

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday August 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Jim Gozia, Bob McAfee, Roger Spencer, Mike Burns and Hollie LaVigne. Mark Satterlee was absent. 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 with one absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

P&Z CASES

Mayor Powers asked for discussion regarding Case #22-05 Final Plat for Rainer Farms

Steve Lawver said Schuber Mitchell and Anderson Engineering are present for any questions. This is Phase 1 of the new development and P&Z is recommending approval.

Jacob Lett with Schuber Mitchell Homes was present and available for any questions.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST” on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this is the annual ordinance we pass.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #22-20 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 ACCEPTING RAINER FARMS OF CARL JUNCTION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS” on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Mike Burns said we need to carefully consider the ramifications of adding so many new homes, especially on the city’s infrastructure. He questioned the ability of the treatment plant to be able to handle all the new homes. Steve Lawver said there have been four major upgrades to the WWTP and DNR does not allow expansion if they don’t believe the treatment plant can handle it.

Rick Flinn asked how that many houses would affect the fire department and the police department and their response.

Bob McAfee asked if the retention pond was redone and Steve Lawver said yes.

Hollie LaVigne said new homes would be a positive for the city.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-no, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #22-21 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.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Jim Gozia asked how long the scoring process takes for the splashpad project. Steve Lawver said the only person left needing to score the bids was Mike Burns and then Steve can begin tallying the results.

Public Works report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – Chief McCall was absent.

Bldg Insp report - No discussion.

Court report - No discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there was a budget meeting earlier tonight to review the first quarter budget.

LaDonna said the budget committee is recommending changing the collection of personal and real property over to the Jasper County Collector’s office. She said collections of personal property is down over the last three years. She said the collection fee is 4% and the budget committee is recommending the change.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said there is a closed session later during this meeting.

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

Senior Citizens: Richard Garrett had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rick Flinn asked about the grants that were submitted for wastewater. Steve Lawver said they were submitted but we won't know anything until at least October.

Steve Lawver said we received an email that we will get the second tranche from the state for ARPA sometime this week.

Steve Lawver said Allgeier Martin has checked the bids and they are recommending Mid-American because they are the responsive low bidder. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the bid submitted by Mid-American for the SCADA system. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Flinn said he saw on Facebook that a lot of people aren't happy with the pool. Steve Lawver said he has a meeting scheduled next week with the director of the Joplin Family Y.

LaDonna Allen asked if the next round of LWCF grants were open. Crystal Winkfield said no.

Jay Morton said he has really good workers now.

CLOSED SESSION PER RSMO 610.021 (3): HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING OF PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHEN PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISCUSSED OR RECORDED

LaDonna Allen motioned to go into closed session. Roger Spencer seconded. Roll call vote: LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Council went into closed session at 7:28 PM.

Council meeting reconvened at 7:57 PM. Mayor Powers said no formal action was taken.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND THE LAW OFFICE OF MICHAEL L. ROBERTS, LLC, TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO COMPLETION OF AN INDEPENDENT, NON-CRIMINAL, INVESTIGATION INTO CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING THE CARL JUNCTION POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A RATE WHICH WILL NOT EXCEED \$250.00 PER HOUR PLUS REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES AS PROVIDED IN THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE SAID ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #21-22 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.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR