

TOWN OF CARROLLTON
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Present:

Mayor: Pamela Lee

Clerk: C.J. Coleman

Aldermen: Present:

Clint Gee
Warren Long
Bo Milton
Daphne Williams

Absent:

Tommy Goodman

Others Present: Galen & Lee Shumaker – Water Operator

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Alderman met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Mayor Lee called the meeting to order and Alderman 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 with four additions*.

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:

- They would be cutting trees around the water towers this month.
- He asked what we wanted to do about the old generator that we were given that does not work. No decision was made at this time.
- Concerning the old water meters that will be replaced, the Board discussed options but took no action.

A motion was made by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Milton, and unanimously approved to pay the usual and customary bills as presented. Two large bills were noted - one for replacing the switch on well #3 on CR 316 and one for the Willis invoice for work on the ARPA Water Meter Replacement project.

Mayor Lee gave the following reports:

- There were no opponents for any of the municipal positions and all current members were qualified by the circuit clerk. The election commission will

meet and submit the paperwork to the Secretary of State's Office. They will be sworn in on July 1, 2025.

- US Army Corps of Engineers made their site visit on February 3 and should have the cost of our study by next week.
- A review of the annual financial audit was provided.
- The Board received a report on the status of the proposed changes to the state income tax and grocery tax. They approved the statement issued by the Mississippi Municipal League.

In any tax reform legislation in the 2025 Regular Session, the Mississippi Municipal League supports provisions that keep Mississippi's cities, towns, and villages level or better with sales tax revenues.

- USDA loan 0312 will be paid off this year, leaving us one loan which will be paid out in 11 years. Both of these are for water improvements.

Unfinished Business: - None

New Business:

- On motion by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Milton, the Board voted with no opposition to approve the attached resolution regarding federal tax exemption.
- On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Long, the Board directed the Mayor to complete and submit the Lowes Hometown Grant to replace the old H/AC unit at the Community House with a new energy efficient one at a cost of \$11,471.94.
- *The Board confirmed their earlier position that high water bills would be addressed by a payment plan. The high bill will be divided over a period of months so that the back payment would be \$100 or less/month [unless specified by the property owner]. No late fees would be charged as long as the back payment and the regular monthly payment are made on time.
- *On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Long, and unanimously approved the Mayor will contact H&H to seal the culvert under W Washington Street [119] to stop the soil from washing out around the drain.
- *On motion by Alderman Williams, seconded by Alderman Gee, the Board unanimously to also have H&H to remove the build-up of silt that is blocking the storm drain at 112 Lexington so the water will flow down the ditch properly.
- *On motion by Alderman Milton, seconded by Alderman Williams, the Board voted with no opposition to treat the historic water tower hill for pre-emerge weed control after confirming the type grass on the hill.

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, March 4, 2025.

Carol Jo Coleman, Town Clerk

Pamela R. Lee, Mayor