**TOWN OF CARROLLTON**

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Present:

Mayor: Pamela Lee

Aldermen: Clint Gee Tommy Goodman

Warren Long Bo Milton

Daphne Williams

Others: Galen Shumaker, Water Operator

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2023. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order and Alderman 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 an addition from Alderman Milton about the school water rate.

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

Galen Shumaker, water operator, gave the following reports:

* The check valve for the well on 316 had to be replaced. Work was done this afternoon.
* Ten [10] extra meters have been ordered to have on hand as new meters are requested.
* The radios [purchased before Linda McGregor retired] used to send alerts to Galen are being phased out the company. He therefore recommends replacing them with dialers like North Carrollton has been using for some time. They are compatible with cell phones. The cost for the dialers will be $6,000 and covers the first year of service. After the first year, the cost is $30/month. No action was taken until Galen finds out when the support actually ends.
* The Board also discussed the possibility of changing the rates for the school. Galen and Alderman Milton will check with other associations and schools of a similar size to see how the rates compare and report next month. It was unclear when the school would be working on their budget. The bill has increased from $50/month to $500/month with the new water meter.

A motion was made by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Goodman, and unanimously approved to pay the usual and customary bills as presented. On motion by Alderman Goodman, seconded by Alderman Milton, the Board voted unanimously to pay the Willis bill for the grading of the water tower area.

Mayor Lee gave the following reports:

* 1. Drainage project – deadline for bid submission is May 15. Opening will be at Town Hall
  2. Water tower – Contractor is working with MDAH on design for the access door.
  3. Water Tower site grading – MDAH approval secured. Utilities not yet marked.
  4. Meters – working on bid description
  5. Community House - – Mark Stiles to do tree site work
  6. Community House wash areas – Josh Hurst is looking at the washout area to the south of the CH, near the fence. He also offered to get Shane Correro to look at the chimney area where the soil under the building at the chimney is washing away.
  7. Paint for new planters has been purchased.
  8. Historic Preservation Commission did get a grant from MDAH to print coloring books. Two members will be traveling to Preservation Bootcamp in a few months. The Town will cover their traveling expenses and meals for the event.
  9. MDOT has put new patch on the filled hole at the Conservative Building

Unfinished Business:

* After reviewing the traffic and parking issue options sent by Attorney Greenlee, the Town has tabled the discussion, asking the Mayor to see if the Sheriff would write tickets for these violations of state law.
* After reviewing the cleaning of property option sent by Mr. Greenlee, the Town has tabled the discussion, asking the Mayor to see if Mr. Greenlee would meet with the board in a special meeting one night to help us get a better understanding of the situation and the options.

New Business:

* The Board reviewed the attached Memorandum of Understanding from Delta Power Association [DEPA] regarding the installation of high speed fiber optic internet service using the funds [$400,000.00] to be provided by the State in House Bill #603. DEPA expects the work to be completed within a year. Pending the approval of Mr. Greenlee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the MOU on a motion from Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Long.
* On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Goodman, the Board agreed unanimously for the Mayor to get costs on paving Peavy, Green and Pelham Streets.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Alderman Long, seconded by Alderman Milton, and unanimously approved to adjourn until Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

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Carol Jo Coleman, Town Clerk Pamela R. Lee, Mayor