

August 5, 2009

Present: Mayor: Annie Mae Wilson
Aldermen: Gary Bankston
Jerry Stanford
Houston Sanders
Bernard Taylor
Russell Wilson

Also Present: Charles Goasa
Lisa & Jeff Shook
Tot Abels
Galen Shumaker, Water Op.
Catherine Erwin
Clint Gee
Wessie Gee
Tommy Goodman
Lori Bell

Be it remembered the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as read. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Stanford and unanimously approved to accept the Agenda with changes. "A"

Galen Shumaker, Water Operator gave a report on the water systems and answered questions of Board Members. There were some water leaks discussed to be fixed and also discussed the training class for new board members.

Lori Bell appeared before the Board to apply for the position of Board Attorney, as did Catherine Erwin. No action was taken at this time.

The need for installing programmable thermostats at the Community House was discussed at length. A motion was made by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Stanford and unanimously approved for the Board Clerk to contact Harold Floyd Heating and Air and have these thermostats installed.

The Board Clerk presented an estimate for the Town of Carrollton Website from Ginny Neal. This was discussed at length. A motion was made by Alderman Stanford, duly seconded by Alderman Wilson and unanimously approved stating the Town does want a website. Alderman Sanders was authorized to talk further with Ginny Neal and to invite her to come to the Board Meeting on Tuesday September 1st at 6:30 p.m. Exhibit "B"

The Board discussed possibility of long term and short term visions for the town. Alderman Taylor stated he thought a Town Meeting would get input from the citizens of the Town as to what is needed for the Town and the order of need. A Town Hall meeting was set for Tuesday, August 25th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Carrollton Community House. Alderman Taylor will see that publicity for this meeting is handled.

Alderman Stanford brought up the issue of the sidewalk in front of County Market and he stated he was told by Tot Abels that since he owns the front of County Market, it is his to do with as he pleased. Mr. Stanford stated he had looked into this and that appeared to be true, so it would be a mute point for the Town to become involved. No action taken.

There was discussion about ordinances and resolutions for the Town, but was determined that if you do not have authority or facilities to deal with ordinances, then it is legally useless to adopt any ordinances and/or resolutions. Alderman Sanders stated the Town should at least try to get up to speed with ability to impose laws.

Alderman Taylor advised the Board that October 3 – 5 will be a big week end for the Pilgrimage Committee. There will be a three day pilgrimage in the Town with other activities due to the birthday of the County. He advised he is working with MDOT for a probable sign to be erected at the entrance of the town. He also stated a Booklet is being printed and distributed about Carrollton when pilgrimage tickets are purchased. He asked the

Town to buy an ad for this booklet. (full page 100.00) There was discussion about the need for this ad and spending of town money for something of this nature.

Alderman Wilson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Taylor for the Town to purchase a full page ad in the amount of \$100.00. Mayor Wilson called for a vote with the following results:

Alderman Bankston voted “nea”
Alderman Sanders voted “nea”
Alderman Stanford voted “nea”
Alderman Taylor voted “yea”
Alderman Wilson voted “yea”

The motion failed. However there will be an ad in this booklet through an anonymous donation.

There was a lengthy discussion about a salaried worker for the Town. The Mayor advised we have one part time person who comes 3 mornings a week. The Mayor was advised to determine if this person is going to continue to work after he starts back to school and if not to try and find someone who can do minimum work for the Town.

A motion was made by Alderman Bankston, duly seconded by Alderman Wilson and approved to “Advertise” for Lawn Service for the Town, this new contract to begin October 1, (new budget year). Bids will be opened at the regularly schedule September Board Meeting, Sept 1st at 6:30 p.m.

The Board advised the Clerk to write a letter of gratitude to Mr. Ashmore for his work on the new box culvert on Hafner Street.

Alderman Bankston showed the Town pictures of his property, the result of heavy rains received in the Town last week. The Board requested the Clerk contact Mr. Stanley Spradling, Engineer, to come to Carrollton to look at all of the draining problems in the Town and to try and come up with, at least, the 1st phase to work with to alleviate some of this problem. Alderman Stanford stated he had talked at length with Kent Blaine, NRCS, and that the Town could reapply for a grant to work on this project. Alderman Taylor made a motion authorizing Mr. Stanford to make this application. Alderman Bankston seconded this motion. Mayor Wilson called for a vote with the following results:

Alderman Bankston voted “yea”
Alderman Sanders voted “yea”
Alderman Stanford abstained
Alderman Taylor voted “yea”
Alderman Wilson voted “yea”

The motion carried.

According to the board, once Mr. Spradling has made his recommendation, the next step is for the Board to determine if this project can be financially handled by the town. If so, the 2nd phase of this project is for Board Clerk to write a letter to all property owners to a special meeting (date to be set at that time) to discuss this grant and to get permission to have easements drawn up giving the Town permission enter upon their property to do this work, if approved.

The Board Clerk advised the board we can now again apply for a grant not to exceed \$100,000.00 to redo the sidewalks within the City Limits of the Town.

A motion was made by Alderman Taylor, seconded by Alderman Stanford and approved to accept the following Resolution presented to the Board:

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARROLLTON, MISSISSIPPI, TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN, ENTERING INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS

**(\$100,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING DOWNTOWN
SIDEWALKS AND STREETScape RELATED TO TOURISM AND
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AND THUS ENHANCING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE CREATION OF JOBS.**

Exhibit "C"

The Board Clerk also advised the Board the possibility of applying for a CDBG grant to work on existing water lines that need repair, money up to \$400,000.00 is a 100% free grant; and to also apply for a Historic Preservation Grant (80/20) to do needed work on the back side of the Town Hall Building.

The following items are to be spread upon the minutes:

1. A list of furniture currently being used by the Town Hall that is the property of Linda McGregor.
 2. A copy of the 2009-2010 budget for the Carrollton-N. Carrollton Public Library.
 3. A copy of the minutes of the joint fire department meeting of Monday July 27, 2009, at the Volunteer Fire Department in N. Carrollton.
- Exhibit "D"

A motion was made by Alderman Stanford, seconded by Alderman Taylor and unanimously approved to determine is there was a need to go into Executive Session. There so being a need, Alderman Stanford made a motion, seconded by Alderman Taylor and unanimously approved, the Board went into executive session to discuss the hiring of a Board Attorney.

A motion was made by Alderman Bankston, duly seconded by Alderman Wilson and unanimously approved to come out of executive session to continue with the regular board meeting.

A motion was made by Alderman Taylor, duly seconded by Alderman Stanford and unanimously approved to pay bills as read.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion was made by Alderman Wilson, duly seconded by Alderman Sanders and approved to recess.

Linda McGregor, Clerk

Annie Mae Wilson, Mayor

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board was in Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a Board Attorney Catherine Erwin and Lori Bell appeared before the Board to apply for this position. After reading and discussing résumés Alderman Wilson made a motion seconded by Alderman Taylor and unanimously approved to appoint Lori Bell as Board Attorney with a standard salary of \$100.00 per board meeting and an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour for research and court time.

A motion was made by Bankston, seconded by Alderman Wilson and unanimously approved to come out of Executive Session.

Linda McGregor, Clerk

Annie Mae Wilson, Mayor

**PUBLIC TOWN MEETING
CARROLLTON COMMUNITY HOUSE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009**

A public town hall meeting was held at the Community House on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, 7:00 p.m. The Mayor, all Board members and 49 citizens of Carrollton was present.

The purpose of this meeting was to give the citizens of Carrollton a chance to have some input on what the Board can do to make Carrollton better. Russell Wilson, Vice Mayor presided.

The main conversation was regarding the drainage problem in the Town and what could be available to alleviate this problem. The Board members advised this would be a long term fixing and that a meeting has been scheduled with the Town Engineer next week to look the town over and give his opinion. There was questions regarding the easement that would need to be signed and also whether or not landowners would be allowed to look over any final plans to make sure it was agreeable to them.

The sidewalks were discussed and the Town Clerk advised that the sidewalk grant had again been applied for this month. They were also told this grant had been turned down for the last two years.

A request was made that some culverts in Town be cleaned out and the possibility that the Fire Department can help in this area.

There was a discussion about a town sewer system, feasibility and financial.

Pam Lee and Martha Cain talked about the Pilgrimage in October and requested as much assistance as anybody wants to give. They also requested landowners clean up their property before the Pilgrimage to make Carrollton look better than ever.

The meeting adjourned after all board members thanked people for coming and giving them something to think about in the future.