

**CITY OF CARROLLTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL**

**MAY 23, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**MAYOR: DWIGHT LOUDEN**

**COUNCIL: JOHN BOOTH  
KEVIN CRAIG  
JEFF DICKOW  
HAYLEY FRANKLIN  
MIKE GORDON  
DOUG HILL**

**ATTORNEY FOR CITY: JAKE THOMPSON**

**CITY CLERK-TREASURER: MELINDA WRIGHT-MOORE**

**CARROLLTON UTILITIES: TERRY ROACH**

**PRESS: OLIVIA GENNARO/ THE NEWS DEMOCRAT**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

**LISA KLEE**

SAID SHE WAS HERE TO ASK THE CITY OF CARROLLTON TO CONSIDER A SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX TO SAVE BABIES' LIVES. MS. KLEE IS TRYING TO REACH OUT TO RURAL COMMUNITIES TO INSTALL SAFE HAVEN BABY BOXES. THE BOX WOULD BE MOUNTED INTO THE WALL WITH NO CAMERAS. THE BOX IS CLIMATE CONTROLLED. WHEN THE LID IS OPENED A SILENT ALARM IS ACTIVATED AND ONCE THE LID IS CLOSED IT LOCKS AND ANOTHER SILENT ALARM IS GENERATED. THE COST OF THE SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX IS \$11,000 AND THERE IS A YEARLY FEE OF \$300. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION. MAYOR LOUDEN SAID THE SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX IS A GOOD IDEA FOR THE COMMUNITY BUT SHOULD CONSIDER INSTALLING THE BOX SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN CITY HALL. COUNCIL SUGGESTED MS. KLEE TO REACH OUT TO THE CARROLL COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING: 05/09/2022**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF 05/09/2022.**

**AYES    6    NAYS    0**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 05/11/2022 - 05/24/2022**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 05/11/2022 THROUGH 05/24/2022.**

**AYES    6    NAYS    0**

**DISCUSSION/CONSIDER/APPROVE ON DESIGN REVIEW BOARD RECOMMENDATION OF EIP 50-50 MATCHING FUNDS / SIGNAGE FOR HARMON SPORTSWEAR**

MAYOR LOUDEN SAID AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF THE EIP APPLICATION FOR 50-50 MATCH OF SIGNAGE FOR HARMON SPORTSWEAR. COUNCIL HAD SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THE EIP ORDINANCE AND NEEDED TIME TO REVIEW THE APPLICATION AND ORDINANCE. MAYOR LOUDEN SAID UNDER SECTION 153.24 SUBSECTION E READS APPLICANTS MAY NOT COMPLETE THE WORK PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR OR BEING GRANTED AN INCENTIVE HEREIN. JAKE THOMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY, SAID THE WORK FOR THE SIGNAGE FOR HARMON SPORTSWEAR HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED. THIS SUBSECTION OF THE ORDINANCE WAS INTENDED TO ALLOW COUNCIL TO REVIEW PROJECTS BEFORE THEY ARE DONE. MAYOR LOUDEN SAID THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD FOLLOW THE ORDINANCE AS WRITTEN. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION.

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND DULY CARRIED TO NOT ACCEPT THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE EIP 50-50 MATCHING FUNDS APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY HARMON SPORTSWEAR FOR SIGNAGE.**

**AYES                      6                      NAYS                      0**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-06: ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY'S FY 2021-22 BUDGET**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-06: ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY'S FY 2021-22 BUDGET.**

**AYES                      6                      NAYS                      0**

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, READ THE ORDINANCE.

SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-07: ORDINANCE AMENDING UTILITIES FY 2021-22 BUDGET**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-07: ORDINANCE AMENDING UTILITIES FY 2021-22 BUDGET.**

**AYES                      6                      NAYS                      0**

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, READ THE ORDINANCE.

SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

**MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE**

MAYOR LOUDEN PRESENTED HIS BUDGET MESSAGE FOR FY 22-23.

THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2021-22 INCLUDES SEVERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS. THE CITY REBUILT THE BATHROOMS AND INSTALLED NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT POINT PARK. REVAMPED THE DISPATCH CENTER WITH NEW EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE AT CITY HALL. THE CITY ACQUIRED NEW PROPERTY AND TORE DOWN AN UNFIT STRUCTURE NEAR POINT PARK. THE CITY PAVED MORE STREETS THAN ORIGINALLY BUDGETED AND BUILT A NEW SALT BIN ON THIRD STREET ABOVE THE FLOODPLAIN. A MEMORIAL ARBORETUM FOR NANCY JO GROBMYER WAS BUILT AND NEW SANTA HOUSE WAS PURCHASED FOR THE COURTHOUSE SQUARE.



UPGRADES TO OLD WATER SERVICES IN THE SYSTEM. PROPOSING A \$2.10/MONTH INCREASE FOR TYPICAL IN-TOWN RESIDENTIAL WATER CUSTOMER AND \$2.85/MONTH INCREASE FOR OUT-OF-TOWN RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER.

THE BUDGET ALSO INCLUDES 4% INCREASE IN EMPLOYEE WAGES, 6.2% INCREASE FOR HEALTH INSURANCE, AND THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN CERS RATES.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-09: ORDINANCE ADOPTING UTILITIES FY 2022-23 BUDGET**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-09: ORDINANCE ADOPTING UTILITIES FY 2022-23 BUDGET.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, READ THE ORDINANCE.  
SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-10: ESTABLISHING SALARY SCALE FOR FY 2022-23**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-10: ESTABLISHING SALARY SCALE FOR FY 2022-23

AYES 6 NAYS 0

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, READ THE ORDINANCE.  
SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES FOR WATER CUSTOMERS OF CARROLLTON UTILITIES**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HILL AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES FOR WATER CUSTOMERS OF CARROLLTON UTILITIES.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, READ THE ORDINANCE.  
SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-12: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF CARROLLTON UTILITIES**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-12: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF CARROLLTON UTILITIES.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, READ THE ORDINANCE.  
SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-13: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GAS RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF CARROLLTON UTILITIES**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-13: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GAS RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF CARROLLTON UTILITIES.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, READ THE ORDINANCE.

SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

COUNCILMAN BOOTH SAID THE BATHROOMS AT POINT PARK ARE OPEN BUT THERE ARE A FEW MINOR ISSUES WITH THE BATHROOMS. MAYOR LOUDEN SAID THE CITY IS WORKING ON A PUNCH LIST FOR THE BATHROOMS.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION FOR ABATEMENTS**

MAYOR LOUDEN SAID THERE WAS TWO RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETING TODAY.

PROPERTY AT 309 6<sup>th</sup> STREET WAS CITED FOR OVERGROWN GRASS AND WEEDS. PROPERTY AT 318 WARE AVE WAS CITED FOR RUBBISH.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ABATEMENT OF 309 6<sup>th</sup> STREET AND 318 WARE AVE.

AYES 6 NAYS 0

**MAYOR'S REPORTS**

MAYOR LOUDEN HAD NOTHING ELSE TO REPORT.

**COMMENTS**

**COUNCILMAN CRAIG:** SAID THE CARROLL COUNTY FAIR IS JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> – JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCILMAN GORDON:** ASKED WHO WAS GOING TO UPDATE THE BOARDS WHEN ORDINANCES ARE AMENDED OR PASSED. MAYOR LOUDEN SAID THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHOULD GIVE THE UPDATES TO THE BOARDS.

**MAYOR LOUDEN:** SAID COUNCIL SHOULD READ THE ORDINANCES TOO.

**COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN:** CHAMPIONS MEETING THIS THURSDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup>, AT THE LIBRARY AT 11:30. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN ASKED WHEN THE EXPRESSION SWING WAS GOING TO BE INSTALLED AT POINT PARK. MAYOR LOUDEN SAID ONCE THE WATER GOES DOWN AT THE PARK THE EXPRESSION SWING WOULD BE INSTALLED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO STAND IN ADJOURNMENT AT THE HOUR OF 8:16 P.M.

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**ATTEST:**

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**DWIGHT LOUDEN,  
MAYOR**

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**MELINDA WRIGHT-MOORE,  
CLERK-TREASURER**