

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 17, 2022 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. Gary Stubblefield, Mike Burns and Mark Satterlee were 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. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Thomas Tucker – 209 Ballard – He came to speak about the ballfield and the splashpad. He thinks notifications should be improved so residents are notified about big projects. He feels things were rushed because we have until 2026 to spend the money and he would like to see a complete cost proposal for the splashpad.

Charles Brown – 124 Hedge Drive – He had two council members in August come look at his yard because it floods every time it rains. He said they were supposed to get back with him and he has not heard anything back. He says it is a health hazard.

Adam Berkowicz – Walton – He came to voice his support for the splashpad.

Elaine Brown – 124 Hedge Drive – Her husband spoke earlier and she wants to know what plans are in the works and says she was told last year there needed to be an engineering study. She says nobody answers phone calls or gives them any answers.

Mark Johnson – 201 Ballard – He thinks the splashpad would be good but he says residents didn't know what was going on until after the deal was done. He feels there are other options that could have worked better and he would like to know how the current decision was made.

Thomas Tucker – 209 Ballard – He suggested posting something at the park so people would see something was planned for the park.

APPOINT NOAH WHITEHEAD AS POLICE OFFICER

Mayor Powers said he wished to appoint Noah Whitehead as a police officer. LaDonna Allen motioned to accept Mayor Powers appointment. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

DISCUSS DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES PRIOR TO 2011 AS WORTHLESS

Alaina Wright presented a list of all unpaid personal property taxes assessed prior to 2011 for a total of \$4,988.48. LaDonna Allen motioned to remove by declaring as worthless or remove those taxes from the tax rolls. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT" on 2nd reading by title only. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Jim Gozia seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

McAfee-yes, Stubblefield-absent, Flinn-yes, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-absent, Satterlee-absent, Gozia-yes. Motion on Ordinance #21-15 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. There was no discussion of the administration report.

Treasurer report – There was no discussion.

Public Works report – Jay Morton was absent.

Police Dept. report – Roger Spencer asked for an update on the reports of vicious dogs and Mark McCall said the owners had been located.

Bldg Insp report - No discussion.

Court report - No discussion

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Ladonna Allen said the committee met at 6:00 PM to discuss a contract with the Chamber of Commerce. She said they will have a formal proposal for \$10,000 before the next council meeting.

She said they also discussed options for a new website that would be more informative.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns was absent.

Senior Citizens: Gary Stubblefield was absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Powers asked if there was any news on updating the fields at Country Club Estates Park.

Rick Flinn asked about engineering for the intersection he expressed concerns about. He said there are three drainage pipes dumping into the same intersection. He said there's also a sewer and water line in that area. Steve Lawver said the only immediate option would be a chain link fence around the area which would be unsightly.

Steve Lawver said he signed off on more FEMA documents for reimbursement from the May 2019 tornado.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Flinn about the alley behind the Vogue Boutique and Steve Lawver said he would cover that under new business.

Steve Lawver said the public facilities committee wanted to get a concept and ideas from the architects for the Community Center and set a meeting for June 14th.

Steve Lawver said MML is coming up in September at Margaritaville for anyone who wants to attend.

Steve Lawver said he attended a webinar with DNR, and Missouri is awarding grants in water, sewer, and stormwater areas. He said the Davis Bacon Act doesn't apply and they have removed the Buy America requirements from potential projects. He said the maximum grant amount for each area is \$5 million and you can apply for more than one area.

ADJOURNMENT

Roger Spencer motioned to adjourn the meeting. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR