

**State of Mississippi
Carroll County
Town of North Carrollton**

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Regular Session for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Town of North Carrollton, Mississippi were held on **August 4, 2015** to conduct the following official business.

Official Attendance

Mayor Dianne S. Slocum	Present
Alderman Tom Hearn	Present
Alderman Mitchell Costilow	Absent
Alderman Edward Carpenter	Present
Alderman Christopher R. Givens	Present
Alderwoman Fay Milford	Present
Town Clerk Glynnis Taylor	Present
Water Director Galen Shumaker	Absent
Account - Howard Davis	Present
Attorney – Ryan Taylor	Present

Public Attendee(s)

Susie James – Reporter for the Conservative

Agenda Attendee(s)

Fire Chief- Phil Costilow

Mayor, Dianne S. Slocum called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. and Alderman (Brother) Edward Carpenter opened with prayer.

1. Mayor Slocum asked the board to amend the agenda regarding town water being used for outside businesses and to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Hearn made the motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None
2. The board of Aldermen reviewed the minutes. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderwoman Milford made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None
3. Unfinished business discussed was the depilated housing complaints in North Carrollton. Discussed was Miss. Code Ann. 21-19-11 (2015). - The town’s attorney Mr. Ryan Taylor presented to the board a draft of a letter pertaining to dilapidated housing for the board to review. After further discussion the board tabled the letter until they can make a mailing list of properties. Alderman Hearn made the motion to table for now. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes - , Nays - None

4. Other unfinished discussed was the purchase of a “Welcome Sign” for the town. The town clerk said that the town will be receiving a five hundred dollar check from Entergy for beatification of the town. The clerk said that they could place a sign where the original welcome sign use to hang at the bridge. After further discussion the board agreed for the clerk to be in charge of the sign. Alderman Givens made the motion. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

5. Under new business, Volunteer Fire Chief, Phil Costilow said that they are in need of purchasing an enclosed trailer. This trailer will enable the fire department to transport much needed reserved supplies and air equipment when they are called out to a major fire. The size of the trailer will be seven by twelve. The Carrollton / North Carrollton Fire Department cannot rely on other departments to take care of the firemen’s needs when they are out battling major fires. Fire Chief Costilow said he will need to obtain two quotes because of the price of the trailer. The price of the trailer will be between six and seven thousand dollars. Mr. Costilow said rebate funding can be used to pay for this equipment. He said we could set the loan up as a yearly payment instead of monthly payments. After further discussion Alderman Givens made the motion to support the fire department in purchase of the said trailer. Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None

6. New business discussed was the 2015 – 2016 Proposed Budget. Mr. Howard Davis presented the proposed budget to the board for their review. Mr. Davis said he has provided in the budget for a two mill tax increase in property taxes, if the board allows for an increase. As previous there is a \$20,000 transfer of money to the Boyd Fund. After further discussion the board will table the proposed budget until the next board meeting for final approval before September 15, 2015.

7. Other new business discussed was the C & G Railway Lease Agreements. Mayor Slocum told the board she received a phone call from the mayor of Kilmichael regarding the railroad lease agreements. Mayor Woods of Kilmichael said that he was thinking about not paying the lease agreements anymore and he was told that a lot of other cities in Mississippi do not pay the yearly leases. After further discussion the board asked the town’s attorney to look in the said matter and report back to the board at the next board meeting.

8. Alderman Hearn discussed the new business of water leaks at Boyd. Alderman Hearn said that Mr. Joe Alford has had a water leak for three years at Boyd and has not been repaired yet. Mr. Alford said that he has talked to Attalla Water personnel on several occasions. Mayor Slocum said that she has had some complaints as well. Town clerk said that she keeps log books of work orders and now does so via e-mail to Attalla Water Service. The clerk also said the town has limited funds and that leaks are based on priority. The leaks that hinder water service are the ones that are addressed first. Alderman Givens said that records should be kept of leaks. The clerk said that records are kept of said issues on the water lines.

9. Other new business discussed was the grass cuttings for the town. Jerry Yates Lawn Service has requested that he cut the grass for the town one more year at the same price of \$1100.00 per grass cutting. Alderman Givens asked that should we put it out for bid. After further discussion Alderman Carpenter made the motion that since Mr. Yates has requested one more year, and since he is retiring, to let him cut the grass at the current price for another year. However if he decides that he will not retire as planned, then the grass cutting services will have to be put up for bid next year. Alderman Givens second the motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

10. New business discussed was the donation request from J.Z. George High School. The donation was for a sign depicting the town’s support of J.Z. George’s athletic program. The cost of the new sign is \$200.00 and the renewal of sign next year will be at a cost of \$100.00. Alderman Givens made the motion for the donation of a new sign. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All- Nays - None

11. New business- Alderman Givens requested permission from the board to convert the old well yard on Morgan Street into perhaps a sitting park / resting area for area residents. Alderman Givens said he could perhaps have the boy scouts to maintain the area. The board agreed for Alderman Givens to utilize the said area.

12. Other business discussed was notification via e-mail for water alerts. Alderman Carpenter said that he has a town Facebook page where the water alerts are posted.

13. Reports were as follows:

- Sales tax is up
- Mayor attended a meeting for NCPD last night. Mayor said that Senate Bill # 203 has been passed that any page ¼ page ad or less published in any newspaper is no charge for small towns.
- Mayor earned three elective CMO credits for attending the meeting.
- Have not heard anything about the status on our grants that have been submitted.
- Supervisor Herbert will be assessing the area where the water is not draining on Morgan Street.
- Inmate Labor will cost the town \$20.00 a day + additional charges + transportation at the towns expense.
- Alderman Carpenter said that Bobby Norwood with Mobile Communications will have everything installed this week pertaining to the camera system for the town.
- One of the fire hydrants on Cemetery Street has been repaired.
- Mayor Slocum said that Kim Vance with Willis Engineering has applied for another grant to obtain funding for repairs of the fire hydrants.

14. Alderman Givens made the motion to accept the financial report and to pay the payables. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

Therefore being no further business Alderman Hearn made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

Mayor

Clerk