

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

1. Roll Call

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

3. Approve Agenda

Walter Hayes motioned to approve the agenda as presented. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes of previous meeting
- b. Approval of disbursements

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

5. Public Forum

Haiden Fox, 301 North Main, Carl Junction Area Chamber of Commerce. He was present to ask the Board of Aldermen to provide a \$2,000 sponsorship for the Bluegrass Festival and provide two police officers and two public works employees during the event. He said volunteers would also be welcome. Mayor Paul asked if there would be anything new at the festival. Haiden said there would be a duck race. Hollie LaVigne said the car show proceeds would benefit Shop with a Cop this year.

6. P&Z Cases

- a. **Public Hearing Case 26-08** : Proposed amendments to Section 405.020-districts, and Section 405-040-use regulations, to add a new R-1C single-family residential compact district

Mayor Paul opened the public hearing at 7:10 PM. Steve Lawver said P&Z had their public hearing and their recommendation was approval of the zoning changes. He said this is a proposed change mentioned by Walter Hayes several months ago that would create opportunities for entry level housing. Steve said this is a piggyback of a zoning change Joplin has allowing a 6,000-foot lot. There was no one present to speak in favor or opposition of the changes. The public hearing was closed at 7:12 PM.

- b. Case 26-09: Final Plat — Wild Flower Estates — Nick & Tiffany Gratton

Steve Lawver said P&Z met on this and they are recommending approval. Mike Talley said no public hearing was required for this.

7. Ordinances

- a. Ordinance approving a final plat of Wild Flower Estates

- Hollie LaVigne motioned to put "**An Ordinance Accepting Wild Flower Estates of Carl Junction Subject to Certain Conditions**" on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

There was no discussion.

- David Pyle motioned to put the ordinance on second reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.
- Hollie LaVigne motioned to final passage. David Pyle seconded.

Yes Votes: Walter Hayes, Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, James Shanks, Roger Spencer, Carole Wofford

No Votes: None

Absent Votes: Anita Francis

- Motion or Ordinance 26-16 was approved by electronic vote, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

8. Reports

- a. Long-Term Project report

No discussion.

- b. Treasurer's report

No discussion.

- c. Department reports

Police Department: No discussion.

Public Works: James Shanks said the trees were cleaned from Center Creek Park and the progress looks good. Jay Morton said they've made two sweeps of town for debris removal. Roger Spencer said there's debris on Red Oak Loop that still needs to be picked up.

- d. Committee reports

Budget & Finance — Walter Hayes had nothing to report.

Code & Nuisance — Carole Wofford had nothing to report.

Human Resources — Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities — David Pyle had nothing to report.

Economic Development — Hollie LaVigne said there's a closed session later in the meeting.

9. Unfinished Business

- Bob McAfee asked how the mosaic was progressing. Steve Lawver said tiles are glued down on 2/3 of it and there are 5 or 6 missing tiles still. Steve said after they are all glued down, it needs several coats of clear UV-resistant acrylic protectant.
- Roger Spencer asked if Southard Construction would fix the areas where they damaged the road and Jay Morton said yes.
- James Shanks asked about the sponsorship for the Bluegrass Festival and Steve Lawver said he'd like a vote on the sponsorship request.

Walter Hayes motioned to approve the Chamber of Commerce's request for \$2,000, two police officers and two public works employees. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

10. New Business

- Walter Hayes said he spoke to Haiden Fox because in the past the Chamber would come in and give an update at each meeting and he would like to see that start again. Haiden said he would be happy to do that.
- David Pyle said to reciprocate Haiden appearing at Board of Aldermen meetings, it would be beneficial for a city employee to attend the Chamber of Commerce's monthly power breakfasts as well.
- Alaina Wright said that the second meeting in September needs to be rescheduled because so many people are attending the MML Annual Conference. Hollie LaVigne motioned to move the second meeting in September from September 15 to September 22. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.
- Alaina Wright said KPM will be here next week to conduct the annual audit.
- Steve Lawver said he and Alaina Wright will be at MIRMA and will be out of the office the rest of the week.
- Steve Lawver said he received more information that more lights are out at the pickleball courts. He said he had no luck with used poles and thinks the project needs to go out for bid. He said there's enough in Capital Improvements to take care of that project. James Shanks asked if the poles on the pool could be reused and Steve Lawver said no. There was a consensus among the board to advertise the project for bids.

11. Closed session per RsMO 610.021 (2): Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor

Hollie LaVigne motioned to go into closed session. Roger Spencer seconded. Roll call vote:

Yes: Walter Hayes, Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, James Shanks, Roger Spencer, Carole Wofford

No: None

Absent: Anita Francis

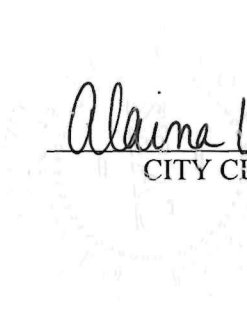
The Board of Aldermen went into closed session at 7:31 PM.

The Board of Aldermen reconvened at 7:46 PM. Mayor Tom Paul said no votes or action was taken.

12. Adjournment

Carole Wofford motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.


Alaina Wright
CITY CLERK

Tom Paul
MAYOR