

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday August 16, 2011 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mike Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Richard Zaccardelli, Don Marshall, Carl Skaggs, Mark Powers, Dee Lynn Davey, Sean Haase and Bob Cook. Alderman Steve Daniels was absent. Also present were City Attorney Mike Talley, City Administrator Steve Lawver and City Clerk Maribeth Matney.

AGENDA

Carl Skaggs motioned to approve the agenda. Dee Lynn Davey seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Carl Skaggs motioned to approve the consent agenda. Mark Powers seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one for public forum.

CHAMBER REPORT

Gary Stubblefield reported that the last Chamber meeting 8/4/11 was packed. After their meeting they had ribbon cuttings at Edward Jones and Cutting Loose Graphics in Airport Drive. He handed out a calendar of events for October for Breast Cancer Awareness month that the CJ Cares put together. Their goal is to be #1 seller of stamps this year since they are retiring the stamp. They will also be doing another group photo but it will be held in Joplin to accommodate the crowd. They are trying to reach the goal of 1000 people this year. Their next meeting is 9/1/11.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX LEVY FOR 2011

Mayor Moss opened the public hearing on the tax levy at 7:09 PM. There was no one in the audience for or against the levy. Steve Lawver explained that the assessed value was flat this year. The tax levy will be \$.8852 with \$.4045 for the GO Bond and \$.4807 for the General Fund. This is about a 13 cent increase. We have 4 years left on our old GO Bond account. That bond was for a WWTP Expansion in 1994. The council also stated that we were not doing a voluntary reduction this year. The reason the rate went up so much is due to the flat growth rate for the last couple of years. Mayor Moss closed the public hearing at 7:17 PM. The council then had a 10 minute recess for an ordinance to be printed up on the tax levy. Meeting reconvened at 7:27 PM. Mark Powers then motioned to amend our agenda to add the ordinance approving our tax levy for 2011. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCES

The council reviewed the ordinance approving the tax levy for 2011. Carl Skaggs motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 ESTABLISHING SAID LEVY \$0.8852 PER HUNDRED ASSESSED VALUATION ESTABLISHING THE ALLOCATIONS OF SAID FUNDS TO GENERAL FUND AND GENERAL OBLIGATIONS SINKING FUND" on first reading to be read in its entirety. Mark Powers seconded. Mayor Moss asked for discussion. There was no discussion. Carl Skaggs motioned to put it on second reading in its entirety with a roll call vote. Don Marshall seconded. Mayor Moss asked for discussion. Dee Lynn Davey said that it was dollars not cents in the reading. Mark Powers motioned for passage of the ordinance. Carl Skaggs seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Zaccardelli-y, Marshall-y, Skaggs-y, Powers-y, Daniels-absent, Davey-y, Haase-y, B Cook-y. Motion on Ordinance #11-27 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

The council reviewed the ordinance approving the 11th Addendum to the Village of Airport Drive contract. Mark Powers motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ELEVENTH ADDENDUM TO THE SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND THE VILLAGE OF AIRPORT DRIVE, MISSOURI, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID ELEVENTH ADDENDUM FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. Carl Skaggs seconded. Mayor Moss asked for discussion. Steve Lawver reported that the flat rate is \$29.00. Carl Skaggs motioned to put it on second reading by title only with a roll call vote. Mark Powers seconded. Mayor Moss asked for discussion. There was no discussion. Carl Skaggs motioned for passage of the ordinance. Mark Powers seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Zaccardelli-y, Marshall-y, Skaggs-y, Powers-y, Daniels-absent, Davey-y, Haase-y, B Cook-y. Motion on Ordinance #11-26 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor, 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 reported on the meeting Friday 8/12/11 with APD. Dean Willis, Maribeth Matney and himself met with Paul Surgi, Frances, Gerald Norton and Joe Grissel. They all agreed with the flat rate in this ordinance. Steve explained that the original contract laid out the formula for our monthly maintenance charges. The hourly rate would be set by the council and then 25% was added on for fringe benefits and supervision. Using that formula we can charge \$21.88/hour. The discussion on Friday was how to charge this differently. They agreed they need to pay their fair share and they will. We are still trying to put together a formula that will work and be easy to administer. We also need to put clauses in it so that it will be reevaluated annually. Frances and the commissioners are in agreement to do their own billing and collecting. We also discussed flow and their I&I issues. Steve made it clear that part of the new contract will call for them to address their I&I such as cleaning and televising their lines and doing maintenance. They are not anywhere near their capacity and usually are at 1/2 of what they are allowed until the wet season hits and then they exceed their peak flows. DNR also informed Steve that if there is a discharge at one of their lift stations Carl Junction will be held liable along with APD. Steve pointed out to them that this not an acceptable risk and they need to

start looking for their own maintenance man. Steve stated that by late 2013 or early 2014 they needed to be on their own. Bob Cook asked about the agreements that they do their own collecting. Steve said they are agreeable with those amendments. Mike Talley pointed out that the 3rd party also needs to sign them before they are final. There was a lot of discussion about HOUSE, Fountain Rd Park Village and APD. Steve pointed out they have the option to hook onto Joplin's lines. They are close enough. Steve stated that we are still working on the new addendum for maintenance and would try to get something put together for the council to look at.

Public Works Department report – had nothing to report.

Police Department report – reported that they should have their 2 new cars this month. They also have been having computer problems due to power outages and power surges. The power outage caused a monitor to be replaced but this last power surge has caused big problems. The server that had their records management system on it is down and Scott spent all day trying to get it going again but we are going to have to go back to the software company. Delmar has been battling with them the last 2 years because there are things in the system that have not worked for a long time and they would not fix it. Now the company was bought out by the employee's but we have not paid the maintenance fees because of the problems. They will not fix it until we pay the maintenance fees which are \$5800. Delmar said that we don't have any choice but to pay it but he made it clear he is not happy and he expects all the problems to be resolved. They also lost a battery back up on one of their computers. Dee Lynn said we should report this to Empire. Sometimes they will make restitution on this kind of problem. They are looking for new record management software. Bob Cook stated that there had been a driveway paver scam going on in town and he wanted to commend our Assistant Chief for his response on that issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Code/Nuisance Committee had nothing to report.

The Budget/Finance Committee met Friday 8/12/11 regarding health insurance. Mark reported that after listening to the presentation he feels this is something we need to look at. We can get insurance for ½ the cost and then Mark went over the program. He said there is some risk and we need to look at our employee's health base. He thinks it might be an alternative to what we are currently doing. There was a lot of discussion but the consensus was to research further into this. Mark did say it was not a viable program for elected officials.

The Human Resource Committee had nothing to report.

The Public Facilities & Planning had nothing to report.

The Senior Citizen Committee had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No one had any unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Cook asked if we had applied for storm shelter assistance. Steve reported that we had sent in our letter of interest. We stated that we would apply for 100 storm shelters. This is a 75% -25% match. FEMA will pay up to \$5000 for a storm shelter. There is no guarantee on this but we have put in our letter. It is not for a shelter at the Community Center that is a different process. There was a lot of discussion about a storm shelter for the Community Center.

Sean Haase stated he will miss the next council meeting.

Mark Powers then talked about our backflow preventer ordinance. He suggested that we set a date that they have to be in to us by and that maybe we have a couple of employees certified and do the inspections ourselves. Steve then explained what the backflow preventers do and who is required to have them. Steve said that setting a date is a good idea but we do not have the manpower to do the inspections ourselves.

Don Marshall said he received a call about dumping in our Lakeside Park. He drove around and there is a lot of brush, lawn clippings, branches and miscellaneous being dumped out there. Steve will check it out.

Steve then brought up for discussion water being used at the Fire Station for training purposes. In the last 10 months they have used about 124,000 gallons that they are not being billed for. He asked the council if they wanted us to start billing them from this meter. It was pointed out that area towns train at this location and they pay the Fire Department for that training and that we should not have to provide free water to them for this purpose. Mike Talley said he had just been looking at some e-mails regarding Fire Departments and this very problem. He will forward those onto Steve for review. There was a lot of discussion about this and it was decided that Steve would research it and come back to the council with his findings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mark Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR