

11.3.2025

Call to Order: 6:01 pm

Roll call: In Attendance: Caleb Lewis (July-2025-2029), Courtney Denney Vice Chair (Jan 2023-2027), Donnie Greenlee-Chair (April 2024-2028), Ray Brown (Dec 2022-2026), Rick Gamboa-Sec (April 2024-2028), Sherry Lawrence (Dec 2021-2025) Absent Excused, Gary Jackson-(Dec-2022-2026) Mayor Bill Sherman. Also in attendance, City Attorney Mike Talley

Approve Agenda: Denny/Lewis 7-0

Work Session: Sign ordinance proposal:

Talley explained that sign ordinances are complicated as they deal with the first amendment. He researched several ordinances in nearby communities. The outline he presented follows the Carl Junction current code. He also spoke to E code who is working on a review of the CJ code.

Sherman said his main concern is the city does not have an enforceable ordinance that deals with things that should not be allowed. Signs on phone poles, stop signs, signs in the roundabout and signs in right of ways are examples of his concerns.

Greenlee asked if there is a difference in right of way between state and city ordinances. Talley said it depends on the road. Greenlee mentioned that Joplin sign ordinances are generally not enforced particularly regarding political signs.

Greenlee asked if a property owner is allowed to remove a sign on his property that he has not approved. Sherman referred to 412.100 which says that a building inspector or code enforcement officer can remove signs for cause. Sherman said the term "code enforcement officer" should be altered to include the Mayor, City clerk, Building inspector and Law enforcement.

Gamboa asked if we picked 5 items from the CJ code that we want to include in our code, what are we doing with them? Are we asking Talley to draw an ordinance that includes them or are we just sending recommendations to the BofA? Talley said he would prepare the ordinance. It would then go through the normal process to approve an ordinance.

Gamboa said we should start on page one of the CJ ordinance and decide by item which items we want and which we do not want. He felt that skipping around to discuss items in different areas will ensure that we miss something. Talley agreed if we wish to use the CJ ordinance as a guide. We can remove or add items as needed.

Denney expressed concerns about new items that E Code might uncover in the future that we may need to address. Talley said we could always amend the ordinance if that occurred.

Talley asked if anyone on the committee was going to make notes on specifics or if he is the only one making notes on his copy. Gamboa said he would make detailed notes in his minutes. The committee stated with:

412.010: Section A. was adopted. Section B was adopted with the change that “the code enforcement officer” will say “A code enforcement officer.” This will be updated later in definitions to include The Mayor, city clerk, building inspector and law enforcement.

412.015: Greenlee would like to add a definition of LED or Digital signs. He will find a definition. “Sight triangle” was unclear however Talley said we will probably find its usage later in the code or it would not have been included. Sherman will see what this pertains to.

412.020: Talley said the city will need to come up with a specific sign application. Sign permit fees are \$50. Inspection fees are \$60 commercial and \$40 for residential. In A-1-c the word “structured” should be changed to “structural”.

412.030: A-8 and A-9 Square foot totals should be changed to 32 square feet in both instances for consistency. Signs must not be taller than 5 feet and must be 15 feet off the road. Talley spoke on A-7. This clause would allow the city to create an exception in the zoning code for city hall for an item that is not allowed in the R-1 code. There should be no need to rezone city hall.

A-11: Greenlee would like a date for removal specified for signs. No decision made on that issue. Denney that we should add a line that includes “yard sales.” Sherman said we should change the word “licensed” to “permitted.” This would allow the property owner to place a sign on his/her own property, but signs placed anywhere else in the city his/her signs would be subject to the regulations of “temporary signs.”

Possible rezoning of City Hall: moved to the next work session.

Review of Final Site plan Review Checklist as amended: moved to the next work session

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other business Deemed necessary: None

Schedule next meeting: December 1st at 6 pm

Adjourn: 7:09pm Denney/Brown 7-0

Submitted by Rick Gamboa