

**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 **February 6, 2018** to conduct the following official business.

Official Attendance

Mayor Cooper L. Misskelley	Present
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	Present

Public Attendee(s)

Agenda Attendee(s)

Carrollton / North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department

Mayor, Cooper L. Misskelley called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m. and Alderman Carpenter opened with prayer.

1. Mayor Misskelley asked the board to approve the agenda. Alderman Strachan made the motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Givens 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. Alderman Strachan made the second motion to approve the minutes. Ayes- All, Nays-None.

3. New business- Introduction of the new fire department. New interim fire chief , Mr. Andy Vining-NC1-,Patrick Yeoman, Assistant Chief - NC2, Tim Williams -NC29, Chris Wetzberger, NC 23, David Ross, NC14, Kevin Avant – NC17, Jeff Franklin – NC25, Robert Sims, Jr. – NC22, Cooper Miley, NC24, Chris Casiday,-MC 26, Jake Hurst – NC31- Hunter Davis , NC19. Alderman Strachan stated that since the fire department is joined with both towns, he has been keeping minutes of each meeting. He sends the meetings to both town clerks. Alderman Strachan and Alderman Carpenter proof the minutes before they are submitted. That way, if anyone has any questions they can refer to the recorded minutes in the minute books. Alderman Strachan gave the board a list of items that are needed and a memo of the concerns for turn out gear. Alderman Strachan said that Interm Fire Chief Vining

will explain to the board what they are needing. Fire Chief Vining addressed the list of critically needed items and items need for the fire house. After further discussion Alderman Givens made the motion to purchase the needed items. Alderman Strachan second the motion. Ayes- All, Nays – none. The concerns for turnout gear was discussed the turn out gear the department has is excellent but the gear does not fit the new members. Some of the items they can use. Alderman Carpenter discussed the inventory list of the turnout gear. Mayor Misskelley said that we need to make sure how what is there and not there compared to the inventory list that was done. He was under the impression that some of the turnout gear was at the Black Hawk Fire Department. Also discussed was recent fire calls that the fire department responded to. - 1 wreck and 3 brush fires. Alderman Givens thanked the firemen for volunteering. Mayor Misskelley thanked them as well.

4. Discussed again was the Aflac Insurance coverage. The clerk had e-mailed to the board, the 2 selection of coverage that was offered to the board previous for them to review. After further discussion the board agreed for Ms. Shaw to come to the next board and to clarify exactly what each policy covers in detail. Mayor said that questions needed to be asked, type of cancer covered, detail of coverage such as surgeries, travel expense, types of accidents etc. Alderman Carpenter made a motion to table till the next board meeting. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None

5. Discussed was the advertisement for grass proposals. After further discussion Alderman Givens made the motion to advertise for the grass proposals. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. The proposals will be opened at the March Board Meeting.

6. Unfinished business discussed was the Boyd Rate Increase. The clerk said she and Galen Shumaker will start working on the initial paperwork this month.

7. New business discussed was a Resolution/ Proclamation for his 43 years of service as a volunteer fireman. Alderman Strachan made the motion to honor Alderman Hearn. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

8. Discussed was the new business of change the locks at the Fire Station. Alderman Carpenter said at a previous fire department meeting the business of changing the locks was discussed. All of the alderman agreed to change the locks. Hoffman’s Bonded Locksmith changed the locks at a cost of \$ 804.30. Town of Carrollton and North Carrollton will split the cost. Mayor Misskelley also read a letter from the Mississippi State Fire Rating Bureau. This letter was in response from Mayor Misskelley letter regarding the time-line of the reorganization of the fire department. Mr. Parham said that they were pleased to hear about the implementation of the new fire department. We are marking our files for one year, which time they will survey and regrade the public fire protection facilities to determine the effects if any on your current fire insurance classification. This will be a year from January 22nd, 2018.

9. Other new business discussed was the request for the use of the town’s board room. In August, 2017 a group of six local veterans started meeting to help a Carroll County Veteran obtain VA Benefits for service connected problems. The group had been meeting in the Carroll County board room. However, due to the number of attendees, they had outgrown the board room capacity. Mayor Misskelley offered the North Carrollton Board Room if it met their needs. The group will meet the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. After further discussion the Alderman Carpenter

made the motion for them to use the room. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes –All, Nays – None.

Reports:

- Sales Tax was down
- Preconstruction Conference-CDBR#1132-16-278-PF-01 Contracts Documentation & Specs.

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- Alderman Strachan discussed the Municipal League Conference he had attended in January – 2018 the Mississippi Municipal League Mid- Winter Legislative Conference. Alderman Strachan said he attended the Basic CMO Core Course on Municipal Law and the Certification Program on Municipal Law. Alderman Strachan said there was 2 points that he found out. One being that if you say you abstain from a vote, it is interpreted as that you voted yes, you need to say nay on your vote if you are against the item of business. The other point was that was mentioned from the Audit Department, that the minutes are public record and that the board is not being transparent in the minutes. It was discussed that no minutes from the month before should not be published online through the town’s website until they have been approved by the Board of Alderman. Alderman Strachan said that they also said that the minutes or any documentation should be on a town’s website and not on a town’s Facebook. Due the website not have any comments like Facebook.

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

Therefore being no further business, Alderman Carpenter made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Givens made the second motion.

Mayor

Clerk