

April 5, 2021

The Council for the Town of Carrollton met in regular session on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Rupe Center, to abide by social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Bartlett.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken and answered by the following: Councilwoman Bliss, Councilman Higgins, Councilwoman Horine (by phone), Mayor Bartlett, Councilman Hughes and Councilwoman Brunjes. Counselor Cowherd was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bliss and seconded by Councilwoman Brunjes to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion passed without opposition with the following council members voting yes: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on March 15, 2021 were presented.

A motion was made by Councilman Higgins and seconded by Councilman Hughes to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting held on March 15, 2021 as presented. The motion passed without opposition with the following council members voting yes: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

TABLED ITEM

a. Virginia and Washington Street Parking

Larry and Pam Lyon were present.

Several loads of vehicles have been removed, approximately 2/3 of lot.

The remaining vehicles should be removed in 7-10 days.

There is a need to create more space.

The City cannot do anything with property that is in the flood plain.

An alternate site, the City has liability and it would need to be fenced.

This matter was tabled and will be re-visited in a month for a progress status.

b. Base Pay Salaries

Salaries need to stay above minimum wage.

Discussion was also held regarding part-time (Reserve Officers) for Police Dept.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bliss and seconded by Councilwoman Horine to pay the part-time Police Officers \$15.50/hour. The motion passed

without opposition with the following council members voting yes: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

Discussion was held regarding using a percentage above minimum wage.

A motion was made by Councilman Hughes and seconded by Councilman Higgins to set the starting wage at \$12.00/hour across the board, for city employees with a six (6) month probationary period. The motion passed without opposition with the following council members voting yes: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Ed Warren – Old 24 Hwy Concerns

Ed Warren was not present.

The area passed the old Kassen's building is in very bad shape. They have been filling in pot holes with milling. This road is needed badly for truck traffic.

This street is on the re-paving list.

MODoT has not accepted the City's Ordinance for this road.

b. Lonnie Sensenich – Fire Department Mower Bids

Wood Shed

Option 1	\$7,755.56	\$500.00 Fourth of July
Option 2	\$6,583.78	\$500.00 Fourth of July
Option 3	\$4,973.30	

Woody's Outdoor

Option 1	\$7,250.00
Option 2	\$7,155.99

Fires Ag & Turf

Option 1	\$8,790.81
Option 2	\$9,857.56
Option 3	\$7,994.76

Bids were for a 60" deck and gas engine.

Fire Board approved Wood Shed Bid for \$7,255.56. Wood Shed agreed to deduct the \$500.00 and will receive free advertising for 4th of July for their donation of the trailer.

A motion was made by Councilman Higgins and seconded by Councilwoman Brunjes to approve the bid from Wood Shed for \$7,255.56. The motion passed without opposition with the following council members voting yes: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

Bill 2021-11 Ordinance 2021-1373

An Ordinance The Town Of Carrollton To Enter Into A Contract With The Wood Shed To Purchase A Lawnmower And Authorizing All Acts Necessary To Carry Out The Terms Of Such Contract.

The Mayor requested a reading of the Ordinance by Title

The Mayor requested a second reading of the Ordinance by Title

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bliss and seconded by Councilman Hughes to approve Bill 2021-11 as Ordinance 2021-1373. The motion passed without opposition with the following council voting yes: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

OLD BUSINESS

No Agenda.

OFFICIAL REPORTS

a. Fire Chief – Lonnie Sensenich

Monthly report was given.

Will be starting to collect donations for the 4th of July.

There are roof issues at the Rupe Center – possibly \$20,000 for repair and that does not include the entire roof. The roof is 25 years old. Will need to get bids. May have to use the money for paving the parking lot at the Rupe Center may have to be used.

Chief will do more investigation and report back to Council.

Making the last payment on the fire truck.

b. Police Chief – Christopher Looney

32 Traffic Stops

35 citations (criminal and traffic)

17 Warnings

20 Incident reports

There has been an increase in stolen vehicles and burglaries.

One (1) business vandalized.

Ordered nine (9) additional speed zone signs – cost was approximately \$700.00,

The Street Dept. will pay one-half of this cost.

Need to address traffic control items that need to be updated at budget time.

Possibly need to address the needs of updated traffic control items per Ward.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Housing Board – need to replace Audrey Wohlgemuth. The Mayor nominated Sharon Ritzinger.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brunjes and seconded by Councilman Higgins to put Sharon Ritzinger on the Housing Board. The motion passed without opposition with the following council voting yes: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – Election – encouraged everyone to vote.

Thursday, April 8, 2021 – County Municipal Advisory Board meeting.

County collecting City taxes will be addressed.

America Recovery Funds – Cities and Counties should get some – dispersed – December 31, 2024.

Swearing in for Mayor, City Clerk and Council will be April 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

REPORT OF COUNCIL

Horine: Park Board has installed a new piece of equipment in the Park.

Higgins: No report.

Bliss: Resignation on Library Board. Two names have been submitted for consideration. Swearing in will be July 1st.
Received a complaint about the bridge on Washington by Wood Shed. Citizen stated they bent the rim of their tire of their car. The bridge deck has holes.
This matter will be followed up with Vern Dale Martin.

Brunjes: Has been driving around town and the Street Department has been filling pot holes.

Hughes: No report.

Counselor: Absent.

Reimer: No report.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brunjes and seconded by Councilwoman Bliss to pay a bill from Keith's Uptown Tire and Service in the amount of \$12.50. The motion passed without opposition. Council members voting yes were: Bliss, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes. Higgins abstained.

A motion was made by Councilman Higgins and seconded by Councilman Hughes to pay the bills as presented. The motion passed without opposition. Council members voting yes were: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

GUEST ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Kim Burger, Terry Bell, Chief Looney, Chief Sensenich, Lt. Jason Rhodes, Sgt. Derek Hawkins, Larry Lyon, Pam Lyon, Rebecca Smith and Janet Zullig.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bliss and seconded by Councilwoman Brunjes to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion passed without opposition. Council members voting yes were: Bliss, Higgins, Horine, Hughes and Brunjes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

/s/ Dana L. Reimer
DANA L. REIMER, Clerk