that the issue needed to be decided during this meeting because the changes will go into effect on January 1. Mike Burns also stated the committee discussed the fixed assets system, which they will look at again during the upcoming budget meetings. Roger Spencer motioned for the city pay 50% of the cost of dental insurance. Mike Burns asked if the council could discuss why the HR committee decided the city should begin partially funding the dental insurance. Roger Spencer stated the committee felt it is good to show employees the city is taking care of them and Mark Satterlee stated it could be a tool used for employee hiring and retention. Rick Flinn mentioned how much overall health is tied to dental health. Mike Burns said he wants to be nice but the money has to come from somewhere and it might not be feasible in the future. Steve Lawver pointed out the percentages can always be changed. Ladonna Allen pointed out the city will be committed to fund the insurance for a year, not just the remaining budget cycle. Mayor Powers said he doesn't believe the cost will be an issue during the short term. Richard Zaccardelli asked if Webb City and Joplin offer dental plans. Steve Lawver stated he did not know the answer. Mark Satterlee asked if the dental insurance was an elective service. It was responded that it is an elective, and the \$9600 is the lowest possible price with the current

employees signed up. Rick Flinn asked what the cost would be if everyone signed up for it. Steve Lawver stated he could not answer that question because it would depend on which plan each employee chose. Richard Zaccardelli seconded the motion made by Roger Spencer. All in favor. No opposed.

Code/ Nuisance: Randy Hutcheson had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: LaDonna Allen said the committee needs to meet at 6:30 on December 17 to discuss the ongoing projects.

Senior Citizens- Richard Zaccardelli stated Stephanie Denham is retiring, and that the seniors are decorating and getting ready for the holiday. Maribeth Matney stated the TrebleMakers will sing at The Center on December 10.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Talley stated he is missing 2 reviews from the council. He also stated pretrial conference for the Dr. Boyle case is set for February 3 at 9:00 AM.

Randy Hutcheson asked for an update on 303 Briarbrook Dr. Steve Lawver stated the city advertised and asked for bids on Monday. Maribeth Matney stated the bids are due December 13.

Maribeth Matney reminded everyone that December 17 is the opening day to file for election.

NEW BUSINESS

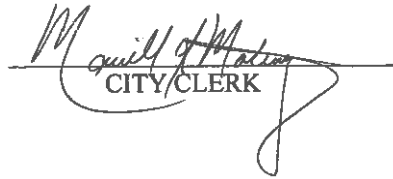
Richard Zaccardelli stated there are 45 new homes in Briarbrook because of the Schuber Mitchell construction and 90 new cars that are going down Briarbrook Drive and asked about the possibility of getting a 3-way stop at the Briarbrook Drive and Fir Road intersection.

Rick Flinn stated Wayne Donham's visitation is from 6-7 at the Fire Department on December 4.

Richard Zaccardelli stated the Joplin Globe had a phone poll and the results were 77% of respondents were in favor of raising the vaping age to 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Ladonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.


CITY/CLERK


MAYOR