

TOWN OF CARROLLTON
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Present:

Mayor: Pamela Lee

Aldermen: Present: Ryan Jackson
Warren Long
Tommy Goodman
Stephanie Gillespie

Also Present: Linda McGregor
Gregg Logan (Representing C-Spire)
Clint Gee
Bo Milton
Galen Shumaker

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee. Alderman Jackson opened the meeting with prayer.

The first order of business was a motion by Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Long, and unanimously approved to accept the Agenda for the May 4, 2021 meeting.

Gregg Logan of CSpire/Telepax was present to address the Right of Way and Franchise Agreement proposed by C-Spire regarding the expansion of fiber internet through the Town. Mr. Logan assured the Board that the fiber runs from Jackson St. to Magnolia Street could be accomplished in one “bore-shot” without cutting into the sidewalks. The main line will be located on the west side of the road – except where runs to the Courthouse and Library are made. The 5% Franchise fee is included in the agreement but will not apply at this time. However, should video related services become available, the 5% will apply to those. Also, if local phone service is offered, the Town will receive 2% of those fees.

Upon motion made by Tommy Goodman and seconded by Ryan Jackson, the Alderman voted by Roll Call with the following results:

Susan Dunn	Absent
Stephanie Gillespie	Yes
Tommy Goodman	Yes
Ryan Jackson	Yes
Warren Long	Yes

The Town Clerk declared the Motion passed. The Agreement and resulting Resolution shall be spread upon the Minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting as “Exhibit A”.

Next came Linda McGregor representing the Historic Preservation Committee. Carrollton Baptist Church would like to put in a handicap ramp. Mrs. McGregor explained that years ago, the Town closed the street, but never deeded the property over to Carrollton Baptist Church, only the east half to the Post Office. This needs to be done to complete the closing of the street. A motion was made by Alderman Goodman and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to have the Town attorney draw up deeds to deed this property over to the Church. The motion was approved by all Aldermen present. Maps and other documentation depicting this action shall be made a part of the Minutes as "Exhibit B."

A motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Goodman to dispense with the reading of the Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes and approve them for the April 6, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved by all Aldermen present.

Galen Shumaker, water operator, next addressed the Board about a situation on Poorhouse Road. He has been unable to speak with anyone concerning this.

Also, much discussion was held as to the Long-Range Plan that Mr. Shumaker presented at the April 6, 2021 Board meeting. Mayor Lee polled the Board about how they ranked the plan and reported those results but no final action was taken.

The pros and cons of upgrading to radio-read water meters was discussed in depth. The cost of installing the meters will have to be re-figured by Mr. Shumaker. There is a possibility of leasing the meters which would benefit the Town by reducing the up-front costs drastically. Mayor Lee informed the Board that one of the grants that she wants to apply for from Sparklight (if awarded) might cover the difference in the cost of regular meters and radio-read for the meters that are currently not reading. Mr. Shumaker said that he will get some proposals together to present to the Board at the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Long, and approved unanimously to pay the usual and customary bills as presented.

Mayor Lee reported that MobileComm has been sent a Right of Way Permit Application.

A Petition to Close and Vacate a Portion of Magnolia Street was presented. Upon Motion made by Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Gillespie, and approved unanimously by all Aldermen present, a RESOLUTION CLOSING AND VACATING WITH CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC STREET KNOWN AS MAGNOLIA STREET was adopted and shall be made a part of the official Minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting as "Exhibit C".

Mayor Lee reported that Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day. She requested that the regular June Board Meeting be moved from June 1, 2021 to June 3, 2021 because of the Holiday causing hardship on the Town Clerk

in her meeting preparations. The Board unanimously agreed to move the meeting to June 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Next, Mayor Lee requested the Board adopt “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNS OF CARROLLTON AND NORTH CARROLLTON RECOGNIZING THE MICHAEL H. BALL POST OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF CARROLL COUNTY” in support of the local chapter of the VFW. The resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion made by Alderman Jackson and Seconded by Alderman Long and shall be spread upon the minutes of the May 4, 2021 meeting as “Exhibit D”.

Mayor Lee reported that the Masonic Lodge has complained about their sidewalk being in a state of disrepair. Discussion was held about the cost of repairing or replacing the sidewalk. Motion was made by Alderman Goodman and Seconded by Alderman Long to table the matter until such time as costs can be estimated and presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lee requested that the little room of the Community House be used at no expense for a Summer Feeding Program for local children to be administered by Blessings for All Empowered by Faith. Motion was made by Alderman Goodman and Seconded by Alderman Jackson to allow the use if it does not conflict with a paid events. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lee asked that the Board approve the grant application to Sparklight that had been discussed earlier in the meeting. She also asked that the Board approve two grant applications to T Mobile. Motion was made by Alderman Long and Seconded by Alderman Goodman to approve all the grant applications. The Motion was passed by all Aldermen present.

Mayor Lee reported illegal dumping at the Well Yard. Motion was made by Alderman Goodman and Seconded by Alderman Gillespie and approved unanimously to buy “No Dumping” signs to be posted at the Well Yard.

A motion was made by Alderman Goodman and Seconded by Alderman Gillespie to send a letter to Charlie Montgomery about his property located at 709 Lexington Street from the Zoning Board. The letter will give Mr. Montgomery 30 days to clean up the property, stabilize the building, and take steps to prevent further dumping. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Alderman Jackson, seconded by Alderman Goodman, and unanimously approved to adjourn until Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly Smith, Town Clerk

Pamela R. Lee, Mayor