

**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 **April 3, 2018** to conduct the following official business.

Official Attendance

Mayor Cooper L. Misskelley	Absent
Alderman Tom Hearn	Present
Alderman Mitchell Costilow	Present
Alderman Edward Carpenter	Present
Alderman Christopher R. Givens	Present
Alderman Ken Strachan	Present
Water Director Galen Shumaker	Absent
Town Clerk, Glynnis Taylor	Present
CPA - Howard Davis	Absent
Attorney – Ryan Taylor	Absent

Public Attendee(s)

None

Agenda Attendee(s)

Carrollton / North Carrollton Volunteer Interim Fire Chief, Andy Vining
Senator Lydia Chassional

Vice Mayor, Mitchell Costilow called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. and Alderman Carpenter opened with prayer.

1. Vice - Mayor Costilow asked the board to approve the agenda. Alderman Carpenter requested to amend the agenda by adding the Fire Chief toward the front of the agenda. Alderman Strachan requested to add a report regarding Reverend Billy Graham's Resolution and to move Senator Lydia Chassional to the front of the agenda. Alderman Strachan made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None.

2. The board of Aldermen reviewed the minutes. Alderman Givens made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Strachan made the second motion to approve the minutes. Ayes- All, Nays- None.

3. Unfinished business Boyd Rate Increase- Clerk said that the paperwork is coming along.

4. Unfinished business discussed was the two percent tourism tax bill. Senator Lydia Chassional and Alderman Ken Strachan informed the board that the two percent tourism for local and private bill the board voted on in the previous January board meeting to send to the legislature will not be passed. Senator Chassional said the bill passed the Mississippi Senate with a 49 – 2 vote. It passed the first Mississippi House of Representatives with a vote of 91 – 12. After, the bill went to the House Conference and then back to the House for a second vote of 98 – 11. According to Senator Chassional a \$200,000 waste water amendment was added to the local and private bill before the deadline and this amendment caused the bill to die for this legislative session. Alderman Strachan thanked Senator Chassional for all of her hard work and for representing the Town of North Carrollton and Carroll County. Both Alderman Strachan and Senator Chassional informed the board that the bill will be resubmitted for the next January, 2019 legislative session. Alderman Strachan informed the board that he wrote a letter to House Speaker Phillip Gunn for his support last month of the said bill. The board thanked both Senator Chassional and Alderman Strachan for all of their hard work.

5. New business discussed was the changing of Interim Chief Vining's status permanent Fire Chief. Interim Vining said it has been an honor to serve as the Interim Chief of the Carrollton / North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department over the last months. Interim Chief said that since he has been interim chief he has strived to have a top quality response to fire and rescue calls, have an open and accessible department with both towns, grow the department with new volunteers, and provide training for those eager to learn. He said the CNCVFD is stable, providing excellence response to fire and rescue calls, having good communication with other agencies, good working relationship among its volunteers and people of the community, providing records to both towns through our minutes in keeping governing bodies informed with proper documentation, and growing with new volunteers. He said he was proud of these accomplishments and want the opportunity to continue this good work for our area as the permanent CNCVFD Chief. I ask for your support and confidence. After further discussion, Alderman Carpenter made the motion to change the status of interim to Fire Chief. Alderman Strachan made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None Chief Vining also presented to the board the CNCVFD monthly activity report. Also presented for signatures the Resolution – Commending the 2017 Volunteer Fire Department.

6. The clerk addressed the board about cleaning out the town's ditch that runs along the back of the property line of residents on Marshall Road. William's Lawn service requested that they had a letter of permission from each resident to enter their property to gain access to the said ditch. After further discussion Alderman Costilow made a motion for the town's attorney to draft the said letter. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes-All, Nays - None

7. New business discussed was the 2018 Intuit QuickBooks upgrade for a price of \$219.25, it will be around \$34.00 a month. After further discussion the board voted for the upgrade. Alderman Carpenter made the motion. Alderman Strachan made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

Reports:

- Sales Tax was up
 - Alderman Strachan gave a report on the Resolution for Reverend Billy Graham. Alderman Strachan said that he wanted it spread upon the minutes that he has mailed a copy of the Resolution that he presented to the Board in March , 2018 board meeting. Copies were mailed to President Donald Trump, Senate Majority Leader Mitchell McConnell, and Speaker Paul Ryan.

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 Strachan made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion.

Mayor

Clerk