

CARLYLE CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 14, 2015

The meeting of the Carlyle City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Mike Burton on Monday, September 14, 2015, in the Case Halstead Library Meeting Room.

The following aldermen were present: Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, and Judy Smith. Alderman Kent Newkirk was absent.

City employees present: Derek Spanton, Mark Pingsterhaus, Joe Heiligenstein, Andy Wennerstrom, and Christi Gerrish.

Others present: Kent Schwierjohn, Doris Elling, Ray Elling, Carolyn Sue Jones, John Jones, Nick Markin, Maggie Bruemmer, Mark Hodapp, Norman Dierkes, Chris Johnson, Mike Essington, Sharon Berdeaux, Brad Hoffman, Franklin Smith, and Barb Guebert.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Alderman Don Perez to approve minutes from August 24, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jeremy Weh and unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion was made by Alderman Jason Edwards to approve the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Judy Smith and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, and Brenda Johnson; nay – none.

A motion was made by Alderman Jason Edwards to approve claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Don Perez and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, and Don Perez; nay – none.

A motion was made by Alderman Jason Edwards to approve claims not on the list as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Diekemper and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, and Scott Diekemper; nay – none.

Alderman Johnson reported that they made almost \$300 at the Pizza Hut fundraiser. The Dairy Queen fundraiser is on Monday, September 21, from 6-9 p.m.

Christi Gerrish reported that Gretchen Jones is making an art donation. The band Million Hits and their manager will be at the library on Saturday. Members of the band are all ages 16 and under. Christi then reported that the library received an Illumination Award through the engineer's society in St. Louis.

Mayor Burton reported that the Carlyle cookbook is available at city hall for \$15. Alderman Johnson added that it is also at banks and stores throughout town.

Mayor Burton reminded citizens that trash and recycling is always the day after a holiday. There are only 6 holidays—Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

Mayor Burton reported the following: The lagoon gates will be locked while the lagoons are getting cleaned out. McKendree College is hosting a fishing tournament at the lake on September 27, 2015. The FLW tournament is October 3.

Under public comments, Brad Hoffman addressed the proposed ordinance allowing poultry within city limits. He told the Council that this was discussed when he was on Council, and he fully supports the ordinance that does not allow poultry. He asked if you will need a zoning variance and if adjacent property owners will have any voice if their neighbor wants to have poultry.

Mayor Burton asked the Council to approve final payment of \$89,391.86 to Haier Plumbing & Heating for the KC Box Culvert Project.

A motion was made by Alderman Don Perez to approve final payment of \$89,391.86 to Haier Plumbing & Heating for the KC Box Culvert Project. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Diekemper and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, and Jeremy Weh; nay – none.

Mayor Burton presented information on the zoning recommendation for the Johnson property. He stated that Chris Johnson wants to sub-divide his 6-acre lot into three 2-acre lots, and it was unanimously approved by the Zoning Board.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeremy Weh to approve the Zoning Board recommendation for sub-division of the Johnson property as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Judy Smith and approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, and Jeff Taylor; nay – none. Alderman Brenda Johnson abstained.

Fred Becker presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ending April 30, 2015. A 5-year comparison was reviewed. The Water Fund, Sewer, and Electric were reviewed. The Water Audit was reviewed. Mr. Becker told the Council that the Water Audit is a tentative draft because water districts have the right to review the report before it is approved.

A motion was made by Alderman Jason Edwards to approve the Annual Financial Audit for year ending April 30, 2015, as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jeremy Weh and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, and Jason Edwards; nay – none.

Mayor Burton reported that the city received the Timken Grant for an additional bathroom at the city park. The cost is not to exceed \$4,500. It was noted that the time table to complete the project by December 1 will probably not happen because of the late notice on receiving the money. He added that they need to decide if they want to bid out the entire job or have city workers do some of the work. Alderman Johnson asked if they could extend the time line. Alderman Edwards said JoAnn has already told them that the time line might change because of late notice. Alderman Johnson said she's not sure city workers would be able to pick up any additional work right now because of other things they have going on. If they can extend it into the spring, they might be able to have park guys help out. Alderman Edwards suggested bidding it out both ways.

A motion was made by Alderman Judy Smith to approve Task Order #21 with HMG for engineering of the new bathrooms at city park at a cost not to exceed \$4,500. The motion was seconded by Alderman Don Perez and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, and Judy Smith; nay – none.

A motion was made by Alderman Jason Edwards to bid out the new bathroom project at city park as a complete project as well as a partial project with city workers doing some of the work. The motion was seconded by Alderman Judy Smith and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, and Brenda Johnson; nay – none.

Mayor Burton asked the Council to consider approval of an agreement with Central States Fireworks for \$4,000. This is for the fireworks display after the Christmas parade.

A motion was made by Alderman Brenda Johnson to approve \$4,000 to Central States Fireworks for the Christmastown Parade display on November 26, 2015. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jeremy Weh and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, and Don Perez; nay – none.

Mayor Burton asked the Council to approve giving McKendree College a \$50 gift card when they fish here for their tournaments.

A motion was made by Alderman Judy Smith to approve a \$50 gift card for the McKendree fishing team when they hold their tournaments Fall of 2015 and Spring of 2016. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Diekemper and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, and Scott Diekemper; nay – none.

Alderman Edwards reported that the Finance Committee met several times to discuss the Poultry Ordinance. They took a look at several other cities that have them, and they mirrored the one used by Carbondale. He pointed out that residents will be limited to a maximum of 6 chickens. Roosters and crowing hens are prohibited, and they must be kept in their enclosure at all times. Coops must be 15 feet from property lines as well as the owner's residence, 25 feet from the neighboring structures, and 5 feet from the alley. There is a \$25 fee for a license with a \$10 renewal fee each year. Violations can be ticketed, and a permit can be revoked after 2 tickets. Alderman Weh added that there were several meetings about this issue with overwhelming acceptance, and no one voiced opposition. Alderman Johnson asked if anyone would be grandfathered in. Mayor Burton said no.

A motion was made by Alderman Don Perez to approve the Poultry Ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Judy Smith and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, and Jeremy Weh; nay – none.

A motion was made by Alderman Don Perez to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel, possible property purchase, and property sale. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scott Diekemper and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, and Jeff Taylor; nay – none.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

The Council returned to Open Session at 8:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Don Perez to approve hiring Nicholas Markin for the Water Operator position. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jeremy Weh and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, and Judy Smith; nay – none.

A motion was made by Alderman Judy Smith to approve hiring Elijah Isaak as a temporary part-time seasonal worker at \$12 per hour not to exceed 1,000 hours. The motion was seconded by Alderman Don Perez and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, and Brenda Johnson; nay – none.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeremy Weh to approve advertising for a full-time lead maintenance position for the Parks Department with salary negotiable. The motion was seconded by Alderman Judy Smith and approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Scott

Diekemper, Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, and Don Perez; nay – Brenda Johnson.

Item #25 (Enforcing Zoning Which Does Not Permit a Business in a Residential Zone) was tabled.

Mayor Burton announced that the Council discussed purchasing 1.62 acres where the old Hill Tavern used to be.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeremy Weh to approve inquiring about the possible purchase of the old Hill Tavern property. The motion was seconded by Alderman Don Perez and approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Jeremy Weh, Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Don Perez, and Scott Diekemper; nay – Brenda Johnson.

Mayor Burton announced that the Council discussed the possible sale of the property where the old water tower used to be. They will accept sealed bids.

A motion was made by Alderman Judy Smith to seek sealed bids for the sale of the property where the old water tower used to be. The motion was seconded by Alderman Jason Edwards and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Aye – Jeff Taylor, Jason Edwards, Judy Smith, Brenda Johnson, Don Perez, Scott Diekemper, and Jeremy Weh; nay – none.

Alderman Taylor reminded everyone about the citywide yard sale Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Clean-up week is the following Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Maps for the sale are available at city hall and other locations throughout town.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Don Perez and seconded by Alderman Jeremy Weh. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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(Mayor)

ATTEST:

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(City Clerk)