

TOWN OF CARROLLTON
BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 5, 2023

Present:

Mayor: Pamela Lee

Aldermen: Present: Clint Gee Tommy Goodman
Warren Long
Bo Milton
Daphne Williams

Guests: Galen Shumaker

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in regular session on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order and Alderman Warren Long opened with prayer.

The first order of business was a motion by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Milton, and unanimously approved to accept the Agenda for the meeting with one addition – a report on the MCWI grant.

A motion was made by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Milton, and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous and accept as emailed and printed.

Galen Shumaker, water operator, reported things had been quiet during the extreme cold, with few water problems. Meters for two new homes will be installed next week.

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

Mayor Lee and Alderman Goodman gave the following reports:

- Goodman – We need a structural engineer to look at the roof/ceiling upstairs for repairs. Kyle Grubb is going to check with a structural engineer on staff with Willis Engineering. We need to make sure the Garden Club, who stores decorations used in town upstairs and in the back, does not take combustible rags into the areas because of a possible fire hazard. The inspection was made by Aldermen Goodman and Gee with engineer Kyle Grubb.

- Lee – Alderman Milton offered to contact Brook McCrory about putting down the speed bumps on West Washington.
- Lee – The Municipal and County Water Infrastructure Grant Agreement and been received and reviewed. It has also been sent to Communities Unlimited and Galen. The agreement will be spread upon the minutes.

Unfinished Business:

- On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Goodman, the Board voted with no opposition to authorize the mayor to sign an affidavit against Mr. Charlie Montgomery regarding 709 Lexington Street, once the municipal judge and the officer to serve the papers have been appointed.
- Lee – Thanks to Alderman Williams who researched on-line auction options, the Board had auction guidelines options for the Water Tower white oak tray. On motion by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Milton, the Board voted with no opposition to build interest in the auction between now and February 4, when both an on-line auction and more traditional auction will begin and run for one week, until February 14, based on the presented guidelines. Starting bid will be \$75 and bids be in increments of \$10. Estimated value of the tray exceeds \$100. A copper label will be attached to the bottom of the tray explaining the history.

New Business:

- On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Goodman, the Board voted with no opposition not to create a Smoke-free Air Ordinance which Mississippi Tobacco Free requested we consider.
- On motion by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Long, the Board unanimously adopted the 2% levy on prepared foods and beverages sold in the Town of Carrollton.
- On motion by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Milton, the Board voted with no opposition to wash and repair the Welcome sign at the Hwy 82/17 intersection, but not to paint it.
- On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Long, the Board unanimously approved \$500.00 to support the Carrollton Historic Preservation Commission's coloring book project which will provide information about historic structures in the county to elementary students.
- On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Gee, the Board unanimously approved \$500.00 to support the Cotesworth Center at the Esquire Level.
- On motion by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Milton, the Board unanimously not to apply for the current Community Development Block Grant as none of the project areas fit our current strategic plan.

- On motion by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Milton, the Board voted with no opposition to purchase a new vacuum for the town hall.
- On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Williams, the Board voted unanimously for the mayor to contact the following as a possible temporary clerk when Clerk Coleman needs to be out for surgery: Glynnis Taylor, Terri Blaylock, and Tricia Peel, in that order.
- On motion by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Goodman, the Board tabled a discussion about the level billing agreement with Carroll Academy for the property on College Street until the matter could be researched more thoroughly. Unknown to the clerk and mayor, the old water program had been charging only \$50.00 on a monthly basis, year round level billing. The new program charged the actual amount. The school would like to go back to level billing of \$50.00.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Alderman Gee, seconded by Alderman Milton, and unanimously approved to adjourn until Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

C. J. Coleman, Town Clerk

Pamela R. Lee, Mayor