

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday January 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne called the meeting to order with the following present: Anita Francis, Walter Hayes, Bob McAfee, James Shanks, Roger Spencer, and Carole Wofford. David Pyle was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

Roger Spencer said the agenda needed to be amended to add the approval of closed session minutes to the consent agenda. Carole Wofford seconded. Walter Hayes motioned to approve the agenda as amended. James Shanks seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the consent agenda. Walter Hayes seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

PROCLAMATION - SOPHIA BULLINGTON

Mayor Pro-Tem Hollie LaVigne presented Sophia Bullington with a community service award for cleaning out the area where the recycling containers are located.

DISCUSSION & DECISION ON SCHUBER MITCHELL'S REQUEST FOR WATER SERVICE IN PROPOSED SUBDIVISION OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Judd McPherson presented the council with updated numbers on a lift station. He said they used the amounts from the Rainer Farms subdivision, which would be \$776,000 for the lift station and they estimate it would cost \$1.4 million to put that area on sewer.

Carole Wofford said she believes it sets a bad precedent to let them hook up to city water without them annexing inside city limits. Hollie LaVigne said she believed that for them to receive city services they should have to be inside city limits. Roger Spencer said he's against it because the city has considered this issue before and turned it down. Walter Hayes said he believes it's a bad idea because at some point in the future it will create an island that is not inside city limits. Bob McAfee motioned to put Schuber Mitchell's request to a vote. None in favor. All opposed with one absent.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR 17' FINISH MOWER

Steve Lawver said we receive two bids for this item: one from Lambert Tractor for \$26,992 and one from S&H Farm Supply for \$26,399 and he is recommending approval of the bid from S&H Farm Supply. Steve said this would be a new piece of equipment for larger areas of land to be mowed and because it's a finish mower it will leave a nice clean cut. Anita Francis asked if the bid was still good because it shows an expiration date of 1/19/26 and Steve Lawver said yes. Roger Spencer motioned to approve the purchase of the mower. Anita Francis seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

REPORTS

Long-Term Project report – Steve Lawver said S&S Computers is supposed to be in next week to get the cameras in the council chambers working. Carole Wofford asked about an updated cost of getting Marie Lane redone. Steve Lawver said the estimated cost would be \$353,812.50.

Hollie LaVigne asked about the lighting at the pickleball courts. Steve Lawver said he found some used aluminum light poles for \$500 each rather than the \$2,000-\$3,000 they usually cost and said he would have that information ready for the next meeting.

Treasurer's report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – Chief McCall said there are rumors going around on Facebook about the Flock Cameras. He said they are not used for ICE enforcement, the information recorded is deleted after 30 days, and the reasons for logging on are audited. He said he and Detective Dagnan are the only two in the department that have a log in for the system.

Public Works report – No discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Walter Hayes said the committee met earlier this evening and looked at the first eight months of the fiscal year. He said the only real concern was the water revenue being down from where it was expected to be. He said there was no quorum so no decisions were made and a budget meeting was set for February 7 at 9:00 AM that will be open to the public.

Code/ Nuisance: Carole Wofford had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer said a closed session needs to be added to the next meeting.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle was absent.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Talley said he has 12 envelopes when he should have 14 envelopes from the people present. James Shanks said he had not turned his in but would do so ASAP.

NEW BUSINESS

Carole Wofford asked about the PVC pipe on the property at 171 & Gum. Steve Lawver said that's for the water improvement project that will be starting.

ADJOURNMENT

Walter Hayes motioned to adjourn the meeting. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

DRAFT