

Town of Carrollton
Regular Board Meeting
October 3, 2017

Present: Mayor: Pamela Lee
Aldermen: Tommy Goodman
Susan Dunn
Allen Lee
Warren Long
Ryan Jackson

Also present: Galen Shumaker, Water Operator

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee and opened with prayer by Alderman Allen Lee.

The first order of business was on a motion by Alderman Lee seconded by Alderman Jackson and unanimously approved to accept the Amended Agenda for October, 2017 meeting; and a motion by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Goodman, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of September, 2017 meeting.

Galen Shumaker, Water Operator appeared before the Board and reported the Generator in the County had a problem with motor and it cost approximately \$4,200.00 for repairs. He stated he is still looking into the notification system for the well.

Mayor Lee also reported at this time that Supervisor Terry Brown had all underbrush cleared at the bridge site on Barnes Street and is waiting on ground to dry out. Mr. Shumaker stated he would get with Mr. Brown to make sure there was no water line in the area of the new bridge. A 36"x40"x12-gauge galvanized pipe has been ordered by the County at an approximate (county cost) of \$2,100.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn, seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to pay bills as presented.

Board Clerk presented a final amendment to the General Budget for the year ending 9-30-2017. A motion was made by Alderman Lee seconded by Alderman Goodman and unanimously approved this final amendment to the General Budget.

The public hearing for the General and Water Fund Budgets for the year 2017-2018 was held on Monday, September 25, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. No one appeared.

Mayor Lee made the following reports:

- New signs regarding College and Hafner Street are in and will be put up as soon as possible. Alderman Goodman requested the stop signs on Hafner/College and Washington/College be removed. She stated they would be removed when the new signs are put up.
- The Mayor met with Shanne Correro and Kyle Grubbs of Willis Engineering, stating they rode every street in Town from Washington north and they were complimentary of work that Alderman Dunn at done on assessing the condition of culverts.
- Willis Engineering is going to look at all grant options to see if they can help the town with project costs.
- Mr. Correro also stated that the dumping area behind the well was going to become a problem in the not too distant future.
- Mayor Lee reported that 911 addresses are not connected to P. O. Box addresses and she is working with post office and E911 on this. Connecting the two addresses should help improve house delivery of packages. She is also working through Chris Pope at NCPDD to standardize the street names on all official maps.
- Mayor Lee has talked with the Board Attorney and because of a complaint from the person who did not receive the grass cutting bids, he feels we should re advertise for bids for this job and be more specific. A motion was made by Alderman Lee seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved the job of grassing cutting for the town will be re advertised.

The next order of business was to consider if the Town would collect its own taxes or let the Tax Assessor collect them. Mr. Neal now says his office can print a receipt and bill if we choose to collect our own taxes. He has presented a sample of the receipt that can be printed stating amount of taxes and a sample of how statements can be mailed to homeowners. They can be printed 4 to a page. We will only have to furnish cardstock for statement billing. A motion was made by Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Dunn and unanimously approved to have Mr. Neal print receipts and statements for us and we will collect our own taxes. Exhibit "A"

Mayor Lee presented a proposal from Mid South Seal Coating of Robinsonville, Ms. to do necessary angled parking on the North, straight parking on the West, angled parking on the South side of the Courthouse where there is no existing parking lines, a fire lane and no parking lines at the corner of Lexington and Jackson, no parking at the corner of Lexington and Washington, in front of the office and remarking the stop bars at the stop signs. This would be done on a week end and requires no prep on our part, all at a cost of \$1,000.00. Exhibit B" Alderman Dunn asked if the parallel parking in front of the businesses on Lexington Street could also be marked off in the project. Mayor Lee will find out.

A motion was made by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to work with Dr. Jason Barrett, MSU ES to look at the affordability of current and/or proposed rates and to determine/realize the impact water rates are having on the household budgets of

Carrollton residents. He stated his department would need a formal written request on our letterhead. Exhibit "C"

A letter was presented to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen from the Historic Preservation Commission from their meeting of September 6, 2017. The Commission discussed the fact that the pinnacle on the Southwest Corner of the Steeple of the Presbyterian Church is leaning and looks as if it may fall, becoming a safety hazard. The Commission requests that the Town Board send a letter to the Church requesting the repairs. Exhibit "D"

The Board also discussed other requests from the Preservation Commission concerning property that needing repair and they had requested letters be written, but at the time the Board Attorney had just resigned and this was not done. Those are:

1. The red barn owned by the Gees, sections in the structure wall were loose, especially in the front under the window. These have been repaired as have the missing window panes. However, pieces of tin are missing from the roof on the front and the back allowing water to enter the building. The missing siding on the North wall near the ground could allow a child or animal access to the building, creating a safety hazard.
2. Meeks building (now owned by Mr. Charlie Montgomery) The openness of the building is a concern although the interior is basically brick. There is wood window framing on the North side that is deteriorating because of the openness.
 - A. Mr. Montgomery states that his plans for the building are to put two apartments in the building in the near future. He has also painted the posts in front of his other building – the Adam Blaylock building. This has been a matter of contention with the previous owner and the Town and Commission over the years.
3. The McBride Drug Store/Black Law Office (owned by Maureen Mattson). Front porch roof is separating from the building on the South end and is dropping, creating a possible danger for anyone under it when it falls. In the back of the building pieces of tin are missing, exposing rotten window framing.

A motion was made by Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Goodman and unanimously approved to have Attorney Taylor review the needed letters and that they be sent to the property owners. Exhibit "E"

The Board clerk reminded the Board that garbage rates will increase from \$12.00 to \$14.00 with The 10-31-2017 water billing. She requested an ad be put in the paper before this increase. A motion was made by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Dunn and unanimously approved to put a small ad in the Conservative regarding increase in garbage rates. A notice will also be posted to the town Facebook page.

The Board authorized a letter be written to the Cherokee Rose Garden club thanking them for all the decorations and flowers are town they were responsible for in connection with the Pilgrimage.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Goodman and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn until Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 6 p.m., Carrollton Town Hall.

Linda B. McGregor
City Clerk

Pamela R. Lee
Mayor