

**CITY OF CARROLLTON  
COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL**

**MARCH 14, 2022  
7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**MAYOR: DWIGHT LOUDEN**

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

**ATTORNEY FOR CITY: JAKE THOMPSON**

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

**POLICE CHIEF: MIKE WILLHOITE**

**FIRE CHIEF: MIKE TERRELL**

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPV: RON KNIGHT**

**CARROLLTON UTILITIES: TERRY ROACH**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT: ROBERT HOFMANN**

**MAIN ST. DIRECTOR: SAM BURGESS**

**TOURISM: MISTY WHEELER**

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

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN MIKE GORDON**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

THE MEETING WAS THEN 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- HE DID NOT WISH TO ADDRESS COUNCIL.  
MYRTLE MURRAY, SHE DID NOT WISH TO ADDRESS COUNCIL.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING: 02/28/2022**

THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF 02/28/2022.

**AYES 5 NAYS 0**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

**AYES 5 NAYS 0**

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 03/02/2022 - 03/15/2022**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAID/PAYABLE 03/02/2022 THROUGH 03/15/2022.**

**AYES 4 NAYS 0**

**COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN HAD BRIEFLY STEP OUT OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**DISCUSSION/ CONSIDER/ APPROVAL ON CHANGING PAY/CLASSIFICATION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS**

MELINDA WRIGHT-MOORE, CITY CLERK-TREASURER, SAID THE PAY CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE NEEDS TO BE UPDATED. WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DISPATCH HAVING A SALARY SCALE WITHIN THE CITY'S SALARY SCALE THE MINIMUM START PAY FOR AN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER DON'T LINE UP. THE CITY'S SALARY SCALE HAS THE MINIMUM START PAY FOR AN ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER AT \$40,759 WHILE THE DISPATCH SALARY SCALE HAS THE MINIMUM START PAY AT \$40,320.46. BETH TOOMBS, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK, SUGGESTED CHANGING ALL THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER POSITIONS TO A GRADE 24 ON THE PAY CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-01: AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE CITY'S PAY/CLASSIFICATION PLAN**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-01: AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE CITY'S PAY/CLASSIFICATION PLAN.**

**AYES 5 NAYS 0**

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

SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

**DISCUSSION/ CONSIDER/ APPROVAL ON A STREET PAVING LIST**

MAYOR LOUDEN RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING TO BE BLACKTOPPED. THE PRIORY 1'S AND 2'S, CLAY STREET BETWEEN 6<sup>th</sup> AND 7<sup>th</sup> STREET, AND THE FORMER JCTC LOWER PARKING LOT FROM THE SUGGESTED 2022 PAVING LIST. MAYOR LOUDEN EXPLAINED MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUNDING IS A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT. THE CITY IS UNABLE TO USE THE FUNDS TO BLACKTOP THE CAMPGROUND SITES OR JCTC PARKING LOT. THERE IS AROUND \$87,000 IN MUNICIPAL ROAD AID FUNDING AND THE REST WOULD BE PAID OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION.

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HILL AND DULY CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE PRIORY 1'S AND 2'S, CLAY STREET BETWEEN 6<sup>th</sup> AND 7<sup>th</sup> STREET, AND THE FORMER JCTC LOWER PARKING LOT FROM THE SUGGESTED 2022 PAVING LIST.**

**AYES 5 NAYS 0**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**PARKING ALONG MAIN STREET**

MAYOR LOUDEN SAID THE SIGNS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TODAY FOR NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON MAIN STREET BETWEEN 1:00 AM AND 6 AM ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF

MAIN STREET BETWEEN 4<sup>th</sup> STREET AND 5<sup>th</sup> STREET AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF MAIN STREET BETWEEN 4<sup>th</sup> STREET AND COURT STREET. AFTER TALKING WITH MIKE WILLHOITE, POLICE CHIEF, ABOUT THE HANDICAP PARKING SPACES MAYOR LOUDEN RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL SHOULD APPROVE ANYONE WITH A HANDICAP PARKING PERMIT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK IN THE NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ZONE.

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COUNCILMAN BOOTH SAID HE HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE POLICE OFFICERS KNOCKING ON DOORS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

MIKE WILLHOITE, POLICE CHIEF, SAID THE POLICE OFFICERS ARE DOWNTOWN A LOT AND THEY TAKE A RISK EVERY DAY. CHIEF WILLHOITE PERSONALLY SUPPORTS SOMETHING BEING DONE ABOUT PARKING ON MAIN STREET. FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS THE OFFICERS WILL ISSUE WARNINGS TO THE VIOLATORS AND WILL ONLY TAKE ACTION ON REPEAT OFFENDERS. CHIEF WILLHOITE SAID THE CITY WILL NOT BE CHARGING ANY ADDITIONAL FEES AND THE CAR OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THE TOWING FEES.

**NEW BUSINESS**

THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**A. PUBLIC WORKS** – RON KNIGHT, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR, SAID THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING AT POINT PARK, THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AND THE PLAYGROUND MULCH WILL BE DELIVERED IN THE MORNING.

**B. UTILITIES** – TERRY ROACH, UTILITIES SUPERVISOR, SAID THE CONTRACTOR IS ABOUT 50% DONE ON THE EAST SECTION OF THE 20/20 GAS PROJECT. THE BONDS FOR THIS PROJECT CLOSED ON MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>. CARROLLTON UTILITIES SHOULD HAVE THE FORCE MAIN SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION ALONG LOCK ROAD BY THE END OF THE MONTH. THE NEXT FEW WEEKS CARROLLTON UTILITIES WILL BEGIN SOME I&I STUDIES AROUND THE CITY TO FIND LEAKS INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM.

**C. TOURISM** – MISTY WHEELER, SAID LAST MONTH WAS THE INDIANAPOLIS BOAT & RV SHOW AND ATTENDANCE WAS DOWN THIS YEAR. SINCE CAMPING IS BECOMING MORE POPULAR DUE TO COVID SHE PASTED OUT SEVERAL 2 RIVERS CAMPGROUND BROCHURES. TOURISM WILL BE LAUNCHING THEIR NEW WEBSITE SOON.

**D. POLICE DEPARTMENT** – MIKE WILLHOITE, POLICE CHIEF, SAID JACOB STEWART WILL START APRIL 25<sup>th</sup> AND WILL ATTEND THE POLICE ACADEMY STARTING MAY 9<sup>th</sup>. DRUG ARRESTS HAVE TRIPLED SINCE LAST YEAR. ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES HAVE ALSO SEEN AN INCREASE. NEXT WEEK IS BUDGET MEETINGS. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE WITH MY WISH LIST.

**E. FIRE DEPARTMENT** – MIKE TERRELL, FIRE CHIEF, SAID FIRE RUNS ARE UP COMPARED TO LAST YEAR. HAVE BEEN DOING SOME MINOR MAINTENANCE TO THE FIRE TRUCKS.

**F. CODE ENFORCEMENT** – ROBERT HOFMANN SAID P&Z IS STILL WORKING ON THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. AT THE LAST BOA MEETING FRANK BARTLEY'S HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT WAS APPROVED. THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE FINE AMOUNTS OF THE CITATIONS. A WARNING LETTER WOULD BE SENT TO PROPERTY OWNER AND WOULD HAVE 7 DAYS TO BECOME COMPLIANT. IF NOT COMPLIANT AFTER THE 7<sup>th</sup> DAY A 1<sup>st</sup> OFFENSE CITATION WOULD

BE ISSUED. IF THE PROPERTY IS STILL NOT COMPLIANT AFTER ANOTHER 7 DAYS THEN A 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFENSE CITATION WOULD BE ISSUED. IF THE PROPERTY IS STILL NOT COMPLIANT AFTER ANOTHER 7 DAYS THEN A 3<sup>rd</sup> OFFENSE CITATION WOULD BE ISSUED. IF THE PROPERTY IS STILL NOT COMPLIANT AFTER ANOTHER 7 DAYS THEN A LIEN WILL BE FILLED ON THE PROPERTY. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION AS COUNCIL LOOKED OVER THE LIST OF VIOLATIONS AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF THE FINES. JAKE THOMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY, SAID IF COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEW PENALTIES AMOUNTS THEN A NEW ORDINANCE IS NEEDED.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING: ORDINANCE #2022-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 NUISANCE; § 92.99 PENALTIES**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN BOOTH AND SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN AND DULY CARRIED TO HAVE THE 1<sup>st</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE #2022-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92 NUISANCE; § 92.99 PENALTIES.**

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

SECOND READING WILL BE AT THE MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING.

MR. HOFMANN SAID A TREE FELL ON A HOUSE LAST WEEK AT 812 MAIN STREET. THE HOUSE HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE AN UNFIT STRUCTURE AND HAS BEEN CONDEMNED AND WILL BE TORN DOWN. MR. HOFMANN REPORTED THERE WAS NO UPDATE ON THE PROPERTY AT 516 CLAY STREET.

**G. CLERK –TREASURER – NOTHING TO REPORT.**

**H. MAIN STREET – SAM BURGESS SAID THE CONFERENCE FOR THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM STARTS ON MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> HERE IN CARROLLTON. MR. BURGESS WILL BE HOLDING THE CONFERENCE AT THE COURT HOUSE MEETING ROOM AND TOURING DOWNTOWN AND THE MASTERTON HOUSE. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6 PM AT CAMP KYSOC. THE ST. PATRICK 'S DAY EVENT LAST SATURDAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THIS SATURDAY DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. EASTER ON THE SQUARE IS APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>. FIRST FRIDAY EVENTS WILL START IN JUNE.**

**I. ATTORNEY - JAKE THOMPSON HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.**

**MAYOR'S REPORTS**

MAYOR LOUDEN SAID THE CCCDC BOARD HAS HIRED A NEW DIRECTOR. HIS NAME IS MATTHEW ADKINS AND HE IS FROM THE ASHLAND AREA.

**COMMENTS**

**COUNCILMAN HILL:** SAID HE WAS GLAD TO BE BACK.

**COUNCILMAN BOOTH:** SAID ON MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup> THERE WILL A MEET-AND GREET AT THE BUTLER CONFERENCE CENTER FOR CHARLES BOOKER WHO IS RUNNING FOR STATE SENATE.

**COUNCILWOMAN FRANKLIN:** SAID STEVEN VEST IS RUNNING FOR STATE SENATE. THE NEXT CHAMPIONS MEETING IS THURSDAY, MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> AT 11:30 A.M. AT THE LIBRARY. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN DICKOW AND DULY CARRIED TO STAND IN ADJOURNMENT AT THE HOUR OF 8:19 P.M.**

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**ATTEST:**

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**DWIGHT LOUDEN,  
MAYOR**

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