

TOWN OF CARROLLTON
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Present:

Mayor: Pamela Lee via FaceTime

Present: Bo Milton
Clint Gee
Warren Long
Stephanie Gillespie

Galen Shumaker

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Clint Gee. Alderman Long opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion was made by Alderman Milton and seconded by Alderman Long to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Next came Galen Shumaker, Water Operator, to discuss the changing out of the 40 meters discussed previously. They have begun the process and he will report back to the Board when that phase of meter replacement is complete.

Mayor Lee also discussed the various loan options for the rest of the water meters:

- The Bank of Commerce has quoted the Town (as of August 10, 2021) \$115,000.00 loan payable for 7 years with monthly payments of approximately \$1,455.00 at 1.60% interest. Or with annual payments the interest rate would be 1.70%.
- The State Revolving Loan from the MS Health Department would have a 1.9% interest rate, with a possible 35% forgiveness of principal, but it could not be approved until around April 2022. In addition, an engineer would have to be hired if using that option which would add to the total cost.

Mr. Shumaker said that he would check on Engineering fee rates for the State Revolving Loan Fund.

Next came discussion of a letter received from the Carroll Academy Headmaster, Penny Mitchell (see Exhibit A). Miss Mitchell asked that the water bill be adjusted due to catastrophic flooding which caused a water line to break in June. At the time of the water line break, the Town had proclaimed an emergency, and was aware of the problem at Carroll Academy. Previous years' billings were used to factor a fair amount for the July bill that would be fair to the school and equitable to the Town and other customers. A motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Long to adjust the amount of the July bill on water account number 0010 to \$969.00, which represents the amount billed and paid in July of 2020. The rest of the July bill will be forgiven and adjusted off of the account. The motion passed unanimously.

Troy Wiltshire requested that a cut off valve be installed at his residence. After much discussion, the request was denied after a motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Milton not to install the valve. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mayor Lee notified the Board of advertisements that will run in "The Carrollton Conservative" special editions of the Annual "Pilgrimage Guide" and also the "Area Guide." Both ads will cost approximately \$200.00 each.

Town Clerk, Kimberly Smith, presented the Board with proposed Amendments to the 2020/2021 General Fund Budget and the 2020/2021 Water Fund Budget.

A motion was made by Alderman Milton and seconded by Alderman Long to amend the 2020/2021 General Fund budget, as presented (See Exhibit B). The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Long and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to amend the 2020/2021 Water Fund budget, as presented (See Exhibit C). The motion passed unanimously.

A Public Hearing was held at Town Hall on August 16, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. so that the public would have an opportunity to comment on the proposed 2021/2022 General Fund and Water Fund Budgets. No member of the public appeared to make comment either for or against.

A motion was made by Alderman Long and seconded by Alderman Milton to formally adopt the 2021/2022 Proposed General Fund Summary Budget (See Exhibit D) and to also use the 2021/2022 General Fund Detail Budget as guidance (See Exhibit E).

The motion was voted upon with the following results:

Alderman Clint Gee	Aye
Alderman Stephanie Gillespie	Aye
Alderman Tommy Goodman	Absent

Alderman Warren Long	Aye
Alderman Bo Milton	Aye

The motion was passed.

A motion was made by Alderman Milton and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to formally adopt the 2021/2022 Proposed Water Fund Summary Budget (See Exhibit F) and to also use the 2021/2022 Water Fund Detail Budget as guidance (See Exhibit G).

The motion was voted upon with the following results:

Alderman Clint Gee	Aye
Alderman Stephanie Gillespie	Aye
Alderman Tommy Goodman	Absent
Alderman Warren Long	Aye
Alderman Bo Milton	Aye

The motion was passed.

Next came consideration of a request from Sheriff Clint Walker to increase the Town's annual contribution to the Officer Training Fund from \$3,600.00 annually to \$5,000.00 annually to be paid out monthly. Motion was made by Alderman Long and seconded by Alderman Gillespie to pay the Officer Training Fund \$416.67 per month beginning in October 2021. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously by all aldermen present.

A motion was made by Alderman Milton and seconded by Alderman Long to spread upon the minutes the Emergency Proclamation regarding Covid-19 passed on August 16, 2021 as "Exhibit H". The motion was passed by all Aldermen present.

A motion was made by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Milton to spread upon the minutes the Emergency Proclamation regarding Hurricane Ida passed on August 29, 2021 as "Exhibit I". The motion was passed by all Aldermen present.

Next came a request from the Carrollton Historic Preservation Commission to replace Bo Milton with Susan Dunn as Commissioner. The motion was made to approve Susan Dunn as Historic Preservation Commissioner by Alderman Gillespie and seconded by Alderman Milton. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding speeding on Washington Street. A Motion was made by Alderman Gillespie to purchase six 6" speed bumps to be placed on Washington Street in the general vicinity across from Alderman Milton's mailbox and at the fire hydrant in front of Alderman Long's house. The motion was seconded by Alderman Long. It was passed unanimously.

The Board also asked Mayor Lee to get prices on heavy duty rumble strips to be placed on the road coming up from the Carroll Academy Gym.

Mayor Lee presented the Board with prices to replace street signs with the \$3,000.00 in grant money that has been received for that purpose. A motion was made by Alderman Milton and Seconded by Alderman Gillespie to replace the signs utilizing the funds, until the grant money is exhausted. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Alderman Gee, seconded by Alderman Gillespie, and passed by unanimous vote that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly Smith, Town Clerk

Pamela R. Lee, Mayor