

**CITY OF CARROLLTON
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL**

**AUGUST 8, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

MAYOR: ROBB ADAMS

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

TEEN COUNCIL: JENAH ROBERTS

ATTORNEY FOR CITY: AMY EVERSOLE

CITY CLERK-TREASURER: LEATHA GRIMES

FIRE CHIEF: MIKE TERRELL

POLICE CHIEF: MIKE WILLHOITE

PUBLIC WORKS SUPV.: RON KNIGHT

CODE ENFORCEMENT: JOHN WELCH

CCCDC: GARY MATHIS

TOURISM: MISTY WHEELER

MAIN ST. DIRECTOR: SAM BURGESS

UTILITIES: BILL OSBORNE

PRESS: NEWS DEMOCRAT/KRISTIN BECK

CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT THE HOUR OF 7:00 P.M. BY MAYOR ADAMS. MAYOR ADAMS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN OFFERED THE INVOCATION.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:

DIXIE CHIXX SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES AND SUPPORTERS

THE MAYOR RECOGNIZED THE GIRL'S SOFTBALL TEAM FROM CARROLL COUNTY THAT HAS WON A STATE AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. THEIR COACH, DAVID CRAIG, SPOKE AND TOLD SOME HISTORY OF THE GROUP. THE MAYOR THEN READ A PROCLAMATION NAMING AUGUST 9, 2016 AS DIXIE CHIXX DAY IN CARROLLTON AND PRESENTED THE TEAM WITH THE FRAMED PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE MOORE

GEORGE MOORE BROUGHT A REQUEST TO USE POINT PARK ON 9/10/16 FOR A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR JILL'S WISH ORGANIZATION WHICH IS A CHARITY FOR CANCER PATIENTS.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO USE POINT PARK ON 9/10/16 BY GEORGE MOORE ON BEHALF OF JILL'S WISH.

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DEANIE MILLER

DEANIE MILLER ASKED COUNCIL IF HE COULD GET A DECISION ON WHETHER HE COULD PUT HIS CAR LOT AT 209 HIGHLAND AVE. HE SAID HE NEEDS TO KNOW BECAUSE HE CAN'T PUT OFF BUILDING AN EXTRA BUILDING ANY LONGER IF HE IS NOT GOING TO BE ALLOWED TO MOVE. HE WAS TOLD TO COME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY NIGHT, 8/11, CONCERNING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THAT WOULD BE THE TIME TO AIR HIS CONCERNS AND REQUESTS SO THAT IF ANY ZONING CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE THEY COULD BE ADDRESSED THEN. HE SAID THAT HE FELT LIKE IT WOULD DO NO GOOD BECAUSE PLANNING & ZONING HAS ALREADY VOTED AGAINST MAKING THE ZONING CHANGES. MAYOR ADAMS SAID IF IT WAS UP TO HIM HE WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING IT, BUT THERE ARE PROCEDURES IN PLACE THAT HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED. SAM BURGESS SPOKE AS A PLANNING & ZONING MEMBER SAYING THAT IT WAS UNFAIR TO PLACE THE MONKEY ON THEIR BACK BECAUSE COUNCIL DID NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT PLANNING & ZONING'S RECOMMENDATION. MR. MILLER SAID HE WOULD COME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BRING SOME OF HIS SUPPORTERS.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING: 7/25/2016

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF 7/25/16.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1ST READING: ORDINANCE #2016-13: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ADVALOREM TAX RATE FOR 2016 OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW TO HAVE 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE #2016-13: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE ADVALOREM TAX RATE FOR 2016 OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON.

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ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, AMY EVERSOLE, READ THE ORDINANCE. SECOND READING WILL BE 8/11 AT A SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:15 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS:

SIDEWALK LIST

THE SIDEWALK LIST WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN. THE MAYOR SAID HE HAD AN ADDITION HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TO ADD CURBS AROUND THE ISLAND WHEN YOU FIRST TURN ONTO 5TH STREET FROM HIGHLAND. HE SAID THREE LADIES HAVE ADOPTED IT ON THEIR OWN HOWEVER THEY NEED TO HAVE A CURB THERE TO KEEP THE MULCH FROM FALLING OUT, AND HE AGREES. HE SAID THE CITY WOULD GO AHEAD AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SIDEWALKS AND CURBS THEY HAVE AGREED ON WITH THE BID ITEMIZED SO THEY CAN CUT ANY THEY FEEL THEY CAN'T AFFORD.

DISCUSSION OF ALLEYS

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, AMY EVERSOLE, BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL THE REQUEST BY CALVARY APOSTOLIC CHURCH TO CLOSE THE ALLEY ADJACENT TO THEIR PROPERTY. HER QUESTION IS WHETHER THE ALLEYS WERE ORIGINALLY DEEDED TO THE CITY OR DEDICATED TO THE CITY. SHE SAID IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN HOW TO PROCEED. IT WAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT MORE RESEARCH AT THE COURTHOUSE TO SEE IF THAT CAN BE DETERMINED.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

A. TEEN COUNCIL – JENAH ROBERTS SAID SCHOOL STARTS ON 8/10. 8/19 IS PICTURE DAY.

B. PUBLIC WORKS – RON KNIGHT SAID THEY HAD JUST BEEN TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH ALL OF THE MOWING, CHIPPING, AND MAINTENANCE ON EQUIPMENT FROM BREAKDOWNS LAST WEEK.

C. UTILITIES – BILL OSBORNE, UTILITIES SUPERVISOR, SAID THE BID OPENING ON BIDS FOR THE NEW BUILDING HAD BEEN MOVED UP TO 8/16 AT 2:00 P.M. THE HIGHWAY 42 PROJECT IS ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY. ANOTHER PREPAID GAS PROJECT IS BEING WORKED ON WITH PEAK.

D. CCCDC – GARY MATHIS, CCCDC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SAID HE IS WORKING ON THE RECREATIONAL TRAIL GRANTS AND HAS HIT A SMALL SNAG. HERITAGE ENGINEERING HAD NOT SUBMITTED THEIR PAPERWORK TO THE STATE ON TIME SO NOW IN ORDER TO SAVE TIME AN ENGINEERING FIRM MUST BE CHOSEN FROM A STATE APPROVED LIST. ONE FIRM, CMW, HAD DONE A JOB FOR THE CITY BEFORE. HE NEEDED PERMISSION FROM COUNCIL TO CHOOSE ONE OF THE APPROVED FIRMS IN ORDER TO MOVE ON WITH THE PROJECT.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO CHOOSE AN ENGINEERING CONTRACTOR FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANTS PROJECTS FROM THE STATE APPROVED LIST.

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E. TOURISM – MISTY WHEELER, TOURISM DIRECTOR SAID SHE STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE BOOTH AT THE STATE FAIR ON AUG. 18-28. BANDS & BBQ WILL BE 9/16 & 9/17.

F. POLICE DEPARTMENT – MIKE WILLHOITE, POLICE CHIEF, REPORTED THAT ASSISTANT CHIEF, TIM MITCHELL, IS AWAY AT FIREARMS TRAINING THIS WEEK AND WILL NOW BE A CERTIFIED FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR. THE K9 PROGRAM IS STILL ON AND THE DOG IS NOW BEING TRAINED. THE OFFICER WHO WILL BE THE DOG'S HANDLER IS JAMES DEWS. HE WILL ATTEND TRAINING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN SEPTEMBER.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT – MIKE TERRELL, FIRE CHIEF, SAID THERE WERE LESS THAN AVERAGE FIRE RUNS FOR THE MONTH. THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR MAINTENANCE ISSUES.

H. CODE ENFORCEMENT – JOHN WELCH SAID THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WILL BE THURSDAY NIGHT AT 6:30. PLANNING & ZONING DID NOT RECOMMEND ALLOWING THE AMERICAN LEGION TO PLACE A FLAGPOLE ON THE SIDEWALK IN THE RIGHT OF WAY. ATTORNEY, AMY EVERSOLE, TOLD MR. WELCH THAT THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A PUBLIC HEARING FIRST BEFORE MAKING THEIR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL. ALSO THERE WAS A PROPERTY THAT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD RECOMMENDED FOR ABATEMENT TO COUNCIL. THAT PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1106 6TH STREET.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HILL AND DULY CARRIED TO ABATE THE PROPERTY AT 1106 SIXTH STREET.

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I. CLERK –TREASURER – NOTHING TO REPORT

J. MAIN STREET – SAM BURGESS SAID THAT HE IS VERY HAPPY WITH THE PROGRAM ADOPTING BUMPOUTS. SIGNS HAVE BEEN MADE UP IDENTIFYING THE PERSON

ADOPTING ONE. HE ALSO SAID HE HAS BEEN UPDATING THE WEBSITE WITH A BUSINESS DIRECTORY WITH THE 60 PLUS BUSINESSES IN THE PRIMARY SERVICE AREA. THE FIRST FRIDAY WATERMELON ROLL WAS A SUCCESS WITH SIX TEAMS PARTICIPATING.

K. ATTORNEY - NOTHING TO REPORT.

MAYOR'S REPORTS

THE MAYOR HAD NOTHING ADDITIONAL TO REPORT.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

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APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 7/27/16 -8/9/16

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 7/27/16 THROUGH 8/9/16.

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COMMENTS:

COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN: CHAMPIONS FOR A DRUG FREE CARROLL COUNTY WILL HAVE A FREE MOVIE NIGHT ON FRIDAY, 8/12 ON THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE AT 8:00 P.M. EVERYTHING WILL BE FREE INCLUDING POPCORN, SLUSHIES AND CANDY.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO STAND IN ADJOURNMENT AT THE HOUR OF 8:35 P.M.

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ATTEST:

ROBB W. ADAMS, MAYOR

LEATHA S. GRIMES, CITY CLERK-TREASURER