

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday August 2, 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, Mike Burns and Hollie LaVigne. Mark Satterlee 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 motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no one present for public forum.

REPORTS

The Council reviewed the Administration report. Mayor Powers asked how many infrastructure grants we submitted and Steve Lawver said three: two for stormwater and one for water.

Public Works report – Jay Morton was absent.

Police Dept. report – Mark McCall was absent.

Bldg Insp report - No discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: Ladonna Allen wants to schedule a budget meeting at 6:00 pm on August 16th since the budget numbers for the first quarter are available.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn had nothing to report.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer had nothing to report.

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

Senior Citizens: Bob McAfee had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mike Talley said at the last meeting a burn ordinance was discussed. He said he had multiple conversations with the attorney for Airport Drive. The attorney found out the fire department didn't want to issue burn permits, and there is currently no order we can enforce without also issuing burn permits.

Steve Lawver said we have two proposals for replacing the SCADA system that was taken out by a lightning strike in May. We have proposals from ACS, who currently service our water and wells and MidAmerica who currently services the sewer treatment plant, and the proposals differ in quality and responsiveness. He said MidAmerica is monitoring only, and with ACS you can get reports. Steve Lawver said Jay Morton & Harvey Kitzburger think the same company should do both. ACS is more expensive but we would be getting a large portion back from the insurance company. The bid from MidAmerica was \$28,000 and the bid from ACS was \$40,000. Steve said ACS has always been very responsive. Mayor Powers told Steve Lawver to give the requirements to MidAmerica to provide a quote that matches the services offered by ACS.

Steve Lawver said we didn't spray for mosquitoes this year, and that we would need to replace the fogger which would be \$11,200 and it would be at least six months before we received it.

NEW BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne wanted to say thank you to the Fire Department for spraying off the kids at football practice.

Alaina Wright said with the delays in receiving mail and the issues with email bills not being delivered, it might be necessary to reconsider our current procedures and time frames for water late notices and disconnections. Mayor Powers asked if the email system change had started and Alaina Wright said no because Scott with S&S Computers has to find a way to archive all the existing emails for all accounts. Mayor Powers wanted to check with Scott to see if the email switch can start before the old emails are archived.

Steve Lawver said there's a utility trailer at public works that needs to be replaced. He said they found a rebuilt trailer for \$6,900, and a new trailer would be \$11,450. Mayor Powers asked what Jay Morton thought and Steve Lawver said Jay is the one that found the rebuilt trailer. LaDonna Allen asked if it had to go out for bid. Mike Talley said there is an escape clause built into our code in 140.240 that says the board can waive the bidding process if they feel it is in the best interest of the city. LaDonna Allen motioned to use the clause in 140.240 to forgo the bidding process and approve the purchase of the used utility trailer for \$6,900. Rick Flinn seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent.

Steve Lawver said in the Joplin Globe was the advertisement for the Jasper County tax sale. He said Joplin has a program that entices developers to buy the lots and demolish any existing structures. Steve Lawver said there are three pieces of property that are dilapidated and need to be cleaned up that are included in the tax sale. Hollie LaVigne asked which properties Steve was considering. Steve Lawver said the old Methodist church at 302 South Cowgill, three acres behind the sewer plant, and a house off of 2nd and Chitwood. LaDonna Allen asked if we would get our back taxes paid if someone else bought those properties and Steve Lawver said not necessarily. Mayor Powers asked how much the properties would cost. Steve said the current owner of 302 South Cowgill owed around \$3,000 in back taxes and the demolition costs would be around \$5,000. Mayor Powers suggested sending the council a map of the properties Steve was looking at.

ADJOURNMENT

LaDonna Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roger Spencer seconded. All in favor. No opposed with one absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.


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MAYOR