

**CITY OF CARROLLTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL**

**MARCH 27, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**MAYOR: ROBB ADAMS**

**COUNCIL: JOHN BOOTH  
LINDA DAVIS  
JEFF DICKOW  
DEIDRA HAYS  
CRISTINA MARSH  
MAGUANA QUALLS**

**ATTORNEY FOR CITY: JAKE THOMPSON**

**ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: TAMMY RATLIFF**

**PRESS: TIM HENDRICK / THE NEWS DEMOCRAT**

**ABSENT: TEENCOUNCIL MEMBER- NEIL ABBOTT**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

THE MEETING WAS THEN CALLED TO ORDER AT THE HOUR OF 7:02 P.M. BY MAYOR ADAMS. COUNCILMAN JOHN BOOTH OFFERED THE INVOCATION AND MAYOR ADAMS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

**MAGGIE BRILEY, CLAY CABLE, BRAD MCNEAL, ED GEX WILLIAMS, RANDY WILSON, AND KEVIN CRAIG ATTENDED BUT DID NOT SPEAK**

**CODY HEMBREE-** WANTED TO DISCUSS THE BUSINESS LICENSE INCREASE FOR RENTAL PROPERTIES. CODY WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE GOAL OF THE INCREASE WAS AND MAYOR ADAMS SAID IT WAS TO COVER THE SHORTFALL IN BUDGET FOR POLICE PAY. CODY SAID HE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE POLICE PAY INCREASE AND HE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE INSPECTIONS OF RENTAL PROPERTY BUT CODY DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE INCREASE. HE SAID ALL THIS IS GOING TO DO IS HAVE THE OWNERS PASS THE INCREASE ON TO THE RENTERS.

**DEAN MILLER-** ASKED WHAT THE PERCENT OF RENTAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY AND STATED THAT ALL THE CITY WAS DOING WAS PUTTING MORE TAX ON POOR PEOPLE. MILLER SAID DON'T RAISE SALARIES BEFORE FINDING THE MONEY TO COVER THEM. MILLER SAID DON'T HARP ON ONE ISSUE. COUNCILMAN DICKOW SAID THAT HE AGREED THAT THE ORDINANCE NEEDED CLEANED UP BEFORE APPROVING. MAYOR ADAMS SAID THEY ARE STILL GETTING THE FINAL NUMBERS FROM THE BUDGET MEETINGS AND HE WANTED TO EDUCATE ON THE PROCESS. MAYOR ADAMS SAID HE KNOWS THERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME BUDGET CUTS AND WILL LOOK FOR OTHER PLACES TO INCREASE REVENUE STREAMS.

**CHRIS HEMBREE-** SAID THAT NO ONE HERE DOES NOT SUPPORT THE INCREASE IN PAY FOR THE POLICE THEY ARE JUST OPPOSING THE INCREASE IN THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE.

**ADAM MCNEACE**- SAID THAT ALL AS BUSINESS OWNERS BENEFIT FROM A FAIR AND HONEST EVALUATION OF THE ORDINANCE. HE HAS 49 UNITS AND WANTS TO KNOW WHAT MAKES THAT FAIR. MCNEACE ASKED WHAT THE ABANDONED PROPERTY ORDINANCE WAS ABOUT. MCNEACE WANTED TO BE NOTIFIED PERSONALLY ABOUT ORDINANCE CHANGES THAT AFFECT HIM. MAYOR ADAMS SAID THE CITY IS NOT OBLIGATED TO NOTIFY A SELECTED GROUP AND THAT WE FOLLOW THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. MAYOR SAID HE UNDERSTANDS THEIR POSITION.

**LARRY WILHOITE**- ASKED HOW MANY RENTERS ARE REGISTERED VOTERS AND COUNCILWOMAN HAYS SAID THAT SHE DID NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION. WILHOITE SAID THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD LET THE RENTERS KNOW WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASE. COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS SAID THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE THREATENED BY PROPERTY OWNERS.

**MAYOR ADAMS**- THANKED EVERYONE WHO SPOKE FOR SHARING THEIR OPINIONS AND FOR ATTENDING THE COUNCIL MEETING AND SAID THEY SHOULD STAY FOR THE WHOLE MEETING TO SEE WHAT GOES ON.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING: 3/13/2023**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MARSH AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF 3/13/2023.**

AYES        6                                NAYS        0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING: 3/20/2023**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF 3/20/2023.**

AYES        6                                NAYS        0

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 3/15/23 THROUGH 3/28/23**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 3/15/23 THROUGH 3/28/23.**

AYES        6                                NAYS        0

**RESOLUTION #2023-07: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CITY ATTORNEY.**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HAYS AND DULY CARRIED FOR MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT FOR CITY ATTORNEY.**

AYES        6                                NAYS        0

**REQUEST TO USE POINT PARK – SUMMER READING PROGRAM – 7/27/23**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MARSH AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE USE OF POINT PARK FOR THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM ON 7/27/23 AND THE CITY WILL NOT CHARGE THE CARROLL COUNTY LIBRARY.

AYES            6                    NAYS            0

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2023-02 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ELECTRICAL INSPECTION FEES**

ATTORNEY JAKE THOMPSON READ THE ORDINANCE

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN MARSH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN QUALLS AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE #2023-02 ORDINANCE AMENDING ELECTRICAL INPSECTION FEES.

AYES            6                    NAYS            0

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2023-03 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARROLLTON OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE CODIFIED IN SECTIONS 110.10.**

THE ORDINANCE WAS NOT READ

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO TABLE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2023-03.

AYES            6                    NAYS            0

MAYOR ADAMS SAID THEY HAVE 60 DAYS TO ACT ON THIS ORDINANCE

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORIDINANCE #2023-04 – AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE CARROLLTON ABANDONED URBAN PROPERTIES TAX CODIFIED IN SECTIONS 37.101-37.103.**

ATTORNEY JAKE THOMPSON READ THE ORDINANCE

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MARSH AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE #2023-04 ORDINANCE CREATING THE CARROLLTON ABANDONED URBAN PROPERTIES TAX CODIFIED IN SECTIONS 37.101-37.103.

AYES            6                    NAYS            0

**DISCUSSION / CONSIDER / APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSURES FOR LADIES NIGHT 5/13/2023**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE STREET CLOSURES OF HALF OF COURT STREET TO MAIN STREET AND MAIN STREET FROM FIFTH STREET TO COURT STREET ON MAY 13, 2023, FROM NOON UNTIL 11 PM.

AYES            6                    NAYS            0

**HEATHER CLYMER ASKED IF THE CITY COULD MOVE PICNIC TABLES FROM POINT PARK TO THE EVENT.**

**DISCUSSION / CONSIDER / APPROVAL OF BLACK TOPPING LIST**

**MAYOR SAID IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 1 MONTH. COUNCILWOMAN HAYS ASKED IF THIS WAS THE SAME COMPANY THAT DID THE BLACKTOPPING LAST TIME BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WAS NORMAL TO HAVE SUCH A BIG DROP OFF FROM THE NEW BLACKTOP TO THE DRIVEWAYS. MAYOR ADAMS SAID THAT IT IS NORMAL TO HAVE SOME PLACES THAT HAPPENS. COUNCILMAN DICKOW ASKED IF CLAY STREET WAS ON THE LIST AND MAYOR ADAMS SAID NO BECAUSE OF THE CLAY STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT THAT CLAY STREET WOULD HAVE TO WAIT TIL NEXT YEAR.**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN MARSH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN QUALLS AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED 2023 BLACKTOPPING LIST FROM HINKLE.**

**AYES            6                    NAYS            0**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**AWARD BID FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1121 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**MAYOR SAID THERE WERE 2 BIDS RECEIVED. ONE FOR \$2,500 AND ONE FOR \$4,000. MAYOR ADAMS RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL ACCEPT THE HIGHEST BID FOR \$4,000.**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST BID OF \$4,000 FROM CLAY CABLE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1121 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET WITH THE DEED RESTRICTION FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.**

**AYES            6                    NAYS            0**

**DISCUSSION / CONSIDER / ACCEPT BIDS FOR PICKLE BALL COURT AT POINT PARK**

**MAYOR SAID THERE ARE 3 PHASES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PICKLE BALL COURT. MAYOR ADAMS SAID WE RECEIVED 1 BID FOR EACH PHASE.**

**PHASE 1: BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FOUR (4) INCH THICK ASPHALT PAD APPROXIMATELY 64 FEET X 75 FEET.**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$18,200 FROM HINKLE CONTRACTING CORPORATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FOUR (4) INCH THICK ASPHALT PAD APPROXIMATELY 64 FEET X 75 FEET.**

**AYES            6                    NAYS            0**

**PHASE 2: BIDS FOR THE SURFACE FINISHING, STRIPING, AND INSTALLATION OF NETS FOR TWO (2) PICKLE-BALL COURTS.**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN MARSH AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$12,648 FROM TENNIS TECHNOLOGY FOR THE SURFACE FINISHING, STRIPING, AND INSTALLATION OF NETS FOR TWO (2) PICKLE-BALL COURTS.**

AYES 6 NAYS 0

**PHASE 3: BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A BLACK-COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE WITH ONE (1) MAN-GATE, TO COVER AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 64 FEET X 75 FEET.**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN DAVIS AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$10,830 FROM CARROLL COUNTY FENCE COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A BLACK-COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE WITH ONE (1) MAN-GATE, TO COVER AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 64 FEET X 75 FEET.**

AYES 6 NAYS 0

**NEW BUSINESS**

MAYOR ADAMS MENTIONED THE CHANGING OF THE STREET LIGHTS IN CARROLLTON TO LED. BENEFITS FOR CHANING TO LED IS THEY ARE BRIGHTER AND ENERGY SAVING. MAYOR ADAMS SAID THAT IF THE CITY PAYS A 1 TIME CHARGE UP FRONT OF \$82,807.20 OUR ENERGY BILL WILL DECREASE \$1,100 PER MONTH. IF THE CITY FINANCES THE \$ 82,807.20 OVER FIVE YEARS THE BILL WILL GO UP \$285 PER MONTH OVER THE 5 YEARS BEFORE THE CITY STARTS TO SEE THE \$1,100 PER MONTH SAVINGS. MAYOR ASKED COUNCIL TO SEND HIM THEIR QUESTIONS SO HE CAN ASK AND GET MORE DETAILED ANSWERS ON COSTS AND SAVINGS.

**MAYOR'S REPORTS**

MAYOR HAD NOTHING TO REPORT THAT WAS NOT COVERED IN UNFINISHED BUSINESS OR NEW BUSINESS.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

COUNCIL DID NOT GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**COMMENTS**

**COUNCILWOMAN QUALLS:** ASKED IF THE CITY COULD TRY TO GET ANOTHER BID FOR THE PICKLE BALL COURTS. MAYOR SAID THE BIDS WERE ACCEPTED BUT THAT THE COUNCIL COULD RETRACT THE EARLIER ACCEPTANCE AND PUT ANOTHER NOTICE IN THE PAPER TO TRY TO GET MORE BIDS. COUNCIL DECIDED TO KEEP THE ACCEPTED BIDS.

**COUNCILMAN BOOTH:** ASKED WHAT THE STATUS WAS ON THE LIGHTING PROJECT ON 227. MAYOR ADAMS SAID THAT ELLIOTT HAD BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT BUT MOST CONTRACTORS ARE OUT OF STATE WORKING ON STORM DAMAGE AND AS SOON AS ELLIOTT GETS A CONTRACTOR TO START, THEY WILL BEGIN WORK.

**COUNCILMAN BOOTH:** ASKED WHERE THE CITY WAS ON THE DUMPSTER ISSUE ON MAIN STREET. MAYOR SAID THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON A SOLUTION.

**COUNCILWOMAN HAYS:** REMINDED COUNCIL OF THE CITY CLEAN UP DAY APRIL 22-23.

**COUNCILWOMAN MARSH:** THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING

**ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY  
COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO STAND IN ADJOURNMENT AT THE  
HOUR OF 8:12 P.M.**

**AYES                      6                      NAYS                      0**

**ATTEST:**

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**ROBB ADAMS,  
MAYOR**

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**TAMMY RATLIFF,  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**