

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday November 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Rick Flinn, Walter Hayes, Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. 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. Hollie LaVigne motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Andrew Phillips-905 Katlin Circle-He said he had an issue with the trash service. He said he has been billed for an extra trash cart that he doesn't have and he didn't appreciate the way it was handled at City Hall. He also said Hartley could use a speed bump.

Dustin Lunow-27654 Genesis Lane-He said he is the board president for Carl Junction Fire Protection District. He proposed amending the golf cart ordinances that are online. He presented the council copies of his proposed changes.

DISCUSSION OF ANTHEM BCBS INSURANCE RENEWAL RATES

Steve Lawver presented the renewal for both the base plan and buy-up plan. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the renewal. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

DISCUSSION OF MOU WITH CARL JUNCTION R-1 SCHOOLS FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

David Pyle said he was going to recuse himself from this agenda item and item 8-a since he's employed by the Carl Junction School District.

Steve Lawver said this has gone through multiple people for this version. He said the first SRO was with Chief John Hofer and there was never a formal agreement or an MOU. Mike Talley said that there are two MOUs presented. He said one is a statutory MOU where the police chief gives permission for his officers to be at the schools. He said the longer MOU goes into more detail, such as what powers they have, when are they exercised, and payment details.

LaDonna Allen said she is concerned about the compensation when you figure hours worked and number of school days, we are committing a full-time officer for 77% of the year and getting compensated for 50% and she feels it would be more equitable if it were 70%. She said it has been brought up in the past, but the police department was short staffed and so SROs were pulled away to respond to calls and since the department now has more staff, they likely wouldn't need to pull the SRO unless it was an emergency.

Hollie LaVigne said she'd like to see the school pay 75% of the compensation and the SROs not pulled from the school unless absolutely necessary.

Walt Hayes said he believed the point of this document was to codify the agreement was already in place and there is an avenue available to modify the agreement in the future.

Mike Talley said he didn't think approving an amended agreement was the right decision.

Rick Flinn asked if we were going to not protect kids for a 20% disagreement in salary.

Mike Talley requested a five-minute adjournment of the meeting. Mayor Powers declared a short adjournment at 7:41 PM.

The council meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM.

Mike Talley said he's going to suggest placing the ordinance on first reading and then tabling the ordinance. The shorter MOU can be approved under new business by the board agreeing to allow the mayor to authorize it.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CARL JUNCTION R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSMO SECTION 162.215.1., AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE SAID MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING" on first reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Hollie LaVigne motioned to table for further discussion. LaDonna Allen seconded. Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, Rick Flinn, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Walter Hayes, and Carole Wofford were in favor. No opposed with David Pyle abstaining.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER PROJECT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND CORE & MAIN LP, A FLORIDA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, TO UPGRADE UTILITY METER READING SOFTWARE, FOR SUMS INCLUDING \$108,990.00 FOR 2 M400 BASE STATIONS WITH INSTALLATION, \$24,207.00 FOR SOFTWARE SETUP/TRAINING AND AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$15,871; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR 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 this is the biggest reason there was a rate increase on the water side, because we budgeted to put the AMI system in place. He said we will be able to get more real time readings. Mayor Powers asked Mike Talley if he had seen the agreement and Mike Talley said yes.

David Pyle asked if we had any other proposals and Steve Lawver said there was one from Utility Services several years ago that was significantly more expensive.

Hollie LaVigne motioned to put it on second reading. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

Hollie LaVigne motioned to put it on final passage. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Pyle-no, Hayes-yes, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #24-33 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

Administration report – No discussion.

Public Works report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – No discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there was a joint meeting at 6:00 PM with public facilities to review an agreement with Enterprise and strategic planning with SAPP. She said there needs to be a meeting on November 19 at 6:00 PM about the agreement with Enterprise.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn said there was a meeting at 6:30 PM to discuss texting and driving and minimum charge for water customers and the committee voted to put both ordinances before the full council. Mayor Powers asked him to look at recommendations from Dustin Lunow. Rick Flinn said there will be a meeting on December 3 at 6:30 PM.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle said there was a consensus to identify potential funding for the agreement with SAPP designs before the next meeting.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne said she had an update this week from Retail Strategies. She requested any economic impact from the Bluegrass Festival from Retail Strategies.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LaDonna Allen asked about the services offered to Airport Drive and Steve Lawver said they are going out for bid on leaf pickup.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Powers said he would like to direct the chief to sign the shorter MOU with the CJR1 School District. Walter Hayes motioned to allow Mayor Powers to direct Chief McCall to sign the statutory MOU with the school district. LaDonna Allen seconded. Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, Rick Flinn, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Walter Hayes, and Carole Wofford were in favor. No opposed with David Pyle abstaining.

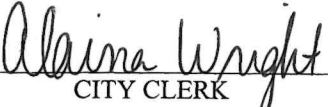
Walter Hayes said he would miss the next meeting.


Alaina Wright said that with the way the days in November fall, it isn't possible to do utility disconnections and follow the code. She asked for permission from the council to skip disconnections for the month of November, and then December would proceed as usual. Water Hayes motioned to waive utility shut offs for November. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Mike Talley said his opinion wasn't requested prior to the vote and he wouldn't be voicing his opinion.

Jay Morton said Mediacom has three bore crews in town and Spire is replacing lines.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR