

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 14, 2024, 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	_X_	_____
Kellee Ball – Mayor Pro-tem	_X_	_____
Tim Linendoll – Alderman	_X_	_____
Ron McCullough – Alderman	_X_	_____
Bridgette Sisson – Alderman	_X_	_____
Bob Sumien - Alderman	_X_	_____
 Other officials:		
Kathy LaMaster, Town Secretary	_X_	_____
Mary Jo Moncrief, Town Treasurer	_____	_X_

4. Review and approve Minutes of the October 10, 2024 meeting.

Motion by: Sisson to approve with correction to header for date change to October 10, 2024

Second by: McCullough

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

Voted against: none Abstained: none Motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0

5. Review and approve Financial Records for October 2024.

As of October 31, 2024 the total amount in the general fund is \$22,266.23. The Money Market account has \$445,008.06 with the amount of \$69,599.05 allotted to the capital improvement fund. Mayor Meier clarified for the Aldermen permit & Safebuilt charges as off budget, roadwork materials and labor costs.

Motion by: Linendoll to approve as written

Second by: Sumien

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

Voted against: none Abstained: none Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0

6. Public Comment. None

7. Committee Reports:

a. Capital Improvements Committee

Chairman Linendoll provided two recommendations: (1) XCaliber to install the ADA bathroom as Tim Winnett was only donating labor, not products. Container will cost \$24,805 and dirt work by Howard Hobbies and (2) Town sign – use town logo, size to be 42x42 and use Massey for the build out including welding for the sign on the property, cost \$850.

b. Infrastructure Committee

Chairman McCullough has resigned as chairman due to personal reasons and Mayor Meier has tabled the committee for now. Mayor Meier updated the board on her recent meeting with Tim Trammel, Trophy Materials. Trophy Materials is willing to use their equipment to assist with road repairs, but is not a road company and does not intend to pay funds to share on repairs. It was suggested by Tim Trammel that our recent bids on roadwork were too high based on work they were getting done for their business. Collaboration with Trophy Materials is an avenue to pursue as we consider the road repairs. Tim Trammel also stated there was not an exit date at this time. We had been told that we would receive a payment in October, but as of tonight a check has not been received and Mayor Meier will follow up on this matter.

8. Discussion and possible action on changing the meeting start time to 6:30pm.

Motion by: Linendoll to approve

Second by: Sisson

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

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0

9. Discussion and possible action on Burn Ban signs for the town.

Secretary LaMaster had discussed this issue with Firefighter Brown who stated that if the town provided the location of proposed signs he would pass them along to the Fire Chief. Paige Linendoll will identify locations, provide the list to Secretary LaMaster who will then follow up with the fire station personnel. A link for fire ban will also be added to the website.

Motion by: Sisson to approve providing information to Briar Oaks Fire Station

Second by: Ball

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

Voted against: none

Abstained: none

Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0

10. Discussion of and possible action concerning town property taxes.

Mayor Meier stated that Jerry Schwarzer had researched this issue during his term and suggested that we create a spreadsheet for evaluation. The notion of property taxes has come to the attention of the board and the voluntary contributions to the town have decreased significantly. Secretary LaMaster stated that it is a long process prior to being on the ballot that will involve lawyers, process and education so we would be looking at 2026 ballot. Sisson questioned if we could impose a set cost, she was informed that is not legal which is why we have tried to go with voluntary donations. Mayor Meier stated the purpose for moving forward would be to improve town infrastructure with a future goal to have all roads maintained by the town. Mayor Meier stated road and infrastructure development is a long range goal, not immediate. Board member McCullough added that it has taken since town inception to even dream of repairing CT ROAD. Paige Linendoll, 7000 Weatherby, was concerned that a tax for "x" would be imposed and then later changed and suggested that language be in place stating a threshold. Mayor Meier stated General Law Type B towns have a max on taxes. Introduce the notion to the town via Facebook, word of mouth and a newsletter as there needs to be education of the purpose and intent. Sisson asked what residents would have to do prior to roads being taken over by the town. Mayor Meier stated roads would have to be evaluated by the board based on policies and prioritized based on need. South Oaks was

discussed as last time there was legal action threatened, the individual has since passed away and should no longer be an issue according to Sarah Elliott who was monitoring the town Facebook feed. Secretary LaMaster will follow up with Central Appraisal District for additional information. Intent is to provide information to the town residents and receive feedback prior to December 31, 2024, to allow continued discussion in January.

Motion by: Linendoll motion to begin process

Second by: Sisson

Voted for: McCullough, Ball, Sisson, Linendoll

Voted against: Sumien Abstained: none Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1

11. Discussion and possible action on town property sign.

Tim Linendoll asked the board to increase their allocation to \$1500 to cover the construction of the sign holder, sign and installation. Sign from Zanvox and Don Massey to build structure.

Motion by: Sumien to approve

Second by: Linendoll

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

Voted against: none Abstained: none Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0

12. Announcements

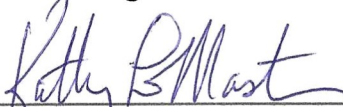
No meeting in December

13. Request for future agenda items

Restart updating of the zoning document, concrete pad quotes, welcome committee or letter

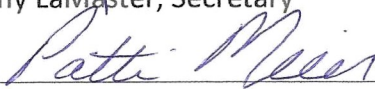
14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.



Kathy LaMaster, Secretary

2-6-2025
Date



Patti Meier, Mayor