

**CITY OF CARROLLTON
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

MAYOR: ROBB ADAMS

**COUNCIL: JEFF DICKOW
HAYLEY FRANKLIN
MIKE GORDON
DOUG HILL
DWIGHT LOUDEN
KEVIN CRAIG**

TEEN COUNCILMEMBER: ALLIE SIMMONS

ATTORNEY FOR CITY: AMY EVERSOLE

CITY CLERK-TREASURER: LEATHA GRIMES

FIRE CHIEF: MIKE TERRELL

ASST. POLICE CHIEF: TIM MITCHELL

PUBLIC WORKS SUPV: RON KNIGHT

CODE ENFORCEMENT: JOHN WELCH

UTILITIES SUPERVISOR: BILL OSBORNE

TOURISM: MISTY WHEELER

MAIN ST. DIRECTOR: SAM BURGESS

PRESS: NEWS DEMOCRAT/KRISTIN SHERRARD BECK

CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT THE HOUR OF 7:03 P.M. BY MAYOR ADAMS. MAYOR ADAMS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN OFFERED THE INVOCATION.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

BILL WELTY
HOMER KUNSELMAN

IAN MUNSIE
JENNIFER MUNSIE
DEAN MILLER

DEAN MILLER ASKED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL. HE WANTED TO KNOW IF COUNCIL HAD MADE A DECISION ABOUT HIS LOT ON HIGHLAND AVE. NEAR THE BRIDGE AND HIS DESIRE TO PUT A CAR LOT THERE. HE SAID IT HAD BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE THE FIRST MEETING, AND HE HAD A POLE BARN COMING IN THREE WEEKS TO PUT THERE FOR STORAGE IF THEY WOULD NOT AGREE TO THE CAR LOT. THE MAYOR SAID THEY WERE ALL INTERESTED IN THE CAR LOT BEING THERE BUT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ALLOW IT. THERE HAD BEEN A PUBLIC MEETING AND PLANNING & ZONING STILL DID NOT RECOMMEND CHANGING THE ZONING TO ALLOW CAR LOTS. ATTORNEY, AMY EVERSOLE, SAID SHE HAD TALKED TO THE NKADD AND THEY RECOMMENDED WAITING UNTIL IT WAS TIME TO RE-DO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WHICH IS COMING UP IN ABOUT A YEAR. MR. MILLER SAID YOU CAN CHANGE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AT ANY TIME. THE MAYOR SAID THAT IS TRUE BUT IT DOES TAKE TIME.

HOMER KUNSELMAN ASKED TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ABOUT WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WAS SAID IN A COUNCIL MEETING ON 3/10/14 WHICH WAS HOLDING UP HIS EIP REIMBURSEMENT OF \$4,000.00. HE PASSED OUT SOME NOTES HE HAD KEPT AFTER THAT MEETING AND READ FROM THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF WHEN THE EIP APPLICATION WAS APPROVED. HE SAID OPENING AN ICE CREAM SHOP WAS NEVER PART OF THE BARGAIN. HE SAID IT MAY HAPPEN LATER AND HE WOULD LIKE FOR IT TO BUT THAT WOULD REMAIN TO BE SEEN. HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD NOT BE INSTALLING A CONCRETE SIDEWALK BUT SOME KIND OF WALKWAY.

IAN MUNSEY, CO-OWNER, OF BELLA'S WHO IS A TENANT IN MR. KUNSELMAN'S BUILDING, SPOKE ON HIS BEHALF CONCERNING ALL OF THE HARD WORK MR. KUNSELMAN HAD PUT INTO MAKING THE BACK OF THE BUILDING LOOK AS NICE AS IT CURRENTLY DOES. MR. KUNSELMAN SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY DUG A TRENCH TO BURY UTILITIES TO IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE. HE SAID HE HAD INVESTED MUCH MORE MONEY THAN HE HAD APPLIED FOR.

COUNCILMAN GORDON HAD SOME QUESTIONS. HE READ FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S ORIGINAL PROJECT INSPECTION REPORT DATED 1/23/15 WHICH STATED THAT PART OF THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT IN ORDER TO DEEM IT COMPLETED, WAS THAT THE COMMERCIAL USE OF THE DECK PRIMARILY THE "ICE CREAM" BUSINESS, BE INSTALLED, ALONG WITH SOME OTHER MINOR ITEMS. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN HAD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT A SIDEWALK NEEDING TO BE INSTALLED TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC ACCESS.

JOHN WELCH, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, SAID MAYBE WHEN HE WROTE THAT REPORT HE HAD MISSPOKE BECAUSE THE DRB DOES NOT CONSIDER WHAT KIND OF

BUSINESS IS GOING INTO A BUILDING IN ORDER FOR THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE.

COUNCILMAN GORDON SAID IN THAT CASE HE WOULD MAKE THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE EIP REIMBURSEMENT BE ISSUED TO HOMER KUNSELMAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING: 8/24/2015

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF 8/24/15.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

APPOINTMENT OF JIM SUPPLEE TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT/NUISANCE BOARD

JIM SUPPLEE HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT/NUISANCE BOARD BUT HAD TO RESIGN ABRUPTLY. HE HAS NOW AGREED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD ONCE AGAIN BUT NEEDED TO BE REAPPOINTED.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO APPOINT JIM SUPPLEE TO THE CODE ENFORCEMENT/NUISANCE BOARD WITH HIS TERM EXPIRING 12/31/15.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

APPROVAL OF EIP CONTRACT WITH DINAH MARSHALL AND RAE STEVENS WITH REGARDS TO ARTFUL GIFTS

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, AMY EVERSOLE, READ **RESOLUTION 2015-22: AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ENTERPRISE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH DINAH MARSHALL, ESTILL STEVENS AND RAE E. STEVENS.**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HILL AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #2015-22: AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ENTERPRISE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH DINAH MARSHALL, ESTILL STEVENS AND RAE E. STEVENS.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

NEW BUSINESS

A. THE MAYOR HAD A REQUEST TO CLOSE CERTAIN CITY STREETS FOR THE TOBACCO FESTIVAL FROM 9/23/15 THROUGH 9/26/15. THERE ALSO WAS A REQUEST

FOR PORT-O-LETS FOR THE FESTIVAL AND A DUMPSTER. THESE WERE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET AND HAVE ALREADY BEEN ORDERED.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE CARROLL COUNTY TOBACCO FESTIVAL.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

B. COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN HAD BROUGHT A MAP WITH THE AREA OUTLINED OF THE ROUTE OF THE 5K COLOR RUN. SHE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO HAVE COUNCIL’S APPROVAL TO RUN IN THE STREET BUT WITHOUT CLOSING THE CITY STREETS. THEY ALSO WANTED TO HAVE A POLICE OFFICER FOLLOW THEM.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE 5K COLOR RUN.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. TEEN COUNCIL – ALLIE SIMMONS SAID A FALL BALL IS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL INSTEAD OF A WINTER BALL.

B. PUBLIC WORKS – RON KNIGHT, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, PRESENTED A PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS AT THE NEXT MEETING FROM PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING.

C. UTILITIES – BILL OSBORNE HAD A PROPOSED RATE, TERMS AND CONDITIONS CHANGE FOR GAS CUSTOMERS OF CARROLLTON UTILITIES.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2015-18: AMENDING THE RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR GAS CUSTOMERS OF CARROLLTON UTILITIES

AYES 6 NAYS 0

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, AMY EVERSOLE, READ THE ORDINANCE.

2ND READING WILL BE SEPT. 28TH.

MR. OSBORNE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE HIGHLAND AVE. PROJECT IS MOSTLY DONE EXCEPT FOR SOME PAVING TO BE DONE. THEY ARE WORKING WITH FEMA TO MAKE REPAIRS FROM THE FLOODING IN THE WEST END OF THE COUNTY.

D. CCCDC – THE MAYOR ASKED BILL OSBORNE IF THERE WAS ANY PROGRESS ON HIRING A NEW CCCDC DIRECTOR. HE SAID THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 20 APPLICANTS.

E. TOURISM – MISTY WHEELER THANKED RONNIE KNIGHT AND HIS CREW, THE MAYOR AND MIKE TERRELL FOR ALL THEIR WORK ON THE BANDS & BBQ EVENT THIS PAST WEEKEND. ATTENDANCE WAS DOWN POSSIBLY DUE TO THE RAINY WEATHER ONE DAY. SHE SAID THERE WILL BE A CATFISH TOURNAMENT ON 9/26.

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT – TIM MITCHELL REPORTED THAT ALL OF THE NEW VEHICLES HAVE ARRIVED BUT ONE AND HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICERS. A LIST HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WITH THOSE ASSIGNMENTS.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT – MIKE TERRELL REPORTED THAT THE BRAKES HAD BEEN ADJUSTED ON ENGINE 204. ON 9/11 HE TOOK THE LADDER TRUCK TO THE RITE AID PARKING LOT TO DISPLAY THE AMERICAN FLAG. HE LATER TOOK IT TO POINT PARK. THE WHITE CASTLE CRAVEMOBILE WILL BE BACK ON SAT. 9/26 FOR THE TOBACCO FESTIVAL PARADE AND WILL SET UP AT POINT PARK AFTERWARD.

H. CODE ENFORCEMENT – JOHN WELCH SAID THERE ARE TWO ITEMS ON HIS LOG THAT ARE UNDER CITATION AND THERE SHOULD BE A FINAL ORDER IN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT/NUISANCE BOARD ON 9/28. THERE IS A RESCHEDULED KEMPER PROPERTY HEARING PENDING.

I. CLERK-TREASURER – NOTHING TO REPORT

J. MAIN STREET – SAM BURGESS GAVE COUNCIL A DETAILED BUDGET AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE WAYFINDING SIGN GRANT THAT HE HAD APPLIED FOR.

K. ATTORNEY - NOTHING TO REPORT.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

A. MAYOR ADAMS REPORTED THAT THE OLD FIREHOUSE PROJECT SHOULD BE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS IN NEXT WEEK'S PAPER. THE BIDS WILL BE OPENED ON 10/12.

B. THE SIDEWALK PROJECT IN FRONT OF DOWN ON MAIN IS ALMOST READY TO BE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS ALSO.

C. NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN 2ND STREET AND THE RIVER HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND THERE SHOULD BE A RESOLUTION AT THE 9/28 MEETING.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 8/26/15 – 9/15/15

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 8/26/15 THROUGH 9/15/15.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

COMMENTS:

COUNCILMAN DICKOW SAID THAT HIS BROTHER, OFFICER MCDONALD, AND OFFICER STEWART HAD GRADUATED FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY.

COUNCILMAN CRAIG ASKED IF THE CITY ATTORNEY COULD RESEARCH TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY WAY TO GRANT DEAN MILLER'S REQUEST TO PUT A CAR LOT ON HIS PROPERTY. MS. EVERSOLE RESPONDED THAT SHE HAD ALREADY AND THAT YOU CANNOT MAKE ORDINANCES THAT GO AGAINST YOUR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN: THERE WILL BE A CHAMPIONS FOR A DRUG FREE CARROLL COUNTY MEETING ON 9/17 AT 11:30 AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

COUNCILMAN LOUDEN SAID THAT THE CITY CURRENTLY HAS TWO EMPLOYEES UNDER SCRUTINY AND THE CITY IS DOING THEIR BEST TO KEEP THEM EMPLOYED. HE FEELS THAT ALL SHOULD SUPPORT THEM.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO STAND IN ADJOURNMENT AT THE HOUR OF 8:55 P.M.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

ATTEST:

ROBB W. ADAMS, MAYOR

LEATHA S. GRIMES, CITY CLERK-TREASURER