

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. Walter Hayes was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the agenda as presented. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Mike Talley said the minutes from February 18th need to be amended to strike the words “the agenda and” from those minutes to reflect the consent agenda couldn’t be approved. David Pyle motioned to amend minutes as described. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. David Pyle motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

ORDINANCES

David Pyle motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY TO SPIRE MISSOURI INC**” on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Mike Talley said there is a Missouri statute that requires this ordinance be filed with city clerk for 30 days before its enactment to allow the public to request a vote of the electorate before renewal of the franchise. This ordinance cannot be acted upon until this ordinance has been on file in the City Clerk’s office for 30 days and he suggests tabling the ordinance and not voting until the second meeting in April.

David Pyle motioned to table the ordinance until the second meeting in April. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. LaDonna Allen asked Steve Lawver if he called Paul about Aire Fiber and Steve Lawver said he left a message yesterday.

Hollie LaVigne asked if the Spire ordinance needed to be discussed, and Mike Talley said it is identical to the ordinance already on file.

Hollie LaVigne asked if the access control at the police department was operational or just installed and Steve Lawver said it was operational.

Hollie LaVigne asked about the road district issue and Steve Lawver said there’s another meeting on March 14th. LaDonna Allen said she was told most municipalities are going back two years.

Treasurer’s report – No discussion.

Public Works report – Carole Wofford said they did a good job keeping the streets clean during the storm.

Police Dept. report – No discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said the budget workshop was held for this year already and the budget will be presented at the next meeting.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said there’s a closed session later in the meeting.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle said there was a meeting at 6:00 PM today about projects that could be included in the budget for the upcoming year.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jay Morton said the shed that he found for the cultivator’s club sold so he had to get three more bids and the price went up \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Powers said an emergency repair was declared to repair the water line at Cooley Branch. There were three bids for the work: Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. for \$36,959.79; Goins Enterprises, Inc. for \$59,178.00; and Kenny Singer Construction Company, Inc, for \$68,833.00. Steve Lawver said the engineers were recommending Jeff Asbell Excavating & Trucking, Inc. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the bid from Jeff Asbell Excavating and Trucking, Inc. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Alaina Wright said she would be out of the office most of the following week and the council packets would not be ready until Monday March 17th.

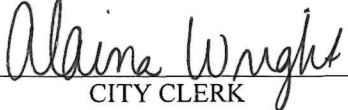
CLOSED SESSION PER RSMO 610.021 (3): HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING OF PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHEN PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISCUSSED OR RECORDED

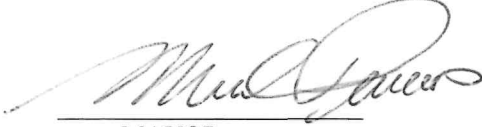
LaDonna Allen motioned to go into closed session. David Pyle seconded. Roll call vote: LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-absent, Wofford-yes. Council went into closed session at 7:20 PM.

Council meeting reconvened at 7:54 PM. Mayor Powers said no votes or action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

David Pyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR