

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday November 6, 2012 at 7:12 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mike Moss called the meeting to order with the following present: Richard Zaccardelli, Don Marshall, Steve Daniels, Mark Powers, Bob Cook, Sean Haase and Tim Smith. Alderman Dee Lynn Davey was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Maribeth Matney and City Attorney Mike Talley.

**AGENDA**

Sean Haase motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Mark Powers seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Steve Daniels motioned to approve the consent agenda. Sean Haase seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no one for public forum.

**CHAMBER REPORT**

Gary Stubblefield did not have a report. He stated that their next meeting will be 12/6/12 and the Christmas parade is 12/2/12. Bob Miller will be the Grand Marshall.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PRESENT AND PLANNED WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

Mayor Moss opened the public hearing on present and planned wastewater system improvements at 7:15 PM. Dean Willis, Allgeier-Martin & Associates, addressed the council. He had sign in sheets for the council and members of the audience to sign. DNR requires that we hold these public hearings for the loan we applied for and the grant we are eligible to receive. Dean said that these improvements are being mandated by DNR and that there is no significant change in the way the plant will operate. We have voter approval for the bond and this is just a formality. The expansion is to help the City with our wet weather occurrences. We have high flows during wet weather and it is diverted to our lagoon. If the flows are too much we have to do what DNR calls a bypass. We are no longer allowed to do a bypass so these improvements will improve our hydraulic capacity by 26%, the peak flow by 80% and our organic by 38%. These improvements also address reducing our infiltration. They looked at a regional solution which would have been to send our flow to Joplin for treatment. It was not feasible to do that since it would have been too costly. The typical user would have increased to \$51/month from our current \$27.37/month after the expansion. It clearly was not an option.

Mayor Moss asked if there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak for or against the expansion. There was no one. Mayor Moss closed the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE PROJECT**

Mayor Moss opened the public hearing to receive comments on the environmental impact of the project at 7:25 PM. Dean Willis, Allgeier-Martin & Associates, addressed the council. Dean reported that the environmental impact is very low. There will be very little dust and noise. It will reduce our bypass to Center Creek and allow us to keep our high quality of discharge. It will allow growth and economic development to the City.

Mayor Moss asked if there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak for or against the expansion. There was no one. Mayor Moss closed the public hearing at 7:26 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT THAT THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL HAVE ON USER**

**RATES**

Mayor Moss opened the public hearing of to discuss the impact that these improvements will have on user rates at 7:26 PM. Dean Willis, Allgeier-Martin & Associates, addressed the council. Dean reported that our current user averages 5430 gallons per month. At our current rate that is \$23.59/month. The council was aware of the WWTP expansion need and has been setting money in an accrual fund with at the end of 2012 should have \$140,540 in it. The projected amount for the expansion was \$4,100,000 and the voters approved that issue in April. The annual cost of this expansion was going to be \$265,000/year. With the extra \$140,500/annually being brought in that reduced it to \$124,500. That would be an increase of \$3.78/month per resident in addition to the current \$23.59 they currently pay. That is a 16% increase. We have been informed that we are to receive a \$2,000,000 grant. That will lower the annual cost from \$265,000 to \$159,000 per year. That would only mean a \$.57/month (2.4%) increase to our resident's current rate. Dean then stated that the City has significant needs with their I&I Abatement. We have \$500,000 in abatement built into the \$4,100,000 bond issue. With the \$2,000,000 grant we could use that toward rehab work on our lines. It is something for the council to consider.

Mayor Moss asked if there was anyone else in the audience who wished to speak for or against the expansion. There was no one. Mayor Moss closed the public hearing at 7:30 PM.

Dean said it is not official yet on the \$2,000,000 grant but it is pretty official. We still have paperwork to shuffle. Dean stated that our next improvement won't be due to growth but changes in DNR regulations. We are keeping a good handle on that and trying to stay ahead of them. We are still in the design phase of the expansion that is 4-5 months out, then we send it to the State for review that will be another 2 months and then we will go out to bid. We are about 10-12 months out on actual construction. Mayor Moss asked about expediting the generator for the plant. Dean said that we could sell bonds outside the SRF program if they want but have to wait if we want to take advantage of the low interest rate of the SRF program.

**SUMMERFRESH REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE LETTER TO THE STATE**

We have received a letter from RPCS, Inc, who has bought out Summerfresh, for a package liquor license letter to submit to the State. Mark Powers motioned to approve the letter to the State for their liquor license. Richard Zaccardelli seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

**REPORTS**

The council reviewed the Administration report.

Public Works report – had nothing new to report. Mark Powers stated again how nice the asphalt looks from BB Drive to the trail and he appreciates the City doing that project.

Police Department report – had nothing new to report.

Building Inspector report – had nothing new to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Budget/Finance Committee,

The Code/Nuisance Committee set a meeting for 6:00 PM 11/20/12 to review the trimming of the tree code.

The Human Resource Committee had nothing to report.

The Public Facilities had nothing to report. Steve Daniels stated they need to set a meeting and apologized for missing the last meeting.

The Senior Citizen Committee had nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mark Powers asked Mike Talley to clarify our code on selecting a person to a vacated elected position. The Mayor also asked him to look into what happens if the Mayor is no longer in office. Does the Mayor Pro-Tem move into that position or how it would be handled? It was also discussed that we need something if there is more than 1 position vacant.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bob Cook asked if we could have a stand in alderman in case of a vacancy. He has heard Joplin can do that. There was some discussion about Joplin being a Charter city and we are a 4<sup>th</sup> Class city. Mike Talley will look into it.

Mayor Moss then said he would like to appoint Tim Smith to the committee’s Richard Zaccardelli is currently on. Richard will be out for a time when he has his surgery. He is not replacing Richard but just adding Tim to the list. They are Budget Finance and Public Facilities. Sean Haase volunteered for the Senior Citizen Committee that Richard is on.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Powers motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sean Haase seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR