

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday February 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns, Rick Flinn, Bill Maguire, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Hollie LaVigne. 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

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. LaDonna Allen asked about the item on the disbursements for the police academy at MSSU and asked if anyone at the academy had been contacted about the instructor allegedly recommending people not come to Carl Junction. Chief McCall said he has spoken to the head of the academy and they are unaware of anyone that is stating that but are looking into it.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Chevelle Lawver-616 Locust-She came to give an update on the committee regarding the use tax on the ballot. She said there was only a few people that met but they had some good ideas. She said the group is called Citizens for CJP and they will get a Facebook page going and get information out there. She read the ballot language and said nowhere does it say it is an internet sales tax and it's important to get that information out there. Chevelle said Bailey's is willing to have a table with information for anyone who goes into the restaurant and wants information. She said there will be another meeting Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Doris McDaniel-905 Sheridan-She is very disappointed in the budget management of the council. She feels like it's been mismanaged and money has gone to places it shouldn't have gone. She said she saw a backhoe driver and three city workers come to fill potholes then asked "how many Polacks it takes to change a light bulb". She said her displeasure has no end.

Shelly Albright-222 Fairway Drive-She asked what the use tax will do to the police department budget, if it will remain at the 1.3 million or if it will go up. LaDonna Allen said she's assuming it will go up because salaries will go up and prices will go up, but they won't know until they sit down and actually figure the budget. Shelly then asked what will happen if the use tax doesn't pass. She then asked why the solar panels haven't been maintained and said if they were maintained the electric bills wouldn't be so high.

Daniel Hawkins-114 E Allen St-He said his house is on the corner of Joplin & Allen and he has noticed the people traveling that area tend to speed through that area. He said Allen Street is used heavily by school kids and he is concerned about safety in that area. Mayor Powers asked Chief McCall to put the speed trailer in that area. Regarding the use tax issue, he said as a small business owner, he has to buy his supplies online and has concerns about how that would impact his small business.

Someone in the audience asked about the speed unit that had been put up on Briarbrook Drive. Mayor Powers said the city does not own that unit and did not put that there. Chief McCall said it is a camera and license plate reader and actually belongs to ODET.

Doris McDaniel once again said the budget has been poorly managed and that if LaDonna Allen manages her personal budget like she's managed the city budget she must be in dire straits. She said the city administrator got an extravagant raise and she's angry. Mayor Powers said he is actually the lowest paid city administrator in the area.

Bob Hayes-209 N Broadway-He said his concern is Broadway & Wise and the junior high traffic that comes down Wise Street. He said there is no sidewalk from Verbyrick to Roney down Wise Street and the kids are walking on the street.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR FENCING AT THE DOG PARK

Steve Lawver said there was three bids in the packet for fencing. The bids were Miller Fence at \$9,321.00 for galvanized and \$10,892.00 for black; Diamond S Fencing at \$9,255.00 for galvanized and \$10,255.00 for black; and Superior Fencing at \$9,498.93 for galvanized and \$10,806.76 for black. He said his recommendation is Diamond S Fencing and he would recommend the black coating. David Pyle motioned to approve bid from Diamond S Fencing in black as recommended. Bill Maguire seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

DISCUSSION OF SETTLEMENT OFFER FROM EMERY SAPP & SONS

Steve Lawver said at the last meeting the council asked for more information on the settlement offer. Mike Burns asked about the language talking about a one-year warranty. Mayor Powers said if there was a failure in the asphalt, they would have to come back and fix it, but they will not fix the thickness since it is within the current standard. Mike Talley said the council shouldn't vote on the agreement tonight, it will need to be offered by Emery Sapp & Sons officially before it is voted for.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND G&G CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. TO COMMENCE AND COMPLETE THE 2024 WWTP IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AS DIRECTED BY THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR A COST NOT TO EXCEED SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$623,420.00); 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. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said the funds are available in the wastewater fund. He said one of the aerating rotors is bad and must be replaced, so a new system is being installed.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on second reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Motion on Ordinance #24-03 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

Long-Term Project report. LaDonna Allen asked about the first item for Center Creek Park playground and Steve Lawver said Miracle Recreation sent their color palettes and their catalogue. LaDonna Allen asked if Athco had sent another design without the rock wall and Crystal Winkfield said they just got that information.

Mike Burns said he would have footgolf information later this week and would get the information to the City Clerk to disseminate.

LaDonna Allen asked if the basketball court bid was for Four Oaks Park and Steve Lawver said no, it is for the resurfacing of the outdoor court outside the Community Center.

Police Dept. report - Chief McCall said he had the LEST meeting last week and right now they are looking to approve the \$31,000 for first year of car and body camera program. LaDonna Allen said she got a memo today that it is going in front of the county commissioners.

Hollie LaVigne asked if there would be overtime reports available at the budget meeting tomorrow. Chief McCall said he didn't have those numbers but the City Clerk could get them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there was a meeting last Wednesday to review water and wastewater budgets and tomorrow at 4:15 there will be a meeting for the police department and then February 28 at 4:15 the committee will review the general fund and Capital Improvements.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns said there was a meeting earlier tonight where Bulldog Beach was discussed. They want to gather more information before they decide anything on the issue.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Burns told Doris McDaniel her azalea is the prettiest plant he's ever seen.

Mike Burns said the solar panels are very old and he didn't remember discussion about the panels and if we were getting any benefit and asked if they were still working. Steve Lawver said he's had multiple companies come and look at them and there are 34 panels not working. Hollie LaVigne asked how many are functional and Steve Lawver said we probably have around 150 panels total. Mike Burns asked Steve Lawver asked to get a quote for what it would take to fix the panels.

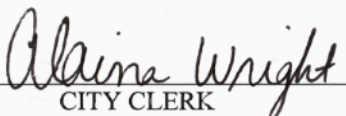
Hollie LaVigne said the seed library is outside and was set up by the Girl Scouts.

NEW BUSINESS

LaDonna Allen said the fire district is having a reception for Claire Uitts at the station on Pennell Sunday February 18 from 2-4 PM. She said he is the chaplain and until a few years ago was still actively volunteering for the department.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR