

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That the Mayor and Council of Carrollton is hereby authorized and empowered to settle in its discretion, claims and suits, either at law or in equity, or whether such claim may be based upon a suit already instituted or note, whenever the cause of action or claim arises out of the negligence or wrongful act, whether of commission or omission, of any officer or employee of the Mayor and Council, for whose negligence or acts the Mayor and Council, if a private individual, would be prima facie liable to respond to damages, irrespective of whether such negligence occurred or such acts were done in the performance of a municipal or a governmental function of the said Mayor and Council; provided, that in the settlement of any claim under the provisions of this section, the Mayor and Council shall not pay to any claimant an amount in excess of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, and any settlement so authorized may be paid out of any money which the Mayor and Council may have in its general funds; provided further, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as depriving the Mayor and Council of any defense it may have to any suit whether at law or in equity, which may be instituted against it or to give any person, corporation, partnership or association, any right to institute any suit against said Mayor and Council which did not exist prior to June 1, 1953; and provided further, that no action taken by the Mayor and Council in an effort to effectuate a settlement of any claim or suit authorized to be settled by the provisions of this section, shall be taken as an admission of liability on the part of the Mayor and Council, or otherwise used against the said Mayor and Council respecting its liability or asserted to be any liability of the Mayor and Council in any suit instituted by a claimant to enforce his claim.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases where any municipal work is to be done within the corporate limits of Carrollton, the estimated cost of which shall exceed the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars, the Mayor and Council shall publicly invite proposals or bids for said work, to be received at a time and place to be made public at least five days before the date set, and shall in all cases award the contract for such work to the lowest bidder therefor, reserving at all times the right to reject any and all bids received, and wherever a bid is accepted, the Mayor and Council may require the successful bidder to furnish a bond at the expense of the successful bidder in a good and sufficient amount conditioned as may be required by the said Mayor and Council to insure