

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday October 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Bill Maguire, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Hollie LaVigne. Mike Burns was 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. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Housley, 29124 Imperial Road, was present to ask about the possibility of new baseball fields. Mayor Powers said the city would still like to have them but there are no plans currently. Richard Housley also asked about the future of the swimming pool and Steve Lawver said we are waiting to find out the recommendations from the swimming pool consultant. Richard also asked about the possibility of a dog park and LaDonna Allen said the city is currently working on plans for a dog park.

REPORTS

Long-Term Project report- Steve Lawver said Jay Morton would begin the dirt work at Country Club Park on Wednesday October 21.

LaDonna Allen asked if there was any update on the foot golf and Steve Lawver said Mike Burns was working on that. Steve Lawver said the shades for the splashpad were delivered today.

LaDonna Allen asked about Center Creek Park and Steve Lawver said he was working on getting ideas and quotes for that equipment.

Public Works report – Mayor Powers said the leaf pickup schedule is set and would be available online the next day.

Police Dept. report – Hollie LaVigne asked if Detective Castlebury was already in the new patrol vehicle and Chief McCall said yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there will be a Budget Committee meeting Wednesday October 21 at 4:15 PM.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns was absent.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne said there would be an Economic Development Committee meeting Monday October 23 at 4:15 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

David Pyle said the HR Committee met on October 3 about the Police Department staffing issue. He asked if there was an exit interview process in place for employees that are leaving and Steve Lawver said yes

LaDonna Allen asked if there was any answer from Jasper County on the roundabout/stop sign issue at Briarbrook and Fir Road. Steve Lawver said he met with Jasper County Commissioner Adams who said they are not looking at anything there and are not interested in looking at anything at this time.

Hollie LaVigne asked about the quote from Pentair that was on the dais. Steve Lawver said that was regarding the pump issue we had.

Steve Lawver said he spoke to Kenny Wickstrom about closing the Community Center at 9:00 PM rather than 10:00 PM, and Kenny said there was no issue with closing at 9:00 because there is very rarely anyone here after that time. LaDonna Allen asked if that would affect BYAA basketball and Alaina Wright said no, they are only scheduled until 9:00 PM. Hollie LaVigne asked how that would affect room rentals and Steve Lawver said it would just mean we would no longer rent rooms after 9:00 PM. There was a consensus among the council to allow the building to close an hour earlier.

Steve Lawver said there is a quote available from radar sign for two permanent and two temporary speed signs for everyone to look over before the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Flinn said on Well Street parents are parking on both sides of the street near the K-1 building and it is very congested.

Roger Spencer said two people have come to him about picking children up at the High School and asked what the speed limit is on Walnut.

LaDonna Allen suggested the council members think of areas in their wards that would be a good place for the speed signs that will be considered at the next meeting.

Bill Maguire asked if there was a location in mind for a dog park and Steve Lawver said the plan is to put it in Country Club Park to the east of the basketball court.

CLOSED SESSION PER RSMO 610.021 (2): LEASING, PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHERE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRANSACTION MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE LEGAL CONSIDERATION THEREFOR

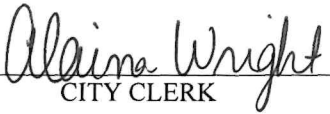
LaDonna Allen motioned to go into closed session. Rick Flinn seconded. Roll call vote: LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-absent, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Council went into closed session at 7:35 PM.

Council meeting reconvened at 7:44 PM.

Mayor Powers said there was a closed session and there was discussion but no votes or formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR