

Town of Carrollton
Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2018

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

Also present: Galen Shumaker, Water Operator
Carlotta Hansbrough, Town Resident

Press: Denise Grones

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018, 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 Long and unanimously approved to accept the Agenda for January, 2018, meeting; and a motion by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Dunn, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes of December,, 2017 meeting.

The first order of business was Carlotta Hansbrough appearing before the Board with questions about why Carrollton does not have a sewer system. Mr. Shumaker, Water Operator and the Board gave Mrs. Hansbrough several different reasons why towns as small as Carrollton do not have a sewer system. One of the main reasons has to do with cost and what it would add to the home owner's water bill each month. Therefore, the responsibility falls to the homeowner with the Health Department responsible for verifying the systems.

Mrs. Hansbrough has issues with dogs on the street and not on a leash. She expressed concerns for those people who are afraid of dogs. The Board stated these issues would be taken under advisement.

Mr. Shumaker gave a report to the Board about the work that will have to be on the newest well, well #3. The pump will have to be pulled and checked before an actual cost could be given for repairs. To pull the pump alone will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000.00. If major work has to be done that can run in the area of \$30,000.00. He said he has talked with Mike Carver at Willis Engineering and he is looking for money to help on this. He also informed the Board that he would be changing out a number of meters this month.

Mayor Lee met with Gary Welch, with NRCS about the Emergency Watershed Program regarding places that are washing around town, areas that are listed as 7:a; i; ii; iii; & iv under reports on the January 8, 2018 agenda.

EWP Site estimates from Willis Engineering is attached as Exhibit "A"

At this time Mayor Lee told the Board and Mr. Shumaker she had received an e-mail from Dr. Barrett, MSU, and an attachment of Carrollton Water Rates and Comparisons, Exhibit "B"

Mr. Barrett stated in his mail some thoughts he had for the Board to review. Exhibit "C"

The next order of business was to pay bills. A motion was made by Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Dunn and unanimously approved to pay bills.

The French Drain report (7a;i) at the Carrollton Baptist Parsonage was discussed and the Board advised to table this until the Town hears further from the Church.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn, seconded by Alderman Ryan and unanimously approved For Mayor Lee to further investigate 80/20% grant that might be available for a short term fix on Lexington Street, Donnie Wiltshire property.

A motion was made by Alderman Lee seconded by Alderman Jackson and approved to check on a cost for long term fix for Washington Street (Alderman property).

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Long and approved to run ads in the Conservative and Commonwealth to help recruit Volunteer fireman.

It was pointed out that all locks would be changed at the Fire Department.

Mayor Lee read a letter from the Mississippi State Rating Bureau that they have been unofficially informed that the Towns do not have a fire department, and they are requesting a letter outlining a time frame in which the volunteer fire department will be re-organized. The Bureau is marking their files for 30 days for response to their request. Exhibit "D"

The Mayor reported that dogs seems to be recurring issue, in that Louise McCaskill, Postmistress stated that the big red dog on the hill as kept people from coming and going at the Post Office. The Sheriff had contacted her and asked if Carrollton had a leash law. After discussion it was decided to table this issue until all board members are present and we could hear from our attorney about our responsibility in this case.

A motion was made by Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to send Amanda Ferguson flowers because of the death of her father.

Permission was granted for the Friends of the Library to place a temporary sign in the Library yard advertising the Taste of Soup fundraiser.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Alderman Dunn, seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn until Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 6 p.m., Carrollton Town Hall.

Linda B. McGregor
City Clerk

Pamela R. Lee
Mayor