

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns, Rick Flinn, Bill Maguire, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, and Hollie LaVigne. Roger Spencer was 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 change item 7a from an ordinance to approve a contract with RE Smith to a discussion about Lakeside Park shelter and playground. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Rick Flinn motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda with the minutes amended to reflect LaDonna Allen questioned if the city would be responsible for half the amount of the contract with RE Smith and Steve Lawver said yes. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

There was no one present for public forum.

### **YEAR-END REVIEW OF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

Jennifer Shotwell gave a year end review for the Area Agency on Aging since their fiscal year ended June 30<sup>th</sup>. She said 387 people visited in the last year, and 46% of them were over 75 years old. Jennifer Shotwell said over the last year there were 15,899 meals shared and 4,423 pounds of extra groceries and supplies delivered. Jennifer said they also provided 36 rides to dialysis appointments.

Rick Flinn asked if the 36 rides to dialysis were all the rides that were needed or if that was all that was available and Jennifer Shotwell said that was all they were able to provide.

### **DISCUSSION OF LAKESIDE PARK**

Steve Lawver said Clint Walton with RE Smith was present to answer any questions about the project. Hollie LaVigne asked about the \$449,000 that was budgeted for the pavilion. Clint said they could look at revisions to the floor plan or revisions to the site. Rick Flinn asked if it was feasible to cut the price of the pavilion in half. Clint said they could look at the biggest components of the price to see where cuts could be made, but they would have to look to see exactly what the grant requirements are to see what can be cut. LaDonna Allen asked if the current design was for an open pavilion other than the bathrooms and Clint said yes. Mike Burns asked if they could provide an actual itemized list of the bid. Clint said they can share that information but they don't like to provide that information without a contract in place because the competition could get that information and if the project is rebid it would hurt RE Smith. He said there is an AI33 contract that exists for a situation like this, to start the conversation without agreeing to a contract until all parties come to an agreement. LaDonna Allen asked how long it would take to put together numbers if MO Parks allows the changes that we are hoping to make. Clint Walton said once they got their information, they should be able to have information together within 10 days. Mayor Powers asked if the price includes running the sewer and Steve Lawver said yes. Hollie LaVigne verified that the utility cost to run water and sewer to the bathrooms is additional to the \$449,000 to the pavilion and Clint confirmed that was correct. Steve Lawver said the two biggest requirements on the grant are the prevailing wage and Buy America requirements. Clint said most of the companies in the area they use already have materials that meet the Buy America standards. LaDonna Allen asked if the costs of walkways and paths were figured into the bid and Clint said yes. Mike Burns asked what the change of project specifications would do to the validity of the bidding process. Steve Lawver said the current discussion is only about reducing the footprint of the pavilion, not the specs that were listed in the bid. Mike Talley said the biggest question now would be if MO Parks would require us to rebid the project if the size of the pavilion is reduced and Steve Lawver said we are waiting on an answer from MO Parks on that question. Mike Burns said we would also like to know what things could be done now that would also allow us to expand the playground in the future.

### **REPORTS**

Long-Term Project report – LaDonna Allen asked if number seven on the list was supposed to be MPA Water Line replacement and Steve Lawver said yes. Mayor Powers asked when the pool assessment would be done and Steve Lawver said he meets with them tomorrow. LaDonna Allen asked if a second bid was ever received and Steve Lawver said it was received last week. Rick Flinn asked if we had heard anything else on the stormwater for Main Street and Steve Lawver said no. Hollie LaVigne asked if water line inventories had started to come in and Alaina Wright said yes. LaDonna Allen asked how people that receive bills via email would get the survey and Alaina Wright said we are working on a list of people who receive email bills to mail forms to those people.

Treasurer's report - No discussion.

Public Works report – Mike Burns said a resident called about a cutout on Valleyview and asking if it will be filled back in and Steve Lawver said it would be taken care of, but people need to drive over it first to pack down the gravel.

Police Dept. report – LaDonna Allen said there was a fairly severe golf cart accident in Ward 3 and the Chief and Assistant Chief wanted people to be aware of the ordinances regarding golf carts and unlicensed drivers are now allowed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there was a meeting at 6:30 to look at funding options for Lakeside Park. She also said there needs to be a budget meeting Monday September 25 at 4:15 pm to present the audit report.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer was absent.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns said a meeting is needed to check in on projects. There were conflicting schedules and Steve Lawver said he would email a survey to everyone on the committee to find out when committee members were available next week.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne said there was a meeting yesterday and the committee is looking at some zoning changes and to see what is available for development.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mike Burns asked about the agreement that Clint Walton was talking about and Steve Lawver said it all depended on the answer from MO Parks. Hollie LaVigne asked if it was common for companies to refuse to release bid specs and Steve Lawver said it was common for public bids.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Hollie LaVigne said she spoke with Steve Lawver about getting bus stop signs or children present signs.

Rick Flinn asked about the speed limit solar powered signs and Steve Lawver said they were considering getting a bid for four signs.

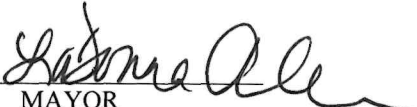
Mayor Powers said he would not be present at the next meeting.

LaDonna Allen asked about the possibility of a zero-cost building permit for storm shelter installation. Steve Lawver said there was a section in code that allows for a waiver of fees for building permits. Mike Talley said to completely remove the fees for that would just require a code change.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Rick Flinn motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

  
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MAYOR