

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 2, 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, Hollie LaVigne, David Pyle and Bill Maguire. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Powers asked for discussion regarding Case #23-04 – Amending Chapter 410 – Supplementary Regulations

Mayor Powers opened the public hearing at 7:04 PM. Steve Lawver said P&Z met on this last week and are recommending approval. Rick Flinn asked about “certain “conditions” language. Steve Lawver said the application for a consolidation goes to P&Z for a decision. Mike Talley said the ordinance was drafted off the City of Duquense’s ordinance that was drafted several years ago. He says this cleans the record so there are lot split and lot consolidation procedures. Rick Flinn asked if it affected the property taxes and Steve Lawver said it should not. The public hearing closed at 7:08 PM.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR THE ROOF AT 813 JOPLIN ST

Steve Lawver said this is the roof at the public works building. He said it’s been 10+ years since it was coated and it’s now cracking and leaking. Steve Lawver said we received three bids: Nelson Enterprise at \$52,000, Abernathy Roofing & Construction at \$62,500, and Cowin Construction at \$167,369.41. He said Nelson Enterprise was the low bid and is the one being recommended. Mike Burns said Public Facilities talked about it last week but did not have any input from public works. Jay Morton said he hadn’t seen the bids. LaDonna Allen motioned to accept bid from Nelson for \$52,000. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR PAVILLIONS AT MEMORIAL PARK SPLASHPAD

Mike Burns said this was discussed at the public facilities meeting and re received one bid from Schuber Mitchell to build two pavillions for \$11,212.90 each. Steve Lawver said he checked on metal instead of shingles and it was going to be \$3,875 for each sheet, and would cost more than shingles. Mike Burns said the committee is recommending approving the bid from Schuber Mitchell. He said the schematic shows a metal roof, and they would like to see one with the roof materials they will be using. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the bid from Schuber Mitchell for two pavillions. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

DISCUSSION OF REPAIRS TO WWTP

Steve Lawver said this started in the public facilities meeting talking about a bid from G&G Construction to remove and replace a brush rotor at the WWTP. Steve said he received an email from Allgeier Martin that we needed more information before we accepted the bid.

Eric DeGruson said they are seeing many communities switching from rotors to removable diffusers and/or mixers which are more efficient. He said he thought it would be worth comparing the prices and life cycles of the two options to see which one would be better for the city.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND BARTLETT & WEST, INC. TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH DESIGNING A SHELTER AND RESTROOM FACILITY FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, SAID AMENDMENT NO. 1 BEING TO ADD PARK PLAYGROUND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$13,030.00, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMENDMENT NO. 1; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI**” on first reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Mike Burns said this was also discussed in the public facilities meeting last week and has to be done per the grant requirements.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-23 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 MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, BY AMENDING TITLE IV. LAND USE, CHAPTER 410: SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS, SECTION 410.070: SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, BY ADDING NEW SUB-SECTION E. LOT CONSOLIDATIONS, TO ALLOW LOT CONSOLIDATIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS**” on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Rick Flinn motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Mike Burns asked if Jasper County charged a fee for this as well and Steve Lawver said he didn't know.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-24 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 ORDINANCE #23-14 ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, BY CHANGING, EFFECTIVE WITH THE PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE, THE MAXIMUM LEVEL SALARY OF PATROLMAN**” on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: LaDonna Allen said we noticed there were several officers that would be earning more than the maximum salary. LaDonna Allen asked if the two readings for the ordinance could be done at one meeting or needed to be done over two meetings. Mike Talley said there was nothing that required the readings to be done at separate meetings.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-25 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 the recreation trails program will not work for us because that program does not allow motorized vehicles and Lakeside Park has golf carts that use those trails.

David Pyle asked about the quotes to fix the pool. Steve Lawver said those estimates came in from \$900,000-\$1.2 million. Rick Flinn asked if there were grants available for that and Steve Lawver said he wasn't aware of any.

Public Works report – Bob McAfee asked about the status of the grinder pump in Deerfield lift station. Jay Morton said it's in and is working well.

Police Dept. report – Rick Flinn asked if we've heard from MIRMA on the police vehicle that was wrecked and Steve Lawver said we haven't heard back yet. Hollie LaVigne asked about the gun incident today. Assistant Chief Stever said there was a disturbance in the Prairie Hills area and they made an arrest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said we learned that for the Police Department to get MDT's we can use JasCo's bid which will take the cost from \$5,000 to \$1,100. Steve Lawver said we also learned that for public safety, Verizon Wireless would give us the internet hot spots for free.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns said there was a meeting last week. He said there were multiple projects that were discussed, and said if there were projects that anyone had ideas for that were not on the committee to let him know.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Talley said he had a medical procedure at the end of this month that will take him out of commission for possibly a few meetings.

Crystal Winkfield said she'll be gone for the rest of the week.

Steve Lawver said there was an online comment about the use tax and we needed one and are one of the only cities without one. David Pyle asked if there had been research done in the past about why it has failed in the past. Steve Lawver said many people online bring items into the conversation that have nothing to do with the use tax, but it was impossible for us to combat. LaDonna Allen said other towns passed taxes that all went into one fund, like the General Fund. Mike Burns asked if there would be any support coming from the state about getting a statewide use tax. Steve Lawver said it still has to go to a vote of the individual communities.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Powers said the next meeting is scheduled for May 16, but he and Mike Talley will both be out of town and he'd like to reschedule that meeting for May 23. David Pyle motioned to reschedule the next meeting to May 23. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

PM. Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45


CITY CLERK


MAYOR