

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Jim Gozia, Roger Spencer, Mike Burns 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. LaDonna Allen 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**

There was no one present for public forum.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR LIGHTING AT FRANK DEAN BALL PARK**

Steve Lawver said the previous bid discussed for \$70,660 was for the fixtures only, and these bids are to actually repair and replace the lights. There was three bids: Joplin Industrial Electric for \$111,826.00, CDL Electric for \$120,055.00, and J. Vangel Electric for \$160,268.00. Steve said Allgeier Martin is recommending the lowest bid from Joplin Industrial Electric. He said the total work with both bids would be around \$185,000 and we would take it from the excess funds in the ARPA account.

Mike Burns asked what this lighting included and Steve said it would remove the lights in back that weren't necessary. LaDonna Allen asked if the previous bid for the fixtures had been approved and Steve said no. Rick Flinn asked if BYAA could still use the fields if the lights weren't fixed and Steve Lawver said it might be possible.

Rick Flinn motioned to approve the bid from Joplin Industrial Electric and the previous discussed bid for fixtures. Mark Satterlee seconded. Hollie LaVigne, Rick Flinn, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns and Mark Satterlee were in favor. Jim Gozia was opposed and Bob McAfee was absent.

**APPROVAL OF FINANCE BIDS FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

Steve Lawver said there were three lease quotes for the water system improvements. He said the payments for each option will be semi-annual on a 20 year note. The only differences in the quotes are the all-in rates over time. Steve said Gilmore and Bill will do the paperwork if approved. LaDonna Allen asked how much additional revenue we generate annual in the water fund and Steve Lawver said it is approximately \$300,000 per year. LaDonna Allen asked how long it would take to get the funds and Steve said it wouldn't take long.

LaDonna Allen motioned to approve Option 2 from Central Bank of the Midwest. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

**REPORTS**

Long-Term project report – Steve Lawver said he received the quote for shade structures at the splashpad and they are \$11,212 each for a 16x24 foot structure.

Police Dept. report – Chief McCall said he is starting to place his orders for the LEST grant items. Chief McCall said the Joplin Police Department had been involved in a pursuit last week with someone with a warrant for first degree assault but that person hadn't been located.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said the budget had been presented earlier.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns said they needed to follow up on a meeting they had back in February and look at starting on some smaller projects.

Senior Citizens: Richard Garrett said he would like to have a meeting to discuss the cleaning required after someone rents the senior center. Mayor Powers and LaDonna Allen suggested they take pictures when something wasn't cleaned properly so it could be discussed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

LaDonna Allen said it was brought to her attention that the letter approved in the last meeting for Clair Uitts had his last name spelled wrong and it was corrected before being submitted.

Hollie LaVigne asked what the cleaning in the city hall budgets covers and Steve Lawver said that's only for City Hall, the bathrooms, lobby and gym.

Steve Lawver said he had the ordinance ready for public use of marijuana to go before the Code Committee. Rick Flinn set a meeting for March 21 at 6:30 pm.

**NEW BUSINESS**


Rick Flinn asked if the city had any policies about conflicts of interest for elected officials. Mayor Powers said an elected official can't do any business with the city. Mike Talley said there is a state statute and said if there were ever a question about something being a conflict it needed to be brought to someone's attention.

Alaina Wright said she would be out of town the week of March 13 for Spring Institute.

Steve Lawver said the Carl Junction girls' basketball team beat Webb City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

LaDonna Allen 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