

**CITY OF CARROLLTON
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

MAYOR: DWIGHT LOUDEN

**COUNCIL: JOHN BOOTH
KEVIN CRAIG
JEFF DICKOW
HAYLEY FRANKLIN**

ATTORNEY FOR CITY: JAKE THOMPSON

ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: BETH TOOMBS

FIRE CHIEF: MIKE TERRELL

PUBLIC WORKS SUPV: RON KNIGHT

CODE ENFORCEMENT: ROBERT HOFMANN

PRESS: OLIVIA GENNARO/ THE NEWS DEMOCRAT

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN MIKE GORDON
COUNCILMAN DOUG HILL**

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:

FRANK BARTLEY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING: 2/14/2022

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF 2/14/2022.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 2/15/2022 - 3/01/2022

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 2/15/2022 THROUGH 3/01/2022.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

REQUEST TO USE POINT PARK - SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK - 10/22/22

HOLLY DAWSON SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO USE POINT PARK FOR THE SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK ON 10/22/22.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO USE POINT PARK FOR THE SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK ON 10/22/22.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

DISCUSSION/CONSIDER/APPROVAL ON NAMING A STREET AFTER JOE SPENNEBERG

MAYOR LOUDEN TOLD COUNCIL HE HAD DONE SOME RESEARCH. VERY SELDOM IS A STREET NAMED AFTER SOMEONE UNTIL THAT PERSON PASSES AWAY. THE EXCEPTION IS A FAMOUS POLITICIAN THAT IS NO LONGER IN OFFICE. THE MAYOR SAID HE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS APPROPRIATE, AFTER SPEAKING WITH SEVERAL PEOPLE. MAYOR LOUDEN HAS SPOKEN TO JIMMY SUPPLEE AND HE IS OKAY WITH THE MAYOR'S DECISION.

THE MAYOR IS GOING TO PRESENT A FRAMED PROCLAMATION FOR JOE SPENNEBERG DAY. HE ALSO MENTIONED ONCE THE CITY RECEIVES THE TANK, MAYBE A PLAQUE COULD BE MADE TO HONOR MR. SPENNEBERG.

DISCUSSION/CONSIDER/APPROVAL ON MAIN STREET PARKING

MAYOR LOUDEN SAID THERE CONTINUES TO BE NO ROOM FOR CUSTOMERS OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES TO PARK DUE TO RESIDENTS OF APARTMENTS TAKING UP THE PARKING SPACES. SIGNS THAT STATE "NO PARKING BETWEEN 1 - 6 A.M." CAN BE PLACED ON MAIN STREET. THREE SIGNS WOULD BE ON THE NORTH SIDE, BETWEEN 4TH AND 5TH STREETS. TWO SIGNS WOULD BE ON THE SOUTH SIDE, BETWEEN 4TH AND COURT STREETS. COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN SAID AS LONG AS IT'S ENFORCED. THE POLICE SAID THEY WILL GO UP TO APARTMENTS AND ASK RESIDENTS TO MOVE VEHICLES. COUNCILMAN BOOTH ASKED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES. MAYOR LOUDEN SAID COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO DECIDE.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE FOR "NO PARKING FROM 1 - 6 A.M." SIGNS TO BE PLACED ALONG MAIN STREET FOR A TRIAL BASIS TO SEE IF THIS HELPS WITH THE PARKING PROBLEM.

AYES 4 NAYS 0

DISCUSSION/CONSIDER/APPROVAL ON A STREET PAVING LIST

MAYOR LOUDEN ASKED COUNCIL TO LOOK OVER THE SUGGESTED PAVING LIST. HINKLE WILL NEED TO GIVE US A QUOTE SO IT CAN BE DECIDED WHAT STREETS TO PAVE. COUNCILMAN DICKOW SAID THAT HE HAS TALKED TO PROPERTY OWNERS ALONG THE ALLEY BETWEEN 6TH AND 7TH STREETS, FROM CLAY TO SEMINARY STREETS. THEY DON'T WANT THE ALLEY TO BE PAVED. HE ASKED COUNCIL TO KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN APPROVING THE PAVING LIST.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE ON 516 CLAY ST

ROBERT HOFMANN SAID THE ISSUE WITH 516 CLAY STREET, OWNED BY DRYSDALE PROPERTIES, HAS BEEN AN ISSUE SINCE 2019. IT WAS CITED AS AN UNSAFE STRUCTURE AND THE ABATEMENT CAME BEFORE COUNCIL. THE OWNER FELT HE WASN'T NOTIFIED OF CITATION. AFTER A HEARING, IT WAS PROVEN THAT HE WAS PROPERLY NOTIFIED. JEFF FREMIN WAS WANTING TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY.

CODE ENFORCEMENT WOULDN'T DROP THE LIENS. COUNCIL AGREED TO FOREGO THE ABATEMENT, BUT LIENS AND FINES HAD TO BE PAID. THE LIENS ARE \$4,100. MR. MILES, OWNER OF DRYSDALE PROPERTIES, DECIDED HE WASN'T PAYING LIENS. HE HAD UNTIL TODAY TO PAY. CODE ENFORCEMENT VOTED TODAY TO CONTINUE WITH ABATEMENT. MR. DOAN, AN ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM DRYSDALE PROPERTIES. MR. HOFMANN SAID IT IS CODE ENFORCEMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL TO BEGIN THE ABATEMENT PROCESS OF 516 CLAY STREET TO TAKE THE STRUCTURE DOWN.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT CODE ENFORCEMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO ABATE 516 CLAY STREET TO TAKE THE STRUCTURE DOWN.

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NEW BUSINESS

DUMPSTER FOR DOWNTOWN TENANTS

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, RON KNIGHT, ASKED COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A COMMUNITY DUMPSTER OVER THE 4TH STREET HILL BY THE LIGHT. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE FOR ALL TENANTS TO USE INSTEAD OF THEM PUTTING THEIR GARBAGE OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS AND IN CITY TRASH CANS. DOWNTOWN LOOKS AWFUL ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS. THE GARBAGE BAGS SOMETIME GET BUSTED AND DOGS GET INTO THEM. THE CITY WOULD NOT BE PAYING FOR THE DUMPSTER. IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CHARGE ON THEIR CARROLLTON UTILITIES' BILLS.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE FOR A LOCAL RESIDENTS' DUMPSTER, AT NO CHARGE TO THE CITY, TO BE PLACED OVER 4TH STREET HILL BY THE LIGHTS

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COUNCILMAN CRAIG SUGGESTED THAT ROBERT HOFMANN SEND COPIES OF THE NOTICES ABOUT THE NO PARKING AND DUMPSTER TO LAND LORDS DOWNTOWN SO THEY CAN POST AND NOTIFY TENANTS. COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN WILL POST THE NOTICES ON THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

EIP APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY JIMMY RILEY

JIMMY RILEY HAD SUBMITTED AN EIP APPLICATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT WHEN JOHN WAS STILL WITH US. IT WAS FOR THE EXTERIOR PAINTING OF 430 MAIN STREET AND REPLACING SOME DECK BOARDS. HIS COMPANY, JIM'S REMODELING, DID THE WORK. ROBERT WASN'T AWARE THE APPLICATION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED. HE TOOK IT BEFORE DRB. THEY APPROVED TO BRING RECOMMENDATION BEFORE COUNCIL TO REIMBURSE MR. RILEY. TOTAL COST FOR IMPROVEMENTS WAS \$12,500.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT DRB'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE JIMMY RILEY'S EIP APPLICATION AND REIMBURSE HIM THE MAXIMUM OF \$4,000 FOR WORK DONE AT 430 MAIN STREET.

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ARBORETUM DEDICATION

MAYOR LOUDEN SAID MARY ELLIS COOMBS HAD REQUESTED THE ARBORETUM DEDICATION BE JUNE 25TH SO FAMILY CAN BE HERE.

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ARBORETUM DEDICATION ON JUNE 25TH.

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MAYOR'S REPORTS

GRANT MONEY FOR WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS

MAYOR LOUDEN ATTENDED A PRESENTATION LAST WEDNESDAY WHEN LT. GOVERNOR JACQUELINE COLEMAN PRESENTED GRANT MONEY FOR WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS FOR CARROLLTON AND CARROLL COUNTY.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS

MAYOR LOUDEN SAID RENTAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED FOR QUITE SOME TIME. HE SAID MORE CITIES ARE DOING THESE NOW. ROBERT HAS WORKED REAL HARD TO DEVELOP AN INSPECTION SHEET. THE MAYOR SHARED COPIES OF THE RENTAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST FOR REVIEW. ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY, JAKE THOMPSON, HAS ALSO BEEN DOING SOME WORK FOR US. THE MAYOR WANTS TO GET IDEAS AND FEEDBACK. COUNCILMAN CRAIG SAID THIS IS MORE LENIENT THAN WHAT WAS DISCUSSED IN THE PAST. COUNCILMAN DICKOW STATED HE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF INTERIOR INSPECTIONS. HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH EXTERIOR INSPECTIONS. COUNCILMAN BOOTH SAID EXTERIOR INSPECTIONS CAN GIVE PROBABLE CAUSE FOR INTERIOR INSPECTIONS.

COMMENTS

COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN: THE NEXT CHAMPIONS MEETING IS THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 11:30 A.M. AT THE LIBRARY. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

ADJOURNMENT

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND DULY CARRIED TO STAND IN ADJOURNMENT AT THE HOUR OF 7:47 P.M.

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ATTEST:

**DWIGHT LOUDEN,
MAYOR**

**BETH A. TOOMBS,
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK**