

**CITY OF CARROLLTON
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL**

**JULY 25, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT

MAYOR: ROBB ADAMS

**COUNCIL: KEVIN CRAIG
JEFF DICKOW
MIKE GORDON
DWIGHT LOUDEN**

ATTORNEY FOR CITY: AMY EVERSOLE

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: BETH TOOMBS

FIRE CHIEF: MIKE TERRELL

UTILITIES: BILL OSBORNE

PRESS: NEWS DEMOCRAT/KRISTIN SHERRARD BECK

**ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN HAYLEY FRANKLIN
COUNCILMAN DOUG HILL
TEEN REP JENAH ROBERTS**

CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT THE HOUR OF 7:04 P.M. BY MAYOR ADAMS. MAYOR ADAMS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN OFFERED THE INVOCATION.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

BILL WELTY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING: 7/11/2016

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 7/11/2016.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

RESOLUTION #2016-10: AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT NINTH AND POLK STREETS

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

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND DULY CARRIED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2016-10 AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT NINTH AND POLK STREETS.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

SETTING 2016 TAX RATE: INCREASE OF 4% (.01/100 ASSESSED VALUE) OR COMPENSATING RATE

THERE WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO INCREASE THE TAX RATE FROM .30 PER \$100. MAYOR ADAMS SAID THE LAST INCREASE WAS IN 2013. IF IT WAS DECIDED TO INCREASE THE TAX RATE, IT WOULD GENERATE AROUND \$13,000 FOR THE CITY. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN STATED TAXES WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE RAISED. COUNCILMEN DICKOW AND GORDON SAID THEY FELT LIKE THE CITY COULD GET BY WITHOUT RAISING TAXES THIS YEAR.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO LEAVE THE TAX RATE AS IS AT \$.30 PER \$100.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

OLD BUSINESS

COURT STREET BUILDING

THE CITY HAS WANTED TO SAVE THE BUILDING, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN ISSUES THAT KEEP COMPOUNDING. AN ARCHITECT FROM THE STATE HERITAGE COUNCIL CAME AND LOOKED AT THE BUILDING. HIS OPINION WAS TO SAVE IT. HE DID SAY THERE WERE NO GRANTS AVAILABLE.

MAYOR ADAMS ASKED ANOTHER GUY WHO DOES HISTORICAL RENOVATIONS TO COME LOOK AT THE BUILDING. HE ESTIMATED THERE WOULD BE \$300,000 IN THE

BUILDING WHEN FINISHED WITH THE DOWNSTAIRS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE NEW PLUMBING, ROOF, FACADE, AND REPLACING THE ROTTED GROUND FLOOR. COUNCILMAN LOUDEN SAID HE DIDN'T WANT THE CITY TO REBUILD, AND FOR IT TO STILL BE PARTIALLY DILAPIDATED. COUNCILMAN GORDON STATED SPENDING \$300,000 WOULD NOT BE GOOD USE OF TAX PAYER DOLLARS AND THE BUILDING WAS TOO FAR GONE TO REPAIR. COUNCILMAN CRAIG SAID IF IT'S DECIDED TO TEAR THE BUILDING DOWN, THE AREA NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP AND COMPLETE THE PARKING LOT.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN GORDON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND DULY CARRIED TO DEMOLISH THE BUILDING ON COURT STREET.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

FLAG POLE IN FRONT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

MAYOR ADAMS SAID HE AND MS. EVERSOLE HAVE RESEARCHED AND TALKED WITH KLC ABOUT THE FLAG POLE IN FRONT OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. HE SAID THE CITY CAN ALLOW THE LEGION TO DO IT, BUT ANYONE ELSE DOWNTOWN CAN FLY A FLAG OF ANY KIND THEY WANT. THE CITY CANNOT REGULATE THE TYPES OF FLAGS FLOWN, ONLY THE SIZE.

COUNCILMAN CRAIG SAID THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO FLY AN AMERICAN FLAG. MAYOR ADAMS SAID WE'D HAVE TO HAVE A GAME PLAN FOR WHEN SOMEONE WANTS TO FLY A CONTROVERSIAL FLAG.

MAYOR ADAMS SAID PLANNING & ZONING IS CURRENTLY GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS TO GET THEIR RECOMMENDATION BACK TO COUNCIL ON ALLOWING FLAG POLES ON THE DOWNTOWN STREETS.

SIDEWALKS

PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING HAS GIVEN A SIDEWALK PROPOSAL TO THE MAYOR. THEY DID A SURVEY DOWNTOWN AND IDENTIFIED TRIP HAZARDS, THE SIZE, AND THE COST TO MAKE THEM ADA COMPLIANT.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT THE RAMPS AT 3RD AND MAIN STREETS NOT LEVEL WITH THE STREET. COUNCILMAN CRAIG SAID THOSE SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE UNTIL THAT AREA IS PAVED AGAIN.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN LOUDEN AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE OPTION A PROPOSAL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,480.00, FROM PRECISION CONCRETE CUTTING.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

ATTEST:

ROBB W. ADAMS, MAYOR

BETH A. TOOMBS, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK