

TOWN OF CARROLLTON  
BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021

Present:

Mayor: Pamela Lee

Present: Susan Dunn  
Stephanie Gillespie  
Tommy Goodman  
Warren Long  
Clint Gee  
Bo Milton

George “Snooky” Lee  
Mary Gee  
Shonda Milton  
Andie Holliday Milton  
Galen Shumaker

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

Mayor Lee expressed the Town’s sincere appreciation to Susan Dunn and Ryan Jackson for their service as Aldermen.

A motion was made by Alderman Dunn and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to dispense with the reading of the Board of Aldermen Meeting minutes and approve them for the June 3, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved by all Aldermen present.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Gillespie, and seconded by Alderman Long to spread upon the minutes the Emergency Proclamation passed on June 10, 2021 as “Exhibit A”. The motion was passed by all Aldermen present.

Town Clerk, Kim Smith reported donations made to the Old Water Tower Project Restoration Fund since the last meeting:

- a) Galen Shumaker made a monetary donation.
- b) Sandy McKay made a monetary donation.
- c) George and Pam Lee made a monetary donation.
- d) Claude and Mary Fluker make a monetary donation.
- e) MDOT provided in-kind assistance with tree removal.

Alderman Dunn asked the Town Board to consider the sidewalks down Lexington Street and in front of the Community House for repair.

A motion was made by Alderman Susan Dunn and properly seconded by Alderman Gillespie to adjourn this portion of the meeting so that the new Aldermen could be sworn in and conduct the rest of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the swearing in of the New Board by Chancery Clerk Casey Carpenter. Sworn in was Pamela Lee, Mayor; Aldermen Clint Gee, Stephanie Gillespie, Tommy Goodman, Warren Long, and Bo Milton. Oaths of Office are hereby entered into the minutes as “Exhibit B”.

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order and welcomed the new Board Members.

A motion was made by Alderman Long and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to adopt the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lee reported that the South Wall of the Community House appears to be moving away from the building. Mayor Lee and Alderman Goodman will inspect it in the near future and report back to the Board.

Town Clerk Kim Smith reported that all accounts that received shut off notices this month have now paid.

Water Operator Galen Shumaker discussed several options as to replacing old meters with new radio-read meters.

- 1.) To buy the electronic meters out-right would cost the town approximately \$250.00 each and would include installation. This would result in a total cost of around \$100,000.00.
- 2.) To change the meters out with leased radio-read meters would cost around \$6.00 per meter per month for the life of the meters. The Town would never own the meters, however they would be fully warrantied for 10 years, and pro-rated after that. The water operator already has the necessary software to be used with this type of meter.
- 3.) The State of Mississippi has a revolving loan fund that might be utilized. Galen will get more information on this option by talking to Shane Carrero.

Mr. Shumaker reminded the Board that at this time there are at least 40 meters that are in dire need of replacement whether with either the old-type meter or the new. These meters are not turning at all, and that is costing the Town money. He stated that he will have options in a written report to be presented soon. The Board asked the clerk to research the minute book to see if there had been any specific price options on the radio-read meters in the past couple of years already.

Mr. Shumaker reported that he would get and install a new battery and charger for the generator the following day. He also said that the road to the elevated tank needs fixing and that he will remove limbs from the fences at the tank.

Bids were received to paint the Town Hall exterior balcony and stairs. Lanny McCarver bid \$400.00 for materials and \$1,800.00 for labor. A bid of was received from Sherwin Williams for the paint necessary to complete the project of \$350.96. The county work crew inmates can paint it if the Town provides the paint and necessary supplies. A motion was made by Tommy Goodman and seconded by Clint Gee to allow the inmates to paint the balcony and for the Town to purchase the materials needed from Sherwin-Williams. The motion passed unanimously. Bids are attached and made part of the minutes as Exhibit C.

Discussion was held about the solution to the drainage problem on West Washington that was presented by Town Engineer Kyle Grubb at a previous meeting. Motion was made by Alderman Goodman and seconded by Bo Milton to allow Double S, Inc. to build up the crown on West Washington Street and for the clerk to pay them the money owed to them on the BP Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Goodman and seconded by Bo Milton to appoint Alderman Clint Gee as Vice Mayor. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Long to add Clint Gee to the signature cards at the Bank of Commerce and to remove former Alderman Susan Dunn from same. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie to reappoint Charles Swayze, Jr. and Charles Swayze, III on an as needed basis for professional legal services. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Milton and seconded by Alderman Long to reappoint Kimberly Wolfe Smith as Town Clerk and Water Clerk. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Gee to reappoint Galen Shumaker as Water Operator for the Town. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Goodman and seconded by Alderman Gee to reappoint Willis Engineering, as the Town's engineering firm. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Long to appoint Kevin Wolfe of Taylor, Powell, Wilson & Hartford as the Town's CPA. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Goodman to replace former Aldermen Susan Dunn and Ryan Jackson with Alderman Clint Gee and Alderman Bo Milton on the Town Zoning Board with Alderman Goodman to remain as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Goodman to reappoint Linda McGregor, Cathy Whitfield, and Deborah Marshall to the Town Election Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Milton to allow the Mayor and Town Clerk to attend training and conferences as they feel necessary with advance notice to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Long and seconded by Alderman Milton to allow the Mayor and Town Clerk to act as the Town's voting delegates at the upcoming MML Conference. The motion passed unanimously. Motion is made a part of the minutes as Exhibit D.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Goodman to allow the Town Clerk and Mayor to request the ARP funds available to the Town from the MS Department of Finance and Administration and to open an interest-bearing checking account at the Bank of Commerce to transfer the funds into with Mayor Pamela R. Lee, Vice Mayor Clint Gee, and Town Clerk Kimberly Smith to be signers on the account. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning Delta Electric's proposal to offer fiber internet and phone service to the Town by partnering with the County and using the Town's ARP Funds to help build the infrastructure needed. The Board asked the Mayor to have Delta Electric's director David O'Bryan come to the next meeting to discuss the business further.

Motion was made by Alderman Goodman and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to allow the Carroll Academy Booster Club to host "Super Carroll Weekend" on the square sometime this fall and for the Town to set up a booth to solicit donations to the Old Water Tower Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and Seconded by Alderman Milton to partner with Winona, Grenada, Greenwood as part of proposed the Mississippi John Hurt Foundation music event on the square in Carrollton in the spring. This event will be live streamed internationally as plans are to have similar events happening simultaneously up the east coast and in Scotland and Ireland. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Long and seconded by Alderman Goodman to explore and apply for the MDOT TAP Grant to repair/replace sidewalks in Town. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Milton to spread the Consumer Confidence Report for the water system upon the minutes as Exhibit E. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Gee to lend support and publish in the Minute Book the letters sent by Ken Strachan to the Washington

delectation asking for help in assessing problems with Big Sand Creek and the recent flooding. The letters will be attached as Exhibit F. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Milton, and passed by unanimous vote that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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Kimberly Smith, Town Clerk

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Pamela R. Lee, Mayor