

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Bill Maguire, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Hollie LaVigne. Mike Burns 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 said item #12 regarding the solar panels should be removed from agenda and item #14 needs to be changed from “discussion of settlement offer” to “discussion of payment. Hollie LaVigne motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Shayla Gould-Joplin High School- She said she is a senior at JHS and is a girl scout working on her gold award project. She wants to combat the issue special needs children can have in play settings by installing communications boards with symbols and words to help special needs children express their wants and needs. She is wanting to know how to seek approval for that. Mayor Powers said one of those would be good at Lakeside Park where a new all-inclusive playground is being built. Rick Flinn asked if it was an audio board or just pictures. Shayla Gould said it was just pictures and made out of the same material as street signs. Mayor Powers said the board was in support of her project.

Chevelle Lawver-616 Locust- She wanted to give an update for the Citizens for CJP, they are officially registered with MEC and have a bank account and will be purchasing yard signs soon. She said there is a Facebook page for anyone who wants to like and follow the group. Chevelle Lawver said there was a meeting tomorrow at 7:00 PM in Media Center for anyone that wants to attend. She also wanted to clarify something stated at a previous meeting that there had been a \$3 million dollar loan for solar panels and that number was actually around \$440,000 for those that would like the actual amount.

Richard Housley-29124 Imperial Road-He asked the current status of the pool for the season. Steve Lawver said it will not be open this season but there are bids for repairing and replacing the pool ranging from \$900,000-\$7,000,000.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Powers asked for discussion regarding Case #24-03 – Amending Chapter 410 – Subdivision Regulations

Mayor Powers opened the public hearing at 7:12 PM. Steve Lawver said P&Z met on this and are recommending approval. Steve Lawver said there is a change that needs to be made in the last sentence of the updated wording in the ordinance. It should say “in the event of a major....SHALL forward the application...” Mike Talley said that amendment would need to be made during the voting before the first reading.

Public hearing closed at 7:15 PM.

APPOINT LANDON GARRISON AS NEW POLICE OFFICER

Chief McCall said Landon graduated the law enforcement academy in 2021 and he, Assistant Chief Stever and Sergeant Dickey had all approved his hiring. LaDonna Allen motion to appoint Landon Garrison as a police officer. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PRESENT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

LaDonna Allen said the budget work sessions are completed and the committee voted to pass the completed budget on to the full council for review.

RATIFY THE MAYOR’S EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR PHASE PROTECTOR EMERGENCY AT WELL

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Steve Lawver said the phase protector burned, but that was the job it was supposed to do to keep the well functioning. David Pyle motioned to ratify the Mayor’s emergency declaration. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR NORTH COWGILL STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Steve Lawver said Kenny Singer Construction came in as the low bidder. He said he is concerned about the cost for this and feels it is still high. Steve Lawver said the original estimate from Kurt at Allgeier martin was \$25,000-\$30,000 and he’s not sure why it is so much higher. He has concerns about spending this amount of money that only affects a few properties when we haven’t spent any money on the stormwater issues on Main Street that affects the businesses in town. He said there is no recommendation from him because he feels the work on Main Street needs to be done before this project.

Rick Flinn asked if there were bids on the Main Street project and Steve Lawver said no, there are only estimates.

Mayor Powers said he agreed with Steve’s assessment.

LaDonna Allen motioned to reject the bids for the project. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR SHADE FOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Steve Lawver said this was for automatic shades to help the glare on the west side of the building in the summer. He said it is not a blackout style. There was only one bid, which was \$5,688.62 from Mid Central Technologies.

Hollie LaVigne asked if there was a way to do something like this by tinting the windows and Steve Lawver said he didn't know.

LaDonna Allen suggested tabling the issue to have Steve Lawver check if there are other options that would be lower priced. LaDonna Allen motioned to table the issue for Steve Lawver to do more research for other options. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR DISK SCRUBBER FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Steve Lawver said the old scrubber is no longer working. He said Four States Maintenance supplied the last machine and it lasted for 13 years. Steve Lawver said a new one is \$4,633.20. David Pyle motioned to approve. Bill Maguire seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

DISCUSSION OF PAYMENT OFFER FROM EMERY SAPP & SONS

Steve Lawver said this was discussed at the last meeting and we have received the check from Emery Sapp & Sons. Rick Flinn motioned to accept the payment. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to change the last sentence to say "the Board SHALL forward the application" instead of "MAY forward the application". Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II. PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE: CHAPTER 205: ANIMAL REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 205.130: REDEMPTION OF ANIMALS, GENERALLY, TO CLARIFY REDEMPTION PROCEDURES**" on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Rick Flinn asked who determines if it is a major or a minor amendment. Steve Lawver said that would be the City Administrator and City Clerk and would depend on if the infrastructure would be changed or if the density would increase. Steve Lawver said it would have to be something that does not meet current code. Mike Talley disagreed with Steve Lawver and said the sole determination lies with the Board of Aldermen and the specifics of what is major or minor are in the body of the ordinance.

Hollie LaVigne asked how this change came about. Steve Lawver said Schuber Mitchell had a plan approved that included duplexes and they no longer want to put duplexes on those lots. Mike Talley said this would prevent additional public hearings for minor changes.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-absent, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Motion on Ordinance #24-04 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. Hollie LaVigne asked about the water heater bids from Robin Plumbing for \$3,113.85 and Satterlee Plumbing for \$15,720.00. He said Robin Plumbing came out and took pictures to make sure the quote was for the correct type. LaDonna Allen motioned to allow Steve Lawver to purchase a water heater from Robin Plumbing. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Mayor Powers asked what kind of lighting would be installed at the veterans memorial for \$31,000. Steve Lawver said there would be four in ground lights illuminating the American flag brightest and there would be other lighting fixtures. Mayor Powers told Steve Lawver to get bids for the lighting project.

Mayor Powers asked about the solar array. Steve Lawver said he's got two companies taking a look at the issue. He said we're looking at if Liberty is credited us with the correct amount of production and seeing if the meters are reading correctly.

Public Works report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – Mayor Powers confirmed the amount of the LEST award was \$31,132.01.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said the full budget was presented earlier tonight for review by the full council.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns was absent. Hollie LaVigne said the fields at Country Club Estates needs a lot of work.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne said Retail Strategies is planning on being in town March 26 to drive around and look at properties for anyone that wants to join.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne asked if we ever got a carpet cleaner and Steve Lawver said yes.

Mike Talley said there was a question asked earlier in the meeting about lot sizes and said the sizes given were only for sizing of R-1 lots, and informed the council of the sizes required for R-2, R-3 and R-4 lots.

Alaina Wright said the meeting minutes from February 6th needed to be amended because in the first paragraph Bob McAfee is listed as present when he was absent. Roger Spencer motioned to amend minutes from February 6th 2024 to reflect that Bob McAfee was absent. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Steve Lawver said he would like to have an HR meeting next week to look at a couple of new job descriptions.

NEW BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne said the CJFC has over 500 kids doing recreational soccer and 100 doing competitive soccer.

Roger Spencer said he felt LaDonna Allen needed to be at the HR meeting also.

LaDonna Allen asked if a coffee and donuts meeting needed to happen at the end of the month in case anyone had questions about the use tax on the ballot. The consensus was to have it March 23 at 9:00 AM.

Bill Maguire asked about tinting the glass for shading for the council chambers.

David Pyle said there has been a lot of yard type signs placed in the right of way and attached to utility poles. He said he suspects many of these businesses are not in Carl Junction and do not have a business license here. He wanted to bring attention to it and see what code says about it.


Alaina Wright said she would be gone March 9-March 14.

Chief McCall said code enforcement officer and his son in law were in a boat accident and will be out for at least the rest of the week and weekend. They will only be taking emergency code enforcement and animal control calls.

Mayor Powers said he's had complaints about chicken coops and chicken runs in the area and said you cannot have roosters or male ducks but you can have female chickens in town.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR