

The Carl Junction City Council met in regular session on Tuesday August 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor Mark Powers called the meeting to order with the following present: LaDonna Allen, Hollie LaVigne, Bob McAfee, David Pyle, and Carole Wofford. Rick Flinn, Walter Hayes, and Roger Spencer were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Lawver, City Attorney Mike Talley, City Clerk Alaina Wright and City Administrator Assistant Crystal Winkfield.

AGENDA

Hollie LaVigne motioned to approve the agenda as presented. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent. Carole Wofford motioned to amend the minutes from August 6, 2024 under the Budget & Finance Committee section to change SB856 to SB756. Hollie LaVigne seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent. LaDonna Allen motioned to approve the consent agenda as amended. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

PUBLIC FORUM

Paulette Couk-300 W Briarbrook Ln-Paulette said she purchased the home in April and is surprised the back property line is so close to the home. She said it is only 15 feet from the back of house to fence line. She would like the council to change the easement or sell her part of the city property to give her an additional 20 feet. Steve Lawver said when the home was built the builder went to the Board of Adjustments and requested a variance for the home to be 15 feet from the back property line, rather than 25 feet. He said the city would have to sell property from Lakeside Park to the back of the house. Mayor Powers told Steve Lawver to send an email to the council about the current situation, how it would affect the park to sell her the property and a picture of the property in question. Mike Talley said he would also like Steve to include the minutes from the Board of Adjustments meeting when the variance was granted.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 TAX LEVY

Mayor Powers opened the public hearing at 7:12. Alaina Wright said this is the public hearing that the city holds each year to discuss the amounts from Jasper County for the General Fund and General Obligation Fund. She said if the levy was approved, the city would be in compliance with the State of Missouri's requirements for the levy. Public hearing closed at 7:14 PM.

APPOINT MEMBERS TO P&Z

Mayor Powers said he would like to appoint Randy Lyon and Jason Wright to new terms on P&Z for four years from the expiration of their current term. David Pyle motioned to approve Mayor Powers appointments. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

APPROVAL TO REJECT BID FROM DIAMOND S FENCING AND APPROVE BID FROM SUPERIOR FENCING FOR DOG PARK FENCING

Steve Lawver said Diamond S Fencing missed the established deadline and never contacted him. He said next on the list from the original bids was Superior Fencing, but they increased their bid from \$10,806.76 to \$11,134. David Pyle motioned to reject the bid from Diamond S Fencing and approve the bid from Superior Fencing. Carole Wofford seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent. Steve Lawver said Superior Fencing said they could probably have the work done within 60 days.

ORDINANCES

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 ESTABLISHING SAID LEVY \$0.7878 PER HUNDRED ASSESSED VALUATION ESTABLISHING THE ALLOCATIONS OF SAID FUNDS TO GENERAL FUND AND GENERAL OBLIGATIONS SINKING FUND" on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

David Pyle motioned to put it on second reading. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-absent, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-absent, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #24-23 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.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST" on first reading by title only. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

Discussion: Alaina Wright said this ordinance is passed each year because the Missouri Ethics Commission requires it.

Hollie LaVigne motioned to put it on second reading. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

Discussion: There was no further discussion.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-absent, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-absent, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #24-24 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.

LaDonna Allen motioned to put “**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI AND OWN, INC TO COMPLETE THE ROUTE Z/PENNELL ST SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE VI FOR THE CITY OF CARL JUNCTION, MISSOURI, SAID CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 BEING FOR EXTRA WORK REQUESTED BY THE CITY NEAR ARLINGTON DR & DEAN DR AT A COST OF \$1,636.00, INCREASING THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT BY SAID AMOUNT; 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. David Pyle seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

Discussion: Steve Lawver said this was done at Jay Morton’s request. The previous work covered a water valve and public works wanted the water valve uncovered. Jay Morton said he’s also discovered that the culvert was covered in front of Bulldog Drive In.

David Pyle motioned to put it on second reading. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

Discussion: Mayor Powers said this change order was not because of anything OWN, Inc did and Steve Lawver said that’s correct and this would be necessary because of something done by Capital Paving.

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

LaVigne-yes, McAfee-yes, Flinn-absent, Spencer-absent, Allen-yes, Pyle-yes, Hayes-absent, Wofford-yes. Motion on Ordinance #24-25 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

Long-Term Project report – Steve Lawver said the biggest item was the DNR Stormwater information. He said enough preliminary work had been done on W Briarbrook stormwater project that the project could be done in the allotted time. He said there isn’t enough time for the alley behind Main Street, but we can get engineering done and paid for and get reimbursed for the engineering work we’ve already done. He said we are proceeding that way with the project. Steve Lawver said he spoke with Clayton Cristy at Olsson who thought it still might be possible to get work accomplished in time.

Steve Lawver said there will be a ribbon cutting at 11am on Thursday August 22 for the Lakeside Pavilion.

Treasurer’s report – No discussion.

Public Works report – Jay Morton said cement has been poured at Lakeside Park. Hollie LaVigne asked if there was an update for the Center Creek playground and Jay Morton said he is waiting for an estimate.

Police Dept. report – LaDonna Allen said Dave Wehmeyer was a busy man. Chief McCall said there are four more abatement hearings set for September 3 and he was given a list of nine more properties to check on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: LaDonna Allen said there was a meeting at 6:00 to discuss technology improvement financing. She said it will be split into phases to get bids for those. LaDonna also said there was \$389,000 available between the accrual and current budget for 2” overlay and she would like to bid out some street improvements because she’s been hearing from residents about multiple streets needing repair.

Code/ Nuisance: Rick Flinn was absent.

Human Resources: Roger Spencer was absent.

Public Facilities & Planning: David Pyle had nothing to report.

Economic Development: Hollie LaVigne said she has an update from Retail Strategies, but she will need a closed session during the next committee meeting per Mike Talley’s recommendation. Mike Talley said he would research the law to find if there is an acceptable exemption for this situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Hollie LaVigne said there’s an auction sign at the exit from Deerfield and asked if it was allowed to be there. Steve Lawver said if it’s on private property it is allowed and he said if it’s 10 feet back from the roadway it is legal.

Steve Lawver said Crystal Winkfield put together a flyer for stormwater funding opportunities with EPA and DNR.

NEW BUSINESS

LaDonna Allen said there is a resident who has contacted her multiple times about trash cans being brought from the curb within 24 hours and asked if a reminder could be put on the water bills or on social media. Steve Lawver told Chief McCall to put it on the police department Facebook page.

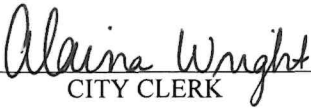
Alaina Wright said the meeting for September 17 needs to be rescheduled because people will be gone to MML. David Pyle motioned to move the meeting scheduled for September 17 to September 24. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in

favor. No opposed with three absent. Mayor Powers said he wanted to send a notification about the change closer to the time for the meeting.

Steve Lawver said we got an estimate for outfitting the dump truck at Bus Andrews for \$48,525. He said there is \$21,600 available in the street equipment accrual fund, \$103,000 available in the water equipment accrual fund and \$167,000 available in the wastewater equipment accrual fund. LaDonna Allen motioned to accept the proposal from Bus Andrews. Bob McAfee seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Hollie LaVigne motioned to adjourn the meeting. LaDonna Allen seconded. All in favor. No opposed with three absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.


CITY CLERK


MAYOR