

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: Jim Gozia, Bob McAfee, Rick Flinn, Roger Spencer, Ladonna Allen, Mike Burns, Mark Satterlee and Gary Stubblefield. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Maribeth Matney, Deputy City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Mark Satterlee seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

MOTOROLA REPRESENTATIVE-DISCUSSION OF PD RADIOS

Denise Gibbs was present to speak with the board about the bid for mobile radios and portable radios. She said the equipment in the bid meets the federal standards for interoperability. Mayor Powers asked if there is a state bid we qualified for and how long that bid would stay unchanged. She said the current bid is good until July but was confident it would be renewed at the same price. Mayor Powers then said Jasper County Emergency Communications would like the city to wait to upgrade until their own upgrade is complete. Denise also informed the board the current bid includes a 43.6% discount.

Gary Stubblefield asked if they expected cost increases. Denise said under the current conditions there typically is not a rate increase.

LaDonna Allen asked if the radios would only be able to talk to others with the same radios. Denise said these radios would be able to communicate with any VHF & 700 MHz frequencies, but to communicate with any agencies still using analog frequencies, a dual band radio would be necessary. She said that would increase the bid by \$1,500 per unit.

LaDonna Allen asked how long it would take to get the equipment. Denise said once the contract was completed it would take four to six weeks for shipping, and with programming include the whole process would take approximately two months.

Mayor Powers asked if the system could be tested to see if repeaters would be necessary. Denise said yes. LaDonna Allen asked how much the repeaters would be if they are necessary. Denise said the current deal with Jasper County Sheriff's Department is \$7,000 per repeater.

PRESENT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021-2022

Mayor Powers asked if the budget needs to be passed during the first meeting in April. Mike Talley confirmed that information.

REVIEW POLICE CAR BIDS

Steve Lawver said we received two bids for new patrol vehicles. Maribeth Matney said she believed it would approximately \$37,000 for one vehicle and \$35,000 for the second. She also believed the trade in values were \$7,000 and \$3,000, respectively. She said a rough estimate is \$50,000 for both cars and \$77,600 was budgeted. Delmar Haase retrieved the quote and said the bid to replace his current vehicle was \$35,047 and \$35,399 for the regular patrol vehicle. He also said MSSU may be interested in purchasing the vehicle with the \$3,500 trade in value.

LaDonna Allen asked if the cost for equipment was coming from the LEST grant and Delmar Haase replied yes. She asked if there is a cost to switch out equipment and Delmar said it would be approximately \$2,500-\$3,000.

LaDonna Allen asked who sent the bid. Delmar said the request for bid was sent to Republic Ford because they have the state bid, but they did not return with a bid. The current bid is from Joe Machens Ford.

LaDonna Allen asked about the cost to re-wrap the cars and Delmar replied it would be approximately \$700-\$800.

Mike Burns asked about adjusting the budget since we now know how much the vehicles will cost. Steve Lawver said that was not necessary because anything left over will go in their accrual.

LaDonna Allen motioned to accept the bids to replace police vehicles. Mark Satterlee seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

DISCUSSION OF REFINANCING 2012 GO BONDS

Steve Lawver said he and Maribeth Matney were contacted by Piper Jaffrey, who said the general obligation bond for the community center is eligible for refinancing. Steve said the bond pays off in 2028, and we can refinance in the fall and save roughly \$170,000 in interest. Steve said he only needed board approval to begin the process and Piper Jaffrey will get the paperwork done and then an ordinance will need to be passed to officially refinance the bond. Steve also said it is not necessary to get a vote from residents, it only needs board approval.

Mark Satterlee asked if the life of the loan would be extended by refinancing and Maribeth Matney said no.

Mike Talley asked if the \$170,000 was net savings after legal fees and Steve Lawver said yes.

LaDonna Allen said the budget committee was recommending beginning the process.

LaDonna Allen motioned to go forward in processing of refinancing the general obligation bond. Mark Satterlee seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV: LAND USE, CHAPTER 405: ZONING REGULATIONS, SECTION 405.085: FENCES, TO SPECIFY NEW FEES WHICH ARE PAYABLE UPON APPLICATION FOR A FENCE PERMIT." on 1st reading by title only. Mike Burns seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

Discussion: Mayor Powers asked why this ordinance was necessary. Steve Lawver said P&Z met and recommended the ordinance. He said the building inspector gets sent out on two inspections for all fences and currently we are not charging for those inspections. He said this ordinance will standardize the code for all inspections.

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

Discussion: There was no additional discussion.

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

McAfee-yes, Stubblefield-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Satterlee-yes, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #21-06 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 said the contractor will be moving from Center Creek Park to the detention pond on Cedar Lane. Mark Satterlee asked if they were putting something around the creek to catch sediment. Steve Lawver said he would find out.

Mike Burns said heavy equipment has destroyed the walking track and it has been replaced so often that we need a long-term plan for that. Rick Flinn said they had talked about taking road farther down and making it more of a loop for walkers. Steve Lawver said if the board wants something to last long term the only option is to put concrete in and anchor it with piers.

Rick Flinn asked about the outdoor basketball ball courts. Steve Lawver did not have an update on that.

Public Works report – Steve Lawver said they had to be careful with trucks during the snow removal because hydraulic lines were freezing. Gary said there was a public comment talking about Harvey being extremely helpful.

Police Dept. report - Delmar Haase was not able to provide a statistic sheet for February because Enterpol was having issues. He said they are seeing an increase in 96-hour mental commits.

Bldg Insp report - No discussion.

Court report - No discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Ladonna Allen said the committee had a meeting at 6:30 to discuss several items already discussed tonight.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said the committee reviewed evaluations at the last meeting and they will be adopted for the upcoming year.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mark Satterlee had nothing to report.

Senior Citizens: Richard Garrett said he was very pleased with the public announcements regarding the natural gas outage.

March is National Nutrition Month, where they do fundraising. He said in March 2019 Carl Junction raised more money than all other area centers agencies on aging.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Steve Lawver said there is a section on the Administration Report regarding Zinc. Steve said DNR questioned our rate being so low, because we only run about 50% of their recommended rate. Our rate is around 1/2%, their recommendation of 2% per month would be \$107.60 per month for 5,000 gallons for sewer only. Steve said he has another zoom meeting Thursday with the DNR engineers to try and identify the area that is the biggest concern.

LaDonna Allen asked if anything is available for heavily mined areas to assist with the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

LaDonna Allen said next month will be the vote on Proposition 1, the use tax. She said the city will be sending something out to educate voters on the issue.

Mark Satterlee said a computer system for water treatment was hacked in Florida in February and he asked how secure our system is. Steve Lawver said we are working on a plan and if the board needs more information, they will need to see him privately.

Maribeth Matney said elected official training is coming up in Jefferson City on June 10 and 11. She also said the annual MML conference is September 26-29 this year in St. Louis if anyone wants to go.

Steve Lawver said that a bill is working through the United States Congress, which would provide \$1.9 trillion in covid relief, part of which is direct payments to municipalities. Steve said the amounts are population based and Carl Junction would get \$1.5 million.

Delmar Haase said Liberty Utilities was heavily scrutinized for shutting down essential services and that it may be possible in the future to say certain grids cannot be shut off.

Delmar Haase said a state representative will come in about radio equipment at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mark Satterlee seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR