

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday August 1, 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

Roger Spencer moved to remove item 6a, an ordinance amending Chapter 240, from the agenda because the Code Committee doesn't believe the ordinance is necessary. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the agenda as amended. 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.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND JOPLIN INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC, INC. TO COMPLETE THE FRANK DEAN BALL PARK LIGHTING PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 BEING TO MAKE SAFETY REPAIRS AND REDUCE POLE HEIGHTS, FOR A TOTAL DECREASED COST OF \$2,711.00 AND DECREASING THE TOTAL CONTRACT COST TO \$109,115.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI" on first reading by title only. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said some of the conduit and wiring had to be replaced, so they put in shorter poles which is a net deduction on that contract. Mike Burns asked if we would get the same lighting effect with the 65' poles and Steve Lawver said yes.

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

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put it on final passage. Bob McAfee 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 #23-30 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. David Pyle asked about cleaning in the Community Center. Steve Lawver said the Jani-King contract is month-to-month, rather than a yearly contract. He said we budget \$34,100 yearly for cleaning and at that price it is worth looking at hiring a part-time cleaning person. David Pyle asked if that would something for the Public Facilities Committee to look at and Steve Lawver said it is.

Steve Lawver said we are out for bids for a consultant for the pool. He said there was one company that came down to look at the pool and see what options there might be. Mike Burns asked if the plan was still to bring the pool to meet all current standards and Steve Lawver said yes.

Public Works report – No discussion.

Police Dept. report – David Pyle said last week there was an article in the Jasper County Citizen about code violations. Chief McCall said there is only officer, Officer Wehmeyer that does everything for code enforcement and his plate is completely full right now with everything he has to do. He also said the primary way those violations are discovered is by people reporting them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said we received the assessment information from Jasper County for tax growth and we only increased 1.9 %, which she said will only increase our tax revenue by around \$17,200 if the levy stays flat. She said she would like to have a Budget Committee report to review the numbers from the first quarter on August 15 at 6:00 pm.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn was absent. Bob McAfee said there was a meeting at 6:30 pm, and the committee agreed they did not want an ordinance for the splashpad rules. Mike Talley said he realized there were no other city properties that had an ordinance and they did not feel this should be the only one.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

Public Facilities & Planning: Mike Burns gave everyone quotes for shade structures that ranged from \$13,000-\$21,000 depending on the style of shade structure. He said the shades he had researched with USA Shade have a 20 year expected lifespan or longer, depending if you take the shade down in the winter. Mike Burns said the structures with USA Shade are running around eight weeks out. Hollie LaVigne asked if this is something we would install ourselves, and Mike Burns said yes. The consensus was for Mike Burns to continue getting prices and quotes to get the best structure we can.

Mike Burns said he's working on getting information for new playground equipment for Center Creek Park and hopes to have something ready for the next meeting.

Mike Burns said he would like to have a Public Facilities Committee meeting before first meeting in September and LaDonna Allen said the Budget Committee meeting could be moved to September 5 at 6:00 pm so Public Facilities can meet on August 15 at 6:00 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Powers asked if there was a contract yet for Lakeside Park. Steve Lawver said it had gone out for bid and the bids are due August 24.

LaDonna Allen said the generator has been delivered for the Community Center.

Steve Lawver said the engineer revised the quote for widening the streets and took Ashmore Street out of it.

Steve Lawver said Kurt with Allgeier Martin got permission to talk with the Jasper County engineer about Fir Road.

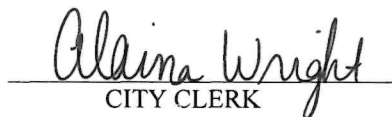
NEW BUSINESS

Steve Lawver said the taxy levy will be flat this year.

Steve Lawver said Liberty, Missouri Small Business are authorized by Liberty Utilities to do facility and energy audits. He said they went through and looked at everything to see what needed to be done with all our lights and fixtures. He said through this program, Liberty Utilities picks up most of the cost for upgrading. The total cost of the project would be \$46,367.88, but the city would only have to pay \$12,224.78 and they would be responsible for all the contractors. Steve Lawver said it would allow the city to completely revamp our entire lighting system. Mike Burns asked if Liberty Utilities is the one that subsidizes this program and Steve Lawver said yes. Mayor Powers asked if we would pay our portion before or after the work and Steve Lawver said he would have to find out. Mike Talley said he would consider if an ordinance would be necessary to pass an agreement like that

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR