

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

1. Roll Call

Mayor Tom Paul called the meeting to order with the following present: Anita Francis, Walter Hayes, Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee and Carole Wofford. David Pyle, James Shanks, and Roger Spencer were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

3. Approve Agenda

Hollie LaVigne motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

4. Consent Agenda

Walter Hayes motioned to approve the consent agenda. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

a. Approval of minutes of previous meeting

b. Approval of disbursements

5. Public Forum

There was no one present for public forum.

6. Emergency Declaration

a. Ratify Emergency Declaration for Lift Station Repair

Steve Lawver said this was the JJ Highway Lift Station. He said a lightning strike burnt the control panel and the total cost would be around \$1,300. Hollie LaVigne motioned to ratify Mayor Paul's emergency declaration for the lift station repair. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

7. Reports

a. Administration report

Steve Lawver said the last windstorm took out a lot of trees and there are many residents that still have debris to be picked up. He said public works is doing a great job getting those picked up while still completing their normal job duties, and he asked that the residents be patient while public works makes their way through town.

Steve Lawver said there was a lot of social media over the last weekend about some operations that happened at the cemetery, and he reminded everyone that the City does not handle the cemetery and it is out of our control because they have their own board.

b. Department reports

Public Works - Jay Morton said they've made one full circuit through town picking up debris and will be getting ready to do a second pass.

Police Department - Chief McCall said he was contacted by the Kiwanis Club, who does a monthly first responder appreciation for various actions. He said Sgt. Dickey and Officer Bindel had administered Narcan back in December, and they attended a special meeting today recognizing their actions.

Mayor Paul asked how Officer Truelove is doing, and Chief McCall said he is doing well.

Bob McAfee asked if any of our officers went to Kansas City to participate in the World Cup. Chief McCall said only one officer went.

c. Committee reports

Budget & Finance — Walter Hayes had nothing to report.

Code & Nuisance — Carole Wofford had nothing to report.

Human Resources — Roger Spencer was absent.

Public Facilities — David Pyle was absent.

Economic Development — Hollie LaVigne said there was a meeting earlier to discuss the property on Highway 171. She said we should have a contract at the next meeting to hire a real estate professional.

8. Unfinished Business

Anita Francis asked where the mosaic mural is in the process. Steve Lawver said there were five that were not painted. He said the backing panels are in, and he thinks possibly on Monday he and Mayor Paul will begin looking at the layout for the mural. He said they do need help to actually lay out the tiles.

Hollie LaVigne thanked the police department, public works, fire department, Chamber of Commerce and everyone that helped with the festivities for the Fourth of July.

Carole Wofford said the fireworks on Sunday were amazing.

Mike Talley said a question was posed in the previous meeting about laptops being sold as surplus property. He said our vendor who sold the new laptops has agreed to take the previous laptops as a trade-in to reduce the price. He said the question was problematic and surplus should be sold for the best price possible, but the question is now moot.

Alaina Wright said the Civic Plus project is now done, and the public portal is now live for residents to watch meetings and view council packets and agendas.

Steve Lawver said he presented the members with sponsorship opportunities for the Chamber of Commerce and asked the board to consider those options before the next meeting.

Chief McCall said they started car shows a few years ago during the Bluegrass Festival, and it's been a hot topic. He said two gentlemen who are involved in shows have offered to take care of the car show for the police department and they accepted the help.

Jay Morton said the construction crew is getting close in Ocie Ora Acres and around Grimes Street to connecting the new lines to the system. Hollie LaVigne asked if they are fixing lawns after they dig and Jay Morton said yes.

9. New Business

There was no new business before the council.

10. Adjournment

Hollie LaVigne motioned to adjourn the meeting. Anita Francis seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.


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MAYOR