

TOWN OF CARROLLTON
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Present:

Mayor: Pamela Lee

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

Others: Galen Shumaker, water operator
Kyle Grubb – Willis Engineering
Jerry Stanford - resident

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order and Alderman Bo Milton opened with prayer.

The first order of business was a motion by Alderman Milton seconded by Alderman Long and unanimously approved to accept the Agenda for the meeting.

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

Galen Shumaker, water operator, gave the following report and answered questions from the Board:

- Carroll Academy: The meter at CA is broken. On motion by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Milton, the Board voted with no opposition to replace it with a radio read meter at \$1,400 instead of the traditional meter at \$1,100. A new shut-off valve was also installed near the street.

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

Mayor Lee gave the following reports:

- The charcuterie board made for the town by Mark Stiles from a white oak tree at the historic water tower sold at auction for \$150 to Steve Ivey. This will go into the Restoration account. It was also noted that Snooky Lee, Doyle Carpenter, and Larry Shute had transplanted the rose bush into the planter Mark made for Gee's Corner, across from the Town Hall. Mark will be making 3 more to replace other old boxes.

- Thanks to Dr. Alan Barefield at Mississippi State, she and the clerk have a better understanding of QuickBooks and have been able to reduce duplicate work. His assistance has been free to the Town.
- Street posts ordered last winter from Magcor have arrived. The signs have not come in yet. The warden has said we can get inmate labor to help put them up. The funds are from the 2% tourism tax.

Unfinished Business:

- Speed Bumps – Jerry Stanford, Gary Bankston
Jerry Stanford met with the Board and asked to read a statement that he and his wife had written about the speed bumps installed last month and that the statement be spread upon the minutes. The Board heard the reading of the statement and thanked him for his comments. Gary Bankston did not attend the meeting but had on separate occasions, asked the Mayor and Alderman Gee to put speed bumps on his street [Peavy] as well. The Board discussed the opposing views of the two men. On motion by Alderman Gee, seconded by Alderman Williams, the statement will be spread upon the minutes and the request for speed bumps on Peavy Street was tabled until a later date.
- Pelham Street – Alderman Milton and the Mayor updated the Board on their visit with Robert Neill recently. Based on the map provided by Willis Engineering, the obstruction and pipe are in the Town's Right of Way. Mayor Lee said she had not been able to talk to Supervisor Jim Neill to see how they would be able to help address the obstruction. Therefore, further discussion was tabled until more information is available.
- Kyle Grubb, from Willis Engineering, presented the drainage improvement plan made possible by Bond Bill #2971. After answering questions, he asked that the Board review the material more closely until Friday. If there are no concerns, he will begin the bidding process.

Having received the Town's and MDAH approval on the Water Tower project, the quotes will be received until March 17.

The grading plan for the water tower project should be finished by next month, including the electrical and water [for landscaping] plans.

New Business:

- On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Gee, the Board unanimously approved the VFW Golf Tournament sponsorship of \$300.00

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Gee, and unanimously approved to adjourn until Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

C. J. Coleman, Town Clerk

Pamela R. Lee, Mayor