

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 17, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne called the meeting to order with the following present: Walter Hayes, Bob McAfee, and Carole Wofford. Anita Francis, David Pyle, James Shanks, and Roger Spencer were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

There was a discussion regarding business that can be conducted and the consensus was the disbursements included items that are necessary to conduct normal business. Walter Hayes motioned to approve the disbursements and table items 4a (approval of minutes) and item 6 (ordinances). Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed with four absent. Walter Hayes motioned to approve the consent agenda. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed with four absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Joshua Clawson 7655 County Lane 288-He was present to present information on a proposed disc golf course at Center Creek Park. He said there's a club in Joplin that manages Joplin activities and maintains some disc golf courses in the surrounding area but there is no one that advocates for new courses to be built. He said he maintains the course at Bulldog Lake, and what the area lacks is a beginner-friendly course. He said the course at Bulldog Lake is over 10 years old and needs re-design. He said Center Creek Park is an underutilized park in Carl Junction.

Hollie LaVigne asked if this could be sent to Sapp Designs to be considered for the Strategic Plan and Steve Lawver said yes.

Carole Wofford asked how long it would take to do this if the board decided to and he said the infrastructure process can go fairly quickly. He said the tee pad takes longer and could possibly need the ground to be leveled before pouring it.

PRESENT DRAFT OF BUDGET FOR FY 2027

Steve Lawver said this is the finalized draft that includes all the changes that have been discussed over the last few months. He said it in an increase overall of approximately \$1 million, but it's all for necessary expenditures.

REPORTS

Long-Term Project report – Steve Lawver said he does have bids for Lakeside Park but those will be agenda items for the next meeting.

Hollie LaVigne asked about the ARPA stormwater project on W Briarbrook Lane. Steve Lawver said the project is almost done but he has one last part that he needs the board to discuss and vote on.

Treasurer's report – No discussion.

Public Works report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – Jay Morton said it's been difficult keeping up with two gas and two water contractors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Walter Hayes had nothing to report. He said there will be a vote at the next regular meeting to approve the budget.

Code/ Nuisance: Carole Wofford said there would be an ordinance to consider water connection fees at the next meeting.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer was absent.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle was absent.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS


There was no unfinished business before the board.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business before the board.

ADJOURNMENT

Walter Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR PRO-TEM