

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday October 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem LaDonna Allen called the meeting to order with the following present: Mike Burns, Rick Flinn, Bill Maguire, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Hollie LaVigne. Mayor Powers was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Eric Shoaff-105 Victoria, was present to talk about the stop sign at Fir Road and Briarbrook Drive and see if there would be a project report. Steve Lawver said we have no update beyond the engineers were going to discuss a three way stop and/or roundabout there. David Pyle asked if it were possible to annex the area south of Fir Road so the road wouldn't be split between jurisdictions. Steve Lawver said all that land is owned by a trust and they have been approached by developers but nothing has happened. David Pyle asked if it would be possible to annex only the right of way and Steve Lawver said that could be an option.

APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF CITY PROPERTY AT 1203 E PENNELL

LaDonna Allen said this item was not for specific discussion, the council just needs to approve selling the property and gets that information officially on the record. Steve Lawver said if the sale is approved, there would be a closed session in two weeks to discuss the specifics of the sale. David Pyle motioned to approved the sale of the property at 1203 E Pennell. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCES

Mike Burns motioned to put **"AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND R.E. SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT THE CARL JUNCTION PARK SHELTER, PLAYGROUND AND ASSOCIATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT, DRAWINGS, SPECIFICATIONS, ADDENDA AND OTHER DOCUMENTS LISTED IN THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SUM OF \$664,000.00; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT 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.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said he met with RE Smith at the end of last week and he and Clint Walton went through a value engineering exercise on downsizing the structure and some other changes that could be made. Steve Lawver said they were able to take \$58,333.00 out of the original cost indicated in the contract. Rick Flinn said in reading the contract it doesn't say anything about where the saved money would go. Steve Lawver said if the contract were approved, there would be a deduct change order removing the \$58,333 from the project cost and a change order adding the same amount to the playground equipment, which would result in a net zero change order. LaDonna Allen said two years ago when the project was started there was \$149,000 allotted for the playground and prices have only gone up since then.

David Pyle asked to clarify that a dollar amount is set aside for the playground, but specific playground equipment has not been determined and Steve Lawver said that was correct. Mike Burns asked if the contract is approved tonight would it be approved as is or if there would be additional changes. Steve Lawver said he didn't have an answer to that. Bill Maguire asked if we're locked into a contractor and Steve Lawver said on this we would be. LaDonna Allen asked if the additional funding has been secured from MoParks and Crystal Winkfield said that could take up to six months to approve.

LaDonna Allen said we know the city has the funding available and now the council has to decide if they're going to approve the project. Roger Spencer asked how big the building was going to be in the original project scope and Steve Lawver said it was 40' x 60' and with the changes would be 30' x 60'.

Rick Flinn asked if the proposed changes were the only changes that were possible or if there could be more and Steve Lawver said there could be more but they can only be minor changes. Mike Burns said the bathrooms would be great for soccer players and parents, but they might not always be there to need those bathrooms so the decision for the pavilion shouldn't be made on bathrooms alone.

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

Discussion: David Pyle said he is in favor of the project in principle, but his hesitations are the amount of the project and the uncertainty of the end project. Bill Maguire said he believes everyone is in favor of the project but the amount of money is tremendous. Rick Flinn asked what it would do to other parks by taking the amount of money for this project. LaDonna Allen said there are already ARPA funds set aside for playground equipment in Center Creek and at the beginning of the next budget year we will have more income in those funds.

Rick Flinn motioned to put it on final passage. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-no, Maguire-yes, Pyle-no. Motion on Ordinance #23-35 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. Steve Lawver asked what the decision was for Coffee and Donuts in October. The consensus was October 28th 9-11 am.

Public Works report – David Pyle thanked the public works employees for supporting the Bluegrass Festival and helping the event be successful.

Police Dept. report – Rick Flinn asked if a decision had been made on the Wi-Fi for the vehicles and Steve Lawver said we're just waiting on getting quotes for the monthly fees. Chief McCall said he has multiple quotes and he would like to have another budget meeting to figure out a plan of action to implement some of the changes. LaDonna Allen said she would be unavailable until the 17th or 18th. Steve Lawver said the 18th at 4:15 pm would be the best time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there will be a budget committee meeting on October 18th at 4:15 pm. LaDonna Allen also said there was a budget meeting several weeks ago to present the audit report and the report came back good.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said there was a meeting earlier today on police staffing. He said no decisions were made and no votes were taken.

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

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report but said she would like to set a joint meeting with the budget committee soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

David Pyle asked if there was an update on hiring someone to clean the Community Center and Police Department and Steve Lawver said the current contract with Jani-King doesn't end for another nine months.

Mike Burns said the ordinance was approved earlier for the Lakeside Park project and wants to make sure the Board of Aldermen are getting what they want out of the project since reducing the size of the pavilion only reduced the contract amount by a small amount. Steve Lawver said all changes would have to be approved in an ordinance before any were made. Rick Flinn said he wants as much as possible reallocated to the playground equipment. Mike Talley asked if the costs listed as TBD would be available by the next meeting if there were a change order and Steve Lawver said yes.

LaDonna Allen asked if Steve Lawver met with Waters Edge and Steve Lawver said yes and a draft of the findings should be available in around 30 days.

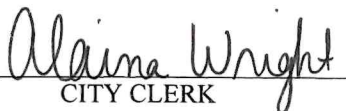
NEW BUSINESS


Alaina Wright said the folding machine in City Hall needed to be replaced because the current machine was not meant to do the volume we have now. She said Pitney Bowes has a Relay 3500 that is intended to fold and stuff 20,000 pieces per month which would easily meet our demands and the purchase price would be \$10,154.40 plus an annual service fee of \$1,056.00. Alaina Wright said the lease for the current machine wouldn't be eligible to cancel until next year but the machine we have now will not make it that long.

David Pyle motioned to approve the purchase of the Relay 3500 machine. Rick Flinn seconded. Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, Rick Flinn, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, and Bill Maguire were in favor. Mike Burns was opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

David Pyle motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR