

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: Jim Gozia, Bob McAfee, Rick Flinn, Ladonna Allen, Mike Burns, and Hollie LaVigne. Roger Spencer and Mark Satterlee were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

Hollie LaVigne motioned to remove item 7F from the agenda. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jennifer Gozia, 601 Springhill Drive-She said she wanted to say thank you to the board of aldermen for the hours they put in for the city.

DISCUSSION OF RENTAL & CLEANING FEES FOR COMMUNITY CENTER

Steve Lawver said there was a senior citizen committee meeting about changing the cleaning and deposit fees for the rooms at the Community Center and changing some wording in the agreement. Steve Lawver said he is working on updating those fees.

Mayor Powers suggested there be a drawing made of where the senior center wants all the tables and chairs to be.

LaDonna Allen said she didn't want anything to be changed that would prevent people in the community from being able to rent the facility.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put **"AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET"** on second reading by title only. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: Alaina Wright said that on each line item for salaries, there was room built in for people to cash out comp time and vacation time. She said over the last year or two, the number of people cashing out their time, rather than taking it, has greatly increased, so the budget was adjusted to allow for that without going overbudget in salaries. Steve Lawver said the budgeting reason behind that was the auditor considers that time a liability and our code says it has to be paid out if requested.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-13 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.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put **"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2023"** on second reading by title only. Jim Gozia seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Hollie LaVigne motioned to put it on final passage. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-14 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.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put **"AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING CITY OFFICERS TO THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION TO SERVE THE ENSUING YEAR UNTIL NEW OFFICERS ARE DULY APPOINTED"** on second reading by title only. Jim Gozia seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Jim Gozia seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-15 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.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II. PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE: CHAPTER 210: OFFENSES, ARTICLE XI. OFFENSES CONCERNING DRUGS AND ALCOHOL, BY AMENDING SECTION 210.1800 TO PROHIBIT POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY MISSOURI CONSTITUTION ARTICLE XIV AND RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED IN SUPPORT THEREOF, AND TO PROHIBIT SMOKING OR CONSUMPTION OF MARIJUANA IN PUBLIC PLACES"** on first reading by title only. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: LaDonna Allen said there are many parts of the ordinance she agrees with, however she thinks there might be challenges about ordinances like this. She said the section on public use was brought as a nuisance and an odor, but she doesn't believe this ordinance will stand a challenge because of our ordinances allowing alcohol and smoking.

Mayor Powers asked if the state amendment passed said cities could regulate where marijuana could be used and Mike Talley said yes. Steve Lawver said the state amendment has a prohibition in it for use in public areas.

Mike Burns asked where the ordinance language came from and Steve Lawver said it came from MML. Steve Lawver said some of the language is also directly from the state amendment.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-16 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.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V: BUILDING CODE, CHAPTER 520: FIRE PREVENTION BY REPEALING SECTIONS 520.010, 520.020, 520.025 AND 520.030 AND ENACTING IN LIEU THEREOF NEW SECTIONS 520.010, 520.020, AND 520.030 ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, EDITION 2018**” on first reading by title only. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this was brought to him by the fire department and the Code Committee is recommending approval.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-17 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.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND JOPLIN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC, INC. TO COMPLETE THE FRANK DEAN BALL PARK LIGHTING PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR THE SUM OF \$111,826.00; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI**” on first reading by title only. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: Rick Flinn asked how long it would take to get the project done. Steve Lawver said they just had to wait for the lights to come in.

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Discussion: There was no further discussion.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-18 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-Steve Lawver said they had pre-construction meeting this morning for the sidewalk project. He said the next section should be done by June.

Mayor Powers asked when the Lakeside Park project would be moving forward. Steve Lawver said they are working on the drawings now, and we are probably 90 days out.

Steve Lawver said we signed the agreement for the water line replacement & the funding is in place.

LaDonna Allen asked about bids in for dirt work in Country Club Park. Steve Lawver said we received two bids and we're waiting on a third bid. Steve Lawver said the bids also included fencing for the dog park. The bids so far for the dirt work are approximately \$45,000.

Steve Lawver said we received bids for the roof at Public Works. He said one was \$160,000 and one was \$60,000. He said he still wants to find a third bid for that and find out why the bids are so different.

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Mayor Powers asked about the third sewer claim. Steve Lawver said it's unassociated with the other two claims and not in the same area. He said Ace Pipe ran a camera today in the line at the request from MIRMA.

Public Works report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – Mark McCall said we should recognize the officers involved in the swatting incident last month. He said Officer Conway had just arrived, and when he got the call, he went in and cleared the school before the other officers had arrived.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Ladonna Allen said we passed the budget.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn said there was a meeting at 6:30 about amending Chapter 110 that was removed from the agenda. He said it's a new code they're working on for a code of ethics for the board of aldermen. He said it should be ready at the next meeting.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer was absent. Steve Lawver said he and Chief McCall would like to get with the HR Committee and Budget committee next week.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns had nothing to report.

Senior Citizens: Bob McAfee had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne wanted to thank LaDonna Allen and the Budget Committee for their work on the budget.

Hollie LaVigne asked if we could put something on Facebook and the website about the girl scout's collection cans.

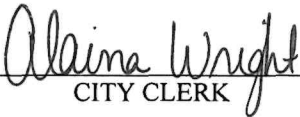
Mike Burns said Steve had mentioned before about hiring a city engineer and wanted to know if that was something we were still considering. Steve Lawver he's talked to Allgeier Martin about that, and they're trying to hire a projects manager, which would be cheaper than an engineer. He said they also talked about a design profession, who could design all the parks and public works projects but doesn't cost as much as an engineer. He said after speaking with Allgeier Martin, it would be cost prohibitive to employ our own engineer.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Flinn said the community awards banquet is next week.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR