

Town of Carrollton
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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

Also present:

Dr. Jason Barrett, MSU, Government & Community Development
Andy Vining, Interim Fire Chief
Patrick Yeoman, Asst. Fire Chief

Press:

Amanda Ferguson

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 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 Jackson seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to accept the Amended Agenda for March, 2018, meeting; and a motion by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Jackson, and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of February, 2018 meeting and approve as presented.

Dr. Jason Barrett, Professor MSU Center for Government and Community Development met with the Board and presented a Power Point regarding the Town of Carrollton Water Rates with Comparisons. The Town has been discussing future expenses for the Water System and looking at present rates to determine if there was a need to raise rates in the near future. Dr. Barrett had previously met with the Board to get facts and figures regarding the Town Water System to help the Town determine if it was necessary to raise rates now or wait. Exhibit "A"

After Dr. Barrett presented his Power Point and the Board asked questions, the Board asked that Dr. Barrett send the PDF file to Board members for them to look over and this will be further discussed at the next board meeting. The Board is aware that if they consider raising rates this will take several months and the process should be started as soon as possible.

Andy Vining, Interim Fire Chief and Patrick Yeoman, Asst. Fire Chief appeared before the Board to keep the Board aware of what was going on with the Fire Department. Mr. Vining stated flaw in equipment were being addressed and weekly practice session were being conducted.

Patrick Yeoman, asst. Fire Chief also asked the Boards help to install an Advisory Committee for the CNCVFD. This Committee would be beneficial in setting goals for department, help with fund raising, office moral support and help hold the dept. accountable. He suggested a committee of 4-6 community volunteers, 1-2 from each town and possibly one supervisor. Exhibit 'B'

Reginald Moore, Representing Congressman Benny Thompson office appeared before the Board. He stated he was new to the job in this area and wanted to meet with the Board to offer any assistance that was available and to help in any way possible.

Mr. Moore advised that on Thursday, March 29th from 9 a.m. – 12 a.m., a Federal Resource Workshop would be held at Mississippi Valley State. He stated Planning Departments and Cities were invited to come to discuss grant availability and any other fund and such available.

Mayor Lee gave reports on the following:

1. There are possibly 2-3 grants that might be available to turnout gear for the Fire Department.
 2. Fire Department members are requesting to go to fire department training in Greenwood at a cost of \$150.00 per person.
 3. It was reported that Chase Williams has started cleaning out ditches and opening culverts.
 4. Galen Shumaker has been contacted regarding the drain between the office and the Masonic Lodge and is to see about getting that area fixed, since he fixed this area to begin with.
 5. The CCDA is applying for \$5,000.00 grant from Arts Council for Pilgrimage. Carrollton Pilgrimage and Pioneer Day Festival is October 5-6, 2018.
 6. Jim Neill and Terry Brown have been made aware of the pot holes and when weather clears will see about getting cold mix to fix holes
 7. Mayor Lee and Snooky Lee attended a cemetery preservation training and on how to repair areas like wooden windows, such as in Community House.
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Mayor Lee advised the Board Willis Engineering informed her that the Governor was releasing money related to the disaster relief from last Tornado and Carroll County is one the list to apply. These funds can be used for an infrastructure. A pre-application has also been done for grant that is different than the above. Information has been sent to Chris Pope, NCPDD.

Gary Welch, NRCS has informed the Mayor that project looked at for us will qualify for EWP fund and will provide the rock to stabilize the drainage areas. However, he stated his figures are different that the ones we looked at last month. Money for Peavy St., Hafner Street and Lexington Street Bank money is there, just do not know how much.

A motion was made by Alderman Long seconded by Alderman Dunn and unanimously approved for Carrollton to pay ½ price for 7 firemen to attend training at a cost for the town of \$525.00.

Amanda Ferguson, Winona Times/Conservative an ad for the Conservative's Profile Issue. A motion was made by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to purchase ¼ page in this edition.

The College/Hafner one-way street issue was again discussed. It seems signs are not working, and the Town feels that they need to do everything possible to stop a major wreck from happening.

Prices will be obtained on making barricades for each off side of Hafner Street, orange and white with a standard red circle that says "DO NOT ENTER" sign on barricade.

A letter will be written to the Sherriff to advise him of the seriousness of this situation and letter written to Waste Management since they are coming up the wrong way on Hafner Street. Exhibit "C" & "D"

A motion was made by Alderman Lee seconded by Alderman Long to pay bills.

There being no further business to come before the bill, a motion was made by Alderman Lee, seconded by Alderman Dunn and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn until Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 6 p.m., Carrollton Town Hall.

Linda B. McGregor
City Clerk

Pamela R. Lee
Mayor