

TOWN OF CARROLLTON
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Present:

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

Also present: Jack Brister, The Policy Center
Jake Hurst - Carrollton - N. Carrollton Fire Department

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee and opened with prayer by Alderman Jackson.

The first order of business was on a motion by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to accept the Agenda for April 2, 2019, meeting.

Galen Shumaker, water operator, appeared before the Board and stated in preparation for the construction of the new bridge, Mississippi Department of Transportation advised that the water lines from the valve to fire plug had to be moved. The fire plug was removed and a new fire plug was put on the personal property of Mike Rayburn. The old fire plug will be placed at the end of the road approximately 300 feet from the new fire plug. He stated a shutoff valve was installed north of the well yard to make repairs without interruption to water customers. The only water outage in March was when the shut off valve installed.

Jack Brister of the Policy Center appeared before the Board and provided information on Carrollton's new insurance policy. The Policy Center insured the Town under another insurance company which resulted in a reduction in the premium. The coverage will be the same with the addition of covering power lines, transformers, fences, signs, guard rails and underground pipes within 1000 feet of a building. Exhibit A

A motion by Alderman Dunn, seconded by Alderman Jackson, and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes for the March 5, 2019, meeting and to accept.

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

The Board discussed the resignation of Andy Vining as Fire Chief of the Carrollton – North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department (CNCVFD) and Jake Hurst, Assistant Chief, as a possible replacement. A motion was made by Alderman Dunn seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to accept Jake Hurst as Fire Chief. Exhibit B

Mayor Lee gave the following reports:

Bids for NRCS EWP projects will be opened on Tuesday, April 30, at 10 am. Willis Engineering is taking care of all the details.

Met with Kyle Grubb of Willis Engineering and Carrollton Baptist Church reps Gil Ray and Jim Pilgreen to discuss the paving of parking area at the Church pavilion. Gil Ray presented their ideas. Kyle Grubb suggested using rock with curb bumpers until all the ground settles from the tree cutting and stump removal which Gil agreed would work better but that he had not thought of. The church project can tie into EWP project at Peavy Street, but the Church is responsible for the easement to cross the Bankston property and the actual expense of the work. The sidewalk on Washington Street in front of the pavilion where Casey will have to cross with equipment was discussed. Jim Pilgreen asked about what the Town would require. Mayor Lee advised him the Church would need to come to the board with a plan of what they would be doing and that the sidewalk would have to be in good condition at the close of the project.

Community House nomination was approved by state committee to be submitted to the National Parks Service in Washington for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Exhibit C

As a Carroll County Master Gardener, Alderman Dunn was asked to be Chase's contact person on the grass cutting. He started on Friday, March 22, 2019. Just a reminder – the bid announcement called for his bill to be submitted and paid at the time the work is completed.

Carrollton will have a Mississippi Writer's Trail Marker for Elizabeth Spencer. Tentative dedication will be October 5, 2019 at the Merrill Museum. Available through a National Humanities Grant so it will be fully funded. We will help with publicity. Inquired about a speaker from the Ms Humanities Council Speaker's Bureau to speak to the schools about Elizabeth Spencer.

The Historic Preservation Commission met on March 28, 2019, and approved two Certifications of Appropriateness, one for the Carrollton Baptist Church roof replacement and one for the Carrollton Methodist Church roof replacement and painting the church. Exhibit D

Senator Chassaniol requested that we contact the Lt. Governor's office in support of Senate Bill 2603 dealing with movie incentives. I did.

Old Town Divas, a new clothing boutique, will be opening in town in May 2019.

A motion was made by Alderman Long seconded by Alderman Dunn and unanimously approved to table the discussion on a Smoke Free Ordinance for Carrollton until the next Board Meeting on May 7, 2019. Exhibit E

Mayor Lee advised the Board that the Mississippi Municipal League Annual Conference is June 24 – 26, 2019 in Biloxi and Sandy Williams, Town Clerk, should attend to satisfy part of the requirements for the Certified City Clerks Program. Early registration of \$240, hotel lodging and travel is required. The Town has received a credit for a half conference fee that can apply to her registration fee. A motion was made by Alderman Goodman and seconded by Alderman Jackson and unanimously approved for Sandy Williams to attend the conference.

Mayor Lee advised the Board that the Mississippi Municipal League distributed a technical brief stating that towns can be sued for targeting the removal of political signs. The Board discussed placement of temporary signs on Town property. The current ordinance states temporary signs can be up for two weeks and then must be removed. The Board suggested changing the ordinance to state no temporary signs on Town property. The discussion was tabled until Town Attorney, Ryan Taylor could be consulted.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to adjourn until Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

Sandra Williams, Town Clerk

Pamela R. Lee, Mayor