

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday May 23, 2023 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Mike Burns, Bill Maguire, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, Roger Spencer, and Hollie LaVigne. Rick Flinn was absent. 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 with one absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

RATIFY THE MAYOR'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR WATER PUMP REPAIR AT WELL #2

Steve Lawver said they pulled the pump today but they don't know yet what the problem is. David Pyle motioned to ratify the emergency declaration. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII. UTILITIES: CHAPTER 705: WATER ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 705.140. CONSTRUCTION OF LINES AND MAINTENANCE—INSTALLATION FEE, TO INCREASE CONNECTION FEES GENERALLY, AND TO IMPOSE NEW CONNECTION AND CONSTRUCTION FEES IF THE EXTENSION IS BEYOND TWENTY-FIVE (25) FEET OR IF A STREET CROSSING FOR THE CONNECTION IS REQUIRED**" on first reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this went to the code committee twice for updates and this is the final version of the ordinance. He said we are losing money with our old meter fees and these updated prices will allow us to barely break even with new meters. Steve also said our old ordinance had no means of having a resident pay if the water line has to cross the street and now the ordinance covers that. Steve Lawver said the code committee is recommending passage

Roger Spencer motioned to put it on second reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-absent, Spencer-yes, Allen-yes, Burns-yes, Maguire-yes, Pyle-yes. Motion on Ordinance #23-26 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.

Mayor Powers asked for a report on the splashpad. Steve Lawver said it is now up and running and they were doing topsoil work today and forming the pads for the pavilions.

Steve Lawver said Renee Landsaw brought him an idea about doing coffee and donuts with the aldermen quarterly to get people engaged and keep people informed. Steve Lawver said we would get the first meeting scheduled for June 24th at 8:00 am.

Mayor Powers asked everyone to look at the pavilion that was put up at the Briarbrook CID pool as a possible pavilion design for Lakeside Park.

Treasurer's report – There was no discussion.

Public Works report – Steve Lawver said public works has been busy lately with line locates and repairing water and sewer lines.

Police Dept. report – Chief McCall said Officer Conway has been extremely busy lately with Officer Castlebury being off for medical leave and he is doing a good job. Chief McCall said he believed Officer Conway's actions saved a female in her early 20's from an overdose. Mayor Powers and Roger Spencer said Officer Conway should be recognized for his actions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said she would like to confirm there was funding available in the Water R&R account for the repairs ratified by the Mayor's emergency declaration earlier.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn was absent. Roger Spencer said they met on the ordinance that was passed earlier in the meeting.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LaDonna Allen asked about pavilions at Memorial Park. Steve Lawver said it is up to the council to decide if they wanted to move forward with the carport idea. Mike Burns questioned the language in the contract that only says a pad will be poured. Mike also said he feels like the carport idea is a Plan B and he feels like we're going with that option only because there is a time crunch. Hollie

LaVigne asked if we could look at the pavilion at the Briarbrook CID pool and Steve Lawver and Mayor Powers said that pavilion wouldn't match the theme at Memorial Park. Roger Spencer asked what the size of the concrete pad would be and Steve Lawver said it would be 12x20 feet. Hollie LaVigne asked about the height of the pavilions and Steve Lawver said they would be 8 feet. Bob McAfee asked if the pavilions will also be 12x20 feet and Steve Lawver said yes. LaDonna Allen motioned to purchase the two pavilions that match the color scheme at Memorial Park. Bob McAfee seconded. Bob McAfee, Roger Spencer, LaDonna Allen, Bill Maguire and David Pyle were in favor. Mike Burns was opposed. Hollie LaVigne abstained and one absent.

David Pyle asked about having a public facilities committee meeting to look at the issue of the pool. Mike Burns said it would be better to wait until after the first donuts and coffee with aldermen to see if the residents have any input.

Steve Lawver said he and possibly Mike Talley would be gone for the June 6th meeting and asked if the meeting should be moved. Mayor Powers said he would be present and the meeting could be held as scheduled. Steve Lawver also said the July 4th meeting should be moved. David Pyle motioned to move the July 4th meeting to July 11th. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.


NEW BUSINESS

Bob McAfee said he thought the speed bumps in front of the soccer fields on Briarbrook Drive worked well last weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR