

**The Board  
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 **December 4, 2018** to conduct the following official business.

**Official Attendance**

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

**Public Attendee(s)**

None

**Agenda Attendee(s)**

None

**Mayor Strachan called the meeting to Order** at 6:00 p.m. and Alderman Carpenter opened with prayer.

1. Mayor Strachan asked the board to approve the agenda. The agenda was amended as follows: Alderman Costilow added, Ordinance for poultry within the city limits. Alderman Givens made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Carpenter 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 Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays-None.
3. Public Comment was made on behalf of fire Chief Andy Vining by Mayor Strahan. Monthly Activity Report for November 6, 2018. There was 6 Emergency Calls- (2) - Residential Fire, (2) - Natural Disaster calls, (2) - Brush Fire. There was also more Fire Department Training.
4. Boyd Rate Increase. Mayor Strachan said that he had contacted Howard Davis and Mr. Davis submitted his paperwork and now the clerk can finish the rest of the required exhibits needed for the proposed rate increase.

5. Unfinished business was the Booster Station Repair Project. Mayor Strachan discussed the Bid/Public Hearing meeting, which was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 meeting @ 10:00 a.m. Mayor Strachan and Galen Shumaker met with Willis Engineering personnel, Mike Carver and Karla Allen. There were 5 bids submitted, they were as follows: Double "S", Inc. – Base Bid - \$121,360.00, KJ Parker Construction – Base Bid - \$97,500.00, Greebriar DSLP – Base Bid - \$69,400.00, Hemphill Construction – Base Bid - \$83,522.00 and Red Oak Construction- Base Bid - \$89,000.00. Mayor Strachan said that after reviewing the Contract Documents and compiling the Bid Tabulations, that Willis Engineering recommended awarding the Booster Station Repairs, DRA Project No. MS-50842 to Greebrair DSLP which had the low bid of \$69,400.00. With Greebrair low bid, there should be around \$21,600.00 left of contractual cost that can be used for more improvements that is needed at the Booster Station. After further discussion, Alderman Givens made the motion to accept Willis Engineering recommendation. Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None. Also discussed was opening a separate bank account for the said project referenced above with Peoples Bank & Trust Company., North Carrollton, MS. Account will be named Booster Station Repair Project MS-508421. Authorized signatures for the said account will be Mayor Strachan and City Clerk, Glynnis Taylor. Alderman Hearn made the motion, Alderman Costilow made the second motion.

6. Unfinished discussed was the town's backhoe. Mayor Strachan said that he has followed up with a discussion with several county supervisors, as agreed on in the previous board meeting. The supervisors told him that they have several back hoes that are not operable. Mayor Strachan talked with Supervisors, Terry Brown and Jim Neill. They said that they had 2 suggestions that they recommended. One being that the back hoe be scraped and get what that would bring or you could auction it off. They gave Mayor Strachan an auctioneer's contact information out of Kosciusko, MS. After further discussion the board agreed for Mayor Strachan to contact the said business. Also, during the discussion of the back hoe, Mayor Strachan informed the board that there were no bids submitted for the Jayco Trailer, after the second time it was ran in the legals. Ryan Taylor said he was going to look into the possibility of running the legal on-line.

7. Other unfinished business discussed was the weather siren. Mayor Strachan said that he talked with Mayor Pam Lee and did a follow up with a letter to Mayor Pam Lee regarding the boards previous decision that the sirens should be sounded when there is a severe thunderstorm warning issued by National Weather Service. Mayor Strachan said after the Town of Carrollton has their board meeting tonight, they will decide if they will agree to do the same and let us know tomorrow.

8. The Ordinance for chickens was addressed again. Alderman Costilow suggested the board amend the ordinance by allowing residents to have caged chickens in town. Alderman Sheppard said there was a resident who was interested in having them from an educational stand point. Alderman Givens said that he does not have problem with the said request, but if the ordinance is amended, this could allow for request as well. After further discussion the board agreed to leave the ordinance as is.

9. New business discussed was vehicles on public streets in the town. Mayor Strachan said that he has had complaints from area residents entering and exiting the post office and traffic turning in on McCain Street regarding the sewage truck that belongs to Hank Roberts that is parked in front of his residence. The board asked the Mayor to call Sheriff Walker first about the said matter and go from there and Mayor Strachan said he will get back with the board with what Sheriff Walker said.

10. New business discussed was the Municipal Internet Resolution. Mayor Strachan said that he had saw the Norther District Public Service Commissioner, Brandon Presley and one of the conferences he had attended recently. He said this was about the lack of internet services, many people cannot access the internet, especially in rural areas. This service can be used for jobs, taking courses on-line and access telehealth services or simply to just browse the internet. In every state boarding Mississippi and across the nation, electric cooperatives owned by the people are bringing affordable high speed internet services to

their members. Currently, several electric companies in our state want to provide internet service to their people and many more have conducted strides to look into the idea. Sadly, a 1942 State Law is handcuffing them from providing internet service. This past summer statewide association of electric cooperatives voted unanimously to ask the legislators to change this law. This is a just a simple fix that can be remedy. This will also bring about a lot of jobs. After further discussion the motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Alderman Givens, and seconded by Alderwoman Barbara Sheppard. Ayes- All- Nays – None

#### 11. Mayors Report:

I attended the Carroll County Development Association Board of Directors meeting on Friday, November 9, 2018 at Carrollton City Hall. I gave a report on the town of North Carrollton. It was decided that the next meeting would be held in North Carrollton at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2019 at 4-K.

I attended the Veterans Program at the Carroll County Courthouse in Carrollton on Friday, November 9, 2018. Received the following proclamation that was presented to me for the Town of North Carrollton by the Carroll Academy Student Council.

I met with Kelly Standard with Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), Carrollton Mayor Pam Lee, Carroll County District 1 Supervisor Jim Neill, Carrollton Alderman Tommy Goodman, and Water Operator Galen Shumaker about the plans for the construction of the new Big Sand Creek Bridge. This meeting was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at North Carrollton City Hall.

I met with school children that the Carroll County Extension Service brought to North Carrollton City Hall on Tuesday, November 13, 2018. This was a field trip on learning the importance and functions of town government.

I received the following updated credits from the Mississippi Municipal League on my continuing education. This report includes credits on Community Infrastructure Programs and Financing. Mayor Strachan said that he would like to request a copy of his CMO Transcript be recorded in the minute book. Alderman Chris made the motion for the transcript to be in the minute Book. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

Robert Anderson and the inmates from the Carroll/Montgomery Correctional Facility did a great job in hanging the new “Welcome to North Carrollton” banners in the town

The town employees did a great job with the Christmas decorations, which were put up well ahead of the Carrollton/North Carrollton Christmas parade.

Presentation of the letter I wrote on behalf of Carrollton native Elizabeth Spencer being added to the Mississippi Writers Trail.

Mayor Ken Strachan presented a proposal he had worked on with Willis Engineering on the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) for Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF) Program for repairs to public roads. Mayor Strachan recommended authorizing Willis Engineering to prepare and submit the application for the repaving of Cemetery Street in North Carrollton. “It is important that North Carrollton applies for the funds, there is no match and the repaving of Cemetery Street will be beneficial.” Strachan said. Mayor Strachan informed board

members that he had gathered information including photos and documentation of infrastructure in the town and Cemetery Street met the criteria to apply for the funds when he talked to the engineering firm. Mayor Strachan said he was going to keep all his documentation he made on different streets that include culverts to use for applying for future funds. After further discussion the North Carrollton Board of Alderman authorizes Willis Engineering Inc. to prepare and submit the application for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund Program and authorizes Mayor Ken Strachan to execute such grant and/or related documents required for commencement of the said project.

12. Under the financial reports, Mayor Strachan said that a separate bank account has to be opened for the BP Street Money. The town has received the \$100,000.00 for paving Marshall Road. As required by the Memorandum of Understanding for Senate Bill 2002 (MOU). The following items are as follows:

- 1) The funds must be maintained in a separate bank account.
- 2) The funds must use **solely** for the purpose(s) allowed for in the enabling legislation.
- 3) The funds must be spent within thirty six (36) months of receipt.
- 4) Quarterly reports are required to be sent to our office. The template for the Quarterly Report can be found on our website at <http://www.dfa.ms.gov/sb2002/>. Also, invoices and bank statements are to be included with the Quarterly Report. Please email these reports to [SB2002@dfa.ms.gov](mailto:SB2002@dfa.ms.gov).
- 5) All documents listed in Exhibit A of the MOU shall be maintained at your office and made available to DFA upon request.

**The bank account for the BP Street Money will be named as follows:**

Town of North Carrollton  
2018 Transportation & Infrastructure Improvements Fund  
(State Funds)

The account will be with Peoples Bank & Trust Company, North Carrollton, Mississippi. Required signatures on the account will be 2 signatures. Mayor Ken Strachan and Vice- Mayor Mitchell Costilow. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to open the account as referenced above. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

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

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

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Mayor

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Clerk