

STATE OF TEXAS *
COUNTY OF JOHNSON *
TOWN OF CROSS TIMBER *

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, November 9, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. to consider the following agenda items.

1. Call to Order

Patti Meier, Mayor, opened the meeting at 7:00 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:
Patti Meier – Mayor	<u> x </u>	_____
Kellee Ball – Mayor Pro-tem	<u> x </u>	_____
Tim Linendoll – Alderman	<u> x </u>	_____
Ron McCullough – Alderman	<u> x </u>	_____
Bridgette Sisson – Alderman	<u> x </u>	_____
Bob Sumien - Alderman	<u> x </u>	_____

Other officials:

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 October 12, 2023 meeting.

Motion by: Sisson motioned to approve with the following changes: item 9b change approximately \$4k to several thousand, item 11 change the word survey in sentence two to ordinance, and item 12 change “an” to “a” in the motion.

Second by: Sumien

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

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0

5. Review and approve Financial Records for July & August 2023.

Alderman Ball asked if we were expecting the large increase in TML bill, Mayor Meier stated no, and had called the TML for clarification. TML informed the mayor rates had not increased in 20 years and removing some of the coverages would not result in significant savings, therefore the TML coverage was not changed. Mayor Meier also asked TML about the impact

of the building to the insurance and was not provided an answer since we have no specifics on the structure. The mayor also updated the board on the installation of the town signs with a goal of December 1 for installation to be completed. Mayor Meier also informed the board that we will receive funds from the Texas Comptroller for the Boiler Room (private club of Hilltop Deaux). Treasurer Moncrief queried whether it should be reported on a separate line and was told yes by the board. As of October 31, 2023 the total amount in the bank is \$383,230.70 in the general fund with the amount of \$74,534.10 allotted to the capital improvement fund.

Motion by: Sisson to approve financials

Second by: Ball

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

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0

6. Public Comment.

Jerry Schwarzer, 3570 Trails End Road, wanted to address the issue of Trails End Road. He stated the road had a storied history and showed a newspaper article from 1986 referring to the road as CO 803c located in Precinct 2. Prior to the formation of the town residents approached the county to pave the road and was told no as it was not a thoroughfare. Further, it is a public access easement where residents own to the middle of the road and are responsible for repairs and upkeep. Has the board considered changing the category from easement to something else? Additionally, we are spending town money on speed bumps, traffic signs and in the past had an Interlocal Agreement with the county for repairs. Are these actions setting a precedent for the town to be responsible? With the increasing use of the road by trucks, he urged the board to consider options rather than relying on speed limit only as that was not the root problem. He asked specifics about truck weight limit, TXDot control, trespassing onto private property and scope of the Trophy Materials project.

Mayor Meier stated many of his questions have been addressed in previous meetings and she will put this item on the January 2024 agenda.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Capital Improvements Committee

Chairman Tim Linendoll met with the committee on Monday November 6th to discuss three building bids. Two bids were for a 30'x60' metal building and the third was for a 16'x40' Ulrich building. The committee recommended moving forward with the bid from Flying J. for a 30'x60' metal building. There was discussion about actual size of building needed, ADA access and location of the building on the land. Location of the building will impact the septic system and that became a concern. Paige Linendoll stated that the town needed an updated survey for the PE to move forward on the review and input to the project. In addition to the

survey we need to identify the occupancy load, intended use and size of the building. The committee will move forward with obtaining a survey, revised quote for 30'x40' size, clarify intended use and occupancy so the septic can be clarified.

b. Infrastructure Committee

Alderman Linendoll had reached out to colleagues seeking the use of a drag box and was not successful. He did locate a website sales@j-pyott.com that sells drag boxes and Chairman McCullough will pursue this lead.

8. Discussion and possible action on fee schedule, Safebuilt section

A revised draft was presented to the board and clarification of the number of inspections typically performed on a build and the impact to fees. Suggested edits included identifying the number of inspections associated with a build greater than 3501 sq.ft. as 12 for the minimum cost of \$1200 and to remove maximum. For commercial builds identify 10 inspections on those projects. All additional inspections are \$100 per visit. Secretary LaMaster to clarify that the final inspection includes certificate of occupancy. This will be presented to the board in January as an amendment to the existing ordinance.

9. Update and possible action regarding Nuisance ordinance, first section.

Secretary LaMaster stated this version included verbiage from the towns of Whitney and Joshua following the recommendation from the previous meeting. Alderman Sisson asked for clarification on definitions for junk and open storage. Item 7 – Tall Grass needs to be linked to the zoning areas and exclude wildflower growth. An item should be added for overgrown bar ditches and clogged culverts. Clarification was sought on burn piles language and timing.

Alderman will send specific feedback to Secretary LaMaster so she can incorporate suggestions into the next version.

10. Review and possible action on cancelling December 2023 meeting.

Motion by: Sisson motioned to skip December and reconvene in January 2024.

Second by: Linendoll

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

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0

11. Discussion and possible action on purchasing an Ulrich Building

Item tabled for more information from Capital Improvements Committee.

12. Discussion and possible edits on zoning ordinance Article III, section 17

The first five items of the Article had no changes, however items 5-7 elicited significant discussion. Several Alderman needed clarification, examples were provided and ultimately the board decided to revisit items 5-7 at the January meeting.

13. Announcements


- Mayor Meier announced that Jim Fowler had a heart valve replaced and is at home recovering nicely.

14. Request for future agenda items

none

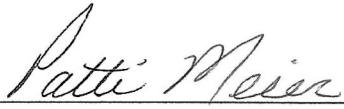
15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 P.M.



Kathy LaMaster, Secretary

1-11-2024
Date



Patti Meier, Mayor