

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns, Bill Maguire, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Hollie LaVigne. Bob McAfee and Rick Flinn were 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. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Staci Smith-712 Remington Circle-She said there is a pool at 805 Summerlyn that she doesn't feel it is properly contained. She said she has spoken to the building inspector but nothing has been done. She also spoke about a topic of conversation from the Coffee and Donuts regarding lifting the current dog breed ban. She doesn't feel that the breed ban should be reviewed.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH KIMBERLY AND DANIEL GAU TO RESOLVE CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, RELATED TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM BY PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 AND THE COMPLETION OF SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS AT A COST OF \$47,500.00, IN EXCHANGE FOR A RELEASE OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this claim came in more than a year ago and there were two houses back-to-back that made claims. He said we turned it over to MIRMA and they worked with the engineering on getting a settlement for the claim and this is the product of that. Steve Lawver said this claim is not a result of any city errors.

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. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-absent, Flinn-absent, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-29 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.

DISCUSSION OF FORMING A BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Hollie LaVigne said she thought it was a good idea to form a committee to try to get more businesses in town and see if there are any barriers to businesses coming into town. Bill Maguire asked if it was the job of the council was to form this, or if it the job of the chamber of commerce or an economic developer. LaDonna Allen said she liked the idea of forming a committee to get more involved in developing businesses in town. Bill Maguire said there would need to be a lot of coordination between the committee and the city administration.

Mayor Powers asked how the committee would have to be formed. Mike Talley said the mayor just has to create one. Mayor Powers said he would look at it and have a proposal for the next meeting.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Alaina Wright said in June she has found eight fraudulent checks that were passed through the City's Combined Expenditures account for a total of \$12,400. She said the checks looked to have been copied from a physical check that was sent to a legitimate vendor back in December. Alaina Wright said the bank has replaced the money in the account, and an affidavit of forgery was filed with the bank, as well as a police report and a claim with MIRMA. She also said that account had been closed and a new account was opened, so no more checks could be passed through the old account.

Treasurer's report – No discussion.

Public Works report – Mike Burns asked who paid for any accidents that happen, such as when a crew laying fiber optics cuts a water line. Jay Morton said it depends on who is at fault.

Police Dept. report – No discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there was a public facilities' meeting and the budget committee needs to see about the possibility of hiring seasonal workers in public works.

LaDonna Allen said so far this year we've had around \$18,000 we've had to pay engineers for sewer inspections and asked if our current rate structure covers those expenses. Steve Lawver said those costs are covered by sewer rates for current customers. LaDonna Allen asked why our building fees didn't cover the costs for the builder to put in those sewer mains. Mike Talley said Duquesne requires developers to reimburse the city for any engineering fees that are incurred by the city for the project to be completed and that he believed the City already had a similar code but he would need to research it.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn was absent.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns said there was a joint meeting yesterday with public facilities and budget to get an update on the ongoing projects. Hollie LaVigne said she received an email from a resident requesting some kind of landscaping to help with all the noise that occurs at the splashpad.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alaina Wright said after the June 6th minutes were approved, she noticed part of a sentence was incorrect and needed to be amended. She said the sentence currently reads “Bill Maguire asked if the meetings in July would be back-to-back since the July 4th meeting was pushed back a week and Mayor Powers said no” and with the council’s approval, it needs to be amended to say “Bill Maguire asked if the second meeting in July would be pushed back since the July 4th meeting was pushed back a week and Mayor Powers said no”. LaDonna Allen motioned to amend the June 6th minutes to the corrected wording. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent.

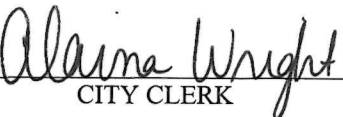
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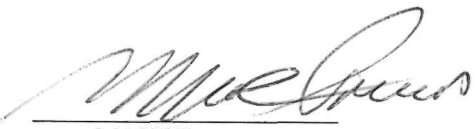
Roger Spencer said he has been approached by some gentlemen in his ward that would like a basketball goal put into Four Oaks Park. Steve Lawver said it was added to the list of upcoming projects that public facilities reviewed. Mike Burns said the committee believed it was a worthwhile project, but they would like to complete some of the already in-progress projects.

Crystal Winkfield said there was a resident at Second Tuesday that was very complimentary of the splashpad and the work the city is doing around it.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with two absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR