

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF JOHNSON
TOWN OF CROSS TIMBER

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The Board of Aldermen for the Town of Cross Timber, Texas, convened in regular session at the Briaroaks Fire Hall, 515 Ward Lane, Briaroaks, Texas, on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. to consider the following agenda items.

1. **Call to Order**

Patti Meier, Mayor, opened the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

2. **Review procedure for addressing the Board and Open Meetings Act**

Mayor Meier reviewed procedures for addressing the Board and the Open Meetings Act

3. **Roll Call**

Board members:

| | Present: | Absent: |
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| Patti Meier – Mayor | <u> x </u> | _____ |
| Kellee Ball – Mayor Pro-tem | <u> x </u> | _____ |
| Greg Peeples – Alderman | _____ | <u> x </u> |
| Ron McCullough – Alderman | <u> x </u> | _____ |
| Bridgette Sisson – Alderman | <u> x </u> | _____ |
| Brittany Beazley – Alderman | <u> x </u> | _____ |

Other officials:

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| Kathy LaMaster, Town Secretary | <u> x </u> | _____ |
| Mary Jo Moncrief, Town Treasurer | <u> x </u> | _____ |
| Wava McCullough, Town Administrator | <u> x </u> | _____ |

4. **Review and approve Minutes of the April 13, 2023 meeting.**

Motion by: Sisson to approve minutes as presented

Second by: McCullough

Voted for: Sisson, McCullough, Ball, Beazley

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 4 – 0

5. **Review and approve Financial Records for April 2023.**

Total amount in the bank is \$354,300.49 in the general fund with the amount of \$67,105.33 allotted to the capital improvement fund. Board was pleased with the United Cooperative Franchise tax fee.

Motion by: Beazley to approve financials

Second by: Ball

Voted for: Sisson, McCullough, Ball, Beazley

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0

Agenda items were taken out of order to move the canvass & oath earlier.

6. Public Comment

Maudie Tarver – Qualified voters – was concerned that a registered voter was turned away from the voter station due to picture ID address not matching the voter registration list. Both the Early Voting Judge and Election Judge explained the incident, took responsibility, and stated that the gentleman returned and did vote. Patricia Anthony questioned how many voters were turned away as her grandson had to drive to Cleburne Elections Office to remediate his Provisional Ballot. Early Voting Judge LaMaster commented that his was the first provisional ballot, EVER, in Cross Timber, the processes were followed and the vote was counted in the final tabulation. One additional provisional voter stated they did not want to complete the process and was therefore unable to vote.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Capital Improvements Committee

Ron McCullough, chair of committee, stated this committee is charged with the town property and building of a town hall, need to build due to (1) legislation and (2) the benefit to town citizens. The committee had obtained three submitted price ranges (\$700K-\$1.2M) and has suggested that we pause on moving forward due to lack of funds. Mayor Meier stated she had contacted a resident of the town who has built Municipal Buildings and has asked him to share potential price ranges for three scenarios (1) full structure matching drawings, (2) office and restrooms connected to an open pavilion, and pavilion only. Vicky Rhodes was recognized and questioned the bidding process, she was told these were not bids, rather information gathering processes to assist the committee in moving forward. Colin McCormick questioned if the building could be in phases, and was informed that typically municipal buildings need to be turnkey and that phased projects are historically more expensive. Maudie Tarver questioned what authority the board was following, Alderman Sisson shared that it was State of Texas building code and guidance from Texas Municipal League.

New committee was formed so three Aldermen were not on the committee – members now include Ron McCullough, Tim Linendoll, Paige Linendoll and Kim Broome.

Alderman Sisson shared three quotes on 200' of chain link fencing that will separate the town property from the neighbor property. Patricia Anthony stated she thought it was not a prudent use of town funds. Paige Linendoll commented on one of the companies that they had done work for them and she was pleased.

b. Infrastructure Committee

The committee reviewed data from the utilities, trees and fences that would impede the project and recommended that the town seek three bids to repair Cross Timber Road from 60' prior to the first curve continuously through all three curves and 60' beyond. The project is to include bar ditches and road repair approximately 1000 linear feet of road and anticipated bids between \$70-100K. Paige Linendoll sought clarification on the included area of the project. Patricia Anthony suggested that due to truck traffic the town should only repair the pot holes and do the minimum repairs.

8. Canvass the election of May 6, 2023

Wendy Thompson, Election Judge, presented the election tallies to the board. Position of Mayor, Patti Meier, 62 votes (unopposed); two open Alderman positions, Ron McCullough, 48 votes, Tim Linendoll, 51 votes, Maudie Tarver, 39 votes – McCullough & Linendoll elected.

Motion by: Sisson to approve election results

Second by: Beazley

Voted for: Beazley, Sisson, McCullough, Ball

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0

9. Give oath to the elected officials, complete paperwork

City Secretary & Notary Kathy LaMaster provided forms 2204 & 2201, Statement and Oath of Officers to the newly elected officials. New officials were presented with certificates.

10. Discussion of possible action on truck speed limit of 20 mph.

Mayor Meier stated the town could lower the speed limit on the road for safety reasons. Kim Broome requested that the board consider an ordinance for trucks not running prior to 7am. Patricia Anthony inquired about a noise ordinance, Mayor Meier stated that a citizen survey indicated no support for a noise / nuisance ordinance. Edwin Nighswonger suggested including no more than 5 trucks on Cross Timber at one time be placed in the ordinance and the other trucks could stage on FM 731. Ralph Ollman was curious if the 20 mph would also be followed on Trails End, the Mayor stated Trails End is a private road and that the town could not enforce a speed limit on that road. Vicky Rhodes inquired as to what would be considered a truck and was told more than four tires, however if other trucks chose to go slower the town would be okay with self-regulation.

Motion by: Sisson motioned to impose a 20mph Trucks for safety on Cross Timber Road

Second by: Linendoll

Voted for: Beazley, Sisson, McCullough, Ball, Linendoll

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0

11. Discussion and possible action on Road Repairs.

Colin McCormick viewed the road map to determine magnitude of project. Kim Broome questioned whether the large pothole near their entrance would be impacted and was told it was beyond the scope of the project.

Motion by: Sisson motioned to accept the recommendation from the Infrastructure Committee to seek three bids on the road repair project.

Second by: Ball

Voted for: Beazley, Sisson, McCullough, Ball, Linendoll

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0

12. Discussion and possible action on specification sheet for town hall building

Alderman Sisson mentioned that having a specification project packet would be important prior to starting the official bid process for the town building. The Board decided to table this item until bids were received from the General Contractor Broome.

13. Discussion and possible action on zoning ordinance Article III, sections 13-16 updates

Sisson provided language for livestock unit, a definition will be added in the front and nomenclature used in all sections. Sections 13 & 14 dealing with commercial property were tabled until additional information could be sought from other towns.

14. Announcements

- Paige Linendoll questioned if the town website had been updated and was informed that it has been and if there are issues refer them to Webmaster/Secretary LaMaster
- Culvert on Trails End Road is collapsing due to truck weight, citizens will have to address with Trophy Materials as it is a private road.

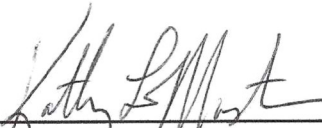
15. Request for future agenda items

- Fence quotes
- Development of an ordinance addressing truck start time & number of trucks allowed on road at one time. Basically a traffic ordinance

- Review zoning Article III sections 13 & 14
- For July review zoning Article III section 17 and fee schedule


16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.



Kathy LaMaster, Secretary

6-8-2023
Date



Patti Meier, Mayor