

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 2, 2024 at 7:01 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, Roger Spencer, and Hollie LaVigne. 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. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 TO 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, SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 BEING TO REALLOCATE THE SAVINGS FROM CHANGE ORDERS 2 & 3 OF \$31,231.00 TO INCREASE THE PLAYGROUND ALLOWANCE FROM \$100,000.00 TO \$131,231.00 AND RAISING THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT BACK TO \$664,000.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CHANGE ORDER NO.4 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: Mayor Powers asked if we knew when the playground drawings would be ready. Steve Lawver said no.

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

Discussion: There was no additional discussion.

David Pyle motioned to put it on final passage. Bill Maguire seconded. All in favor. No opposed.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Motion on Ordinance #24-01 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 one of the suggestions is that we charge non-profit groups to use the gymnasium to help with the amount of time it is reserved and to have these groups be more accountable when reserving the gym. LaDonna Allen asked how we determine which non-profits have to pay and Steve Lawver said the Chamber of Commerce and the Carl Junction School District are the only groups exempt. Mike Burns said if the issue is no open gym time, we should block out times where the gym cannot be reserved by anyone, rather than charging non-profit groups that reserve it. Steve Lawver said part of the report also discusses the need for an expansion to the building before the current bond expires.

Public Works report – Mayor Powers asked if the lift station where the lift station pump was pulled was the same station that had to grinder pump and Jay Morton said yes. Steve Lawver said he was notified by Missouri DNR they will start monitoring phosphorus in the WWTP and we will have 10 years to come in compliance.

Police Dept. report – Hollie LaVigne asked about the incident at the Airbnb and Chief McCall said it was the first time they have had a problem there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said Mike Moss had asked in the public forum during the previous meeting about the public safety sales tax. She said in the first 11 months of 2023 we have collected around \$157,000. She also said that since Jasper County started collecting city taxes, they have collected 103% of our assessments for 2022.

LaDonna Allen asked the budget committee about schedules for budget meetings. January 24, 2024 at 4:15 PM will be the first budget meeting.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said there will be a closed session later in the meeting.

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

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne said the first meeting with Retail Strategies will be Thursday January 4th at 2:00 PM.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Steve Lawver said there were a couple of designs from Athco for Lakeside Park in the packet. Crystal Winkfield said both designs qualify as ADA compliant, but the second design has more inclusive functions. LaDonna Allen asked if we had looked at other designers. Steve Lawver said no because RE Smith has contracted with Athco. LaDonna Allen asked if RE Smith works with Athco regularly or if we suggested them. Steve Lawver said nobody suggested Athco, but the preliminary design given to RE Smith was one from Athco. Rick Flinn asked if we could talk to RE Smith about using other contractors and Steve Lawver said yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Burns asked if it would be possible to stripe approximately 60 feet on Angel Lea and Hodge where they meet Pennell. Mike Talley said if the company did anything that did not comply with the uniform traffic code, the city would be held liable.

CLOSED SESSION PER RSMO 610.021 (3): HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLINING OR PROMOTING OF PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHEN PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISCUSSED OR RECORDED

Roger Spencer motioned to go into closed session. Rick Flinn seconded. Roll call vote: LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Council went into closed session at 7:49 PM.

Council meeting reconvened at 9:05 PM.

Mayor Powers said there was discussion but no votes or action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR