

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Bob McAfee, Roger Spencer, Mike Burns and Hollie LaVigne. Mark Satterlee and Jim Gozia were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

Roger Spencer motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

David Pyle was present to speak about the ordinance amending Ch 125. He feels changing that ordinance two weeks after a contested election would be ill advised. Steve Lawver said that ordinance violates Missouri state law and the First Amendment.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, BY AMENDING TITLE I. GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 110: MAYOR, BOARD OF ALDERMEN, BOARD MEETINGS, BY ADDING NEW ARTICLE VII. CODE OF ETHICS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, TO ESTABLISH A CODE OF ETHICS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**” on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: LaDonna Allen said there is a typo in one section of the ordinance. She said sections 110.505, 110.560 and 110.600 refers to elected officials and members of boards and/or commissions and asked if the code committee was going to look at doing the same for members of our appointed committees. LaDonna Allen said section 110.595 says candidates for an election need to sign something acknowledging they received the code, and asked if we would be providing copies of the code prior to being elected. Steve Lawver said we would.

Rick Flinn asked if the ordinance should be tabled until Mike Talley is back. LaDonna Allen said the ordinance could be passed and amended later if necessary. Steve Lawver said he could find a code of ethics for appointed officials if the council wanted one. He also said those committees have by-laws and we can check and see if those need to be amended.

Mike Burns asked if section 110.600 meant aldermen had the power to remove another alderman. Steve Lawver said yes and that power is already in

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

Discussion: There was no further 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-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-absent. Motion on Ordinance #23-19 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 THE PD, WATER WORKS, WWTP, GO BOND, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023**” on first reading by title only. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this balances our old budget and we do it every year to be in compliance with the state auditor and state of Missouri.

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. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-absent. Motion on Ordinance #23-20 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 THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, BY AMENDING TITLE II. PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE BY REPEALING CHAPTER 233: SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE TO ELIMINATE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CITIZEN FACILITY**” on first reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said several weeks ago there was a joint meeting between public facilities and the senior citizens committee and they are recommending this removal. He said there are several parts that we have never been able to comply with and they wanted the ordinance removed.

Mike Burns asked who was on the senior citizen committee and Steve Lawver said Richard Garrett, Jason Wright and Bob McAfee.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-absent. Motion on Ordinance #23-21 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 I. GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 125: PERSONNEL POLICY, BY REPEALING SECTION 125.280: POLITICAL ACTIVITY**" on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-absent. Motion on Ordinance #23-22 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

Treasurer's report – No discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said we noticed there was a typo in the police department salaries and there will need to be a line item on the next agenda to amend those salaries.

LaDonna Allen said we made the decision toward the end of last year to have Jasper County collect the city taxes in hopes it would raise the collection rate. She said we've already collected over \$873,000, so even after payments we have collected 96% of our taxes.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said there was a meeting with Police Chief and City Administrator about staffing of the police department. No votes were taken.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns asked about some of the handouts for the old business and if there needed to be a public facilities meeting. Steve Lawver said we didn't have a separate committee meeting for these items since there has been so much discussion on them already.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LaDonna Allen asked if the flag poles were fixed and Steve Lawver said the flag at the Community Center was repaired, but now the PD flag pole has broken and needs to be fixed. He also said the other flags weren't flying because out of respect, you don't fly the other flags if the American flag isn't up.

Mike Burns asked about the ball park lighting, Steve Lawver said we still haven't received the lights yet.

Crystal Winkfield said we received a letter from FEMA that the last of the reimbursement for the damages from 2019 will be coming soon and the project is closed out.

Steve Lawver said he had made a new list of rental fees for the rooms at the Community Center and said this was at the recommendation from the senior citizen & public facilities committee. He said there is a typo on one of the cleaning deposits and it should say \$50 instead of \$25. He also said there has been discussion and thinks it would be better to remove the application fee and just add the amount to the hourly fee.

Mike Burns asked about the number of residents and non-residents renting rooms and said he would like to see more of a price difference between those prices. Steve Lawver said we could take the application fee away for citizens and roll the application fee into the prices for the non-residents. Mayor Powers and LaDonna Allen thought we should drop the application fee entirely and double the rates for non-residents.

Mike Burns asked about getting the deposit back after the inspection and if the process has been changed at all. Steve Lawver said the only suggestion had been to make sure the warming kitchen was on the checklist also. LaDonna Allen said the refrigerator was full and it needs to be available for people that rent the warming kitchen.

Rick Flinn asked if the situation has been addressed with employees not signing off on cleaning and Steve Lawver said yes.

Mike Burns asked if the fees were being raised arbitrarily and Steve Lawver said no, that the fees needed to be raised.

Roger Spencer motioned to implement the new fee structure as discussed. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Steve Lawver said we received three bids for the fencing around the splashpad and it is time sensitive and is coming from the ARPA funds. He said Nelson Enterprises, MW Fence, and Miller fence put in the following bids: Nelson Enterprises at \$15,780 for a four-foot fence; MW Fence at \$18,190.60 for a four-foot fence and \$21,921.44 for a six-foot fence; and Miller Fence at \$24,483.40 for a six-foot fence. Steve Lawver said a four-foot fence would look better in the neighborhood and there will be no standing water so there won't be a safety concern. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the bid from Nelson Enterprises for a four-foot fence. Roger Spencer seconded. Mike Burns asked if there was a difference in time tables for the bids. Steve Lawver said Nelson was the fastest and can get started as soon as the supplies come in. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Public Works report – No discussion.

Police Department report – Chief McCall said Officer Conway went through all the schools transmitting to see if the new radio works and there is a problem inside the high school administrative offices. Chief McCall said normally this would be addressed with an in-car repeater, but that causes issues with the vehicle battery life. He said he is checking on another repeater to install inside the high school.

APPROVE CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

LaDonna Allen motioned to certify the results of the April 2023 election as presented by Jasper County Clerk's office. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

SI-NE-DI

Mayor Powers declared that we were SI-NE-DI.

SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hollie LaVigne, Bill Maguire, Rick Flinn, David Pyle, LaDonna Allen and Mark Powers were sworn into office. Mayor Powers said he put one alderman from each ward on each committee so that every ward is represented.

ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM

David Pyle nominated Mike Burns. Hollie LaVigne nominated LaDonna Allen. Roger Spencer motioned to cease nominations. Rick Flinn seconded.

Rick Flinn, Roger Spencer and David Pyle voted for Mike Burns.

Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, LaDonna Allen and Bill Maguire voted for LaDonna Allen

NEW BUSINESS

David Pyle asked to review the comprehensive plan and to discuss the relocation of the Frank Dean Sports Complex. Mike Burns said there will be a public facilities meeting soon and he will have that on the agenda. A meeting was set for 5:00 PM on Tuesday April 25.

Mayor Powers said on Saturdays when there is soccer at the soccer fields in Briarbrook he is concerned about vehicles speeding. He would like to have a flashing speed light for when soccer is going on to slow traffic down and he would like the public facilities committee to talk about that at the meeting. Rick Flinn asked if we have a speed trailer that could be set out there and Steve Lawver said yes.

Hollie LaVigne said we should consider expanding the parking where the pavilion is going to be.

Alaina Wright said the MML Elected Officials Training Conference is scheduled for June 8 & 9 in Columbia for anyone that wants to attend.

Alaina Wright said that MML and other websites are having issues with people re-using email addresses and suggested getting aldermen email addresses like the employees have. There was a consensus that would be fine.

Steve Lawver said there is a problem with a brush rotor at the WWTP in the ditches. He said we got a quote from G&G for \$38,500 to remove and install a new rotor. Steve Lawver said one rotor is \$147,000 or two rotors and would be \$245,000. Steve said we do have that money in reserves. Jay Morton said it's not an emergency right now but definitely needs to be fixed. Mayor Powers asked if he preferred one or two rotors and Jay Morton said he would rather get two and we could store one if needed. LaDonna Allen said it should be on the agenda for the next meeting to give people time to look into it.


Mike Burns asked if it could be repaired at all or had to be replaced and Steve Lawver said it had to be replaced.

Steve Lawver said we have to go out for bid for the playground at Lakeside Park.

Mike Burns asked about the original agreement including the shelter and playground and Steve Lawver said the playground design had been removed to make it cheaper. Mike Burns asked to get a copy of the contract with Bartlett & West.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR