

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Walter Hayes, Hollie LaVigne, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. Bob McAfee was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

Rick Flinn motioned to amend the agenda to include approving the closed minutes from the previous meeting. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Garrett 1021 Copper Oaks-Wanted to know why there are still four lights on Main between City Hall and Pennell that are out, wants to know if there's a plan and how Liberty are responding. LaDonna Allen asked if we pay for those lights and Steve Lawver said yes. Richard Garrett said there needs to be a process and they need to be followed up on.

APPROVE QUOTE FROM TYLER TECHNOLOGIES FOR UPGRADING UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE

Alaina Wright said this is to go with the contract to upgrade meter reading software. LaDonna Allen said she checked, and the money is in the budget for it. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the quote from Tyler Technologies. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND MARLENA ELLINGTON; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI." on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Mike Talley asked if the numbers were correct, and Steve Lawver said yes. Mike Talley said this is the settlement that was discussed in the last closed session

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on second reading. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

Roger Spencer motioned to put it on final passage. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #25-01 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

Mike Talley said once the release is signed the minutes from the closed meeting become a public record.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND G&G CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE THE 2024 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 BEING TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FROM DECEMBER 23, 2024 TO JANUARY 31, 2025, AND ALSO TO ADD A 12" C CHANNEL AT AN ADDITIONAL COST OF \$3,090.00, INCREASING THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT BY SAID AMOUNT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CHANGE ORDER NO.2 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said the 12" C channel is for when the oxidation ditch is changed over the channel it is already there and they won't have to drain the oxidation ditch.

Rover Spencer motioned to put it on second reading. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: There was no additional discussion.

LA motioned to put it on final passage. RS seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #25-02 was approved by roll call vote, signed by the Mayor, attested by the City Clerk and made a part of the permanent records of the City of Carl Junction.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. LaDonna Allen asked when the Special Road District issue came up. Steve Lawver said seeing the reimbursement from Jasper County made him think of it and goes back several years. We are supposed to receive 25% of the cash from our taxpayers or in-kind work that they collect from our citizens. LaDonna Allen asked who is going to do the audit. Steve Lawver said he's working with Chris Chapel who is the old GIS director to get the addresses separated. LaDonna Allen asked who's going to audit what they put back into our streets.

Rick Flinn asked if there would be a process in the future to keep track of this each year.

LaDonna Allen asked about the DNR MS4 Permit and if there would be any fines and Steve Lawver said no.
Public Works report – Mayor Powers said Steve Lawver is going out for quotes to get security cameras for Lakeside Park.
Police Dept. report – Assistant Chief Stever said they put out a memo for overnight officers to keep an eye on the parks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there will be a budget meeting on February 8th beginning at 8:00 AM.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said he needs a closed session on the next agenda.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle had nothing to report.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business before the council.

NEW BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne gave the council a preliminary MOU for the farmer's market that will be discussed at the next meeting.


LaDonna Allen said she was contacted by a resident who has a neighbor that keeps chickens and wanted to know if the city had a policy about the bird flu. She said she called the Jasper County Health Department and there have been no reported cases recently in Jasper County or surrounding counties.

David Pyle asked if there was a custodial worker for the building now and Steve Lawver said yes, it's the same person that cleans the building now and she will start February 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR