

**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 **July 3, 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	Present
Town Clerk, Glynnis Taylor	Present
CPA - Howard Davis	Absent
Attorney – Ryan Taylor	Absent

Public Attendee(s)

Sharon Duke - Absent

Agenda Attendee(s)

John Wiggers – North Central Planning & Development
Carrollton / North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Chief, Andy Vining

Mayor 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 Carpenter made the motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None.
2. The board of Aldermen reviewed the minutes. Alderman Strachan made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays-None.
3. Public Comment was to be made by Sharon Duke, but Ms. Duke was unable to attend the meeting.
4. CDBG Grant Public Hearing was called to order By Mayor Misskelley who informed the board members and public present of the purpose of the meeting. The meeting was turned over to John Wiggers from North Central Planning and Development District. Mr. Wiggers. Mr. Wiggers explained that the CDBG=PF Project for sewer lines improvements is 50% complete

and the project is still on schedule. He opened the floor for comments and there were no adverse comments or further questions, which include the CDBG Portion of the public hearing. Mr. Wiggers said the purpose of the second portion of the public hearing was for the Town of North Carrollton to provide information to its citizens as they pertain to Fair Housing. Fair housing pamphlets were handed out to the citizens in attendance and some pamphlets were left at the town hall for other interested residents. Mr. Wiggers reviewed the Fair Housing Act and the HUD contact information included in the pamphlet. The Town also passed a Proclamation designating April 2018 as Fair Housing month in in North Carrollton. After all the questions from citizens in attendance were answered the board president then concluded the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Wiggers also informed the board that there will a monitoring visit on Wednesday, July 18 beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the CDBG Project #1130-16-168-PF-01. The areas to be covered will be: Acquisition, Environmental, Citizen Participation, National Objective/Eligibility, Fair Housing/ Equal Opportunity, Labor Standards Provision, Section Three Requirements, Procurement, and Financial Management. Mr. Wiggers also discussed A HOME Grant and a Small Municipal Grant. Mr. Wiggers discussed the guidelines and highlights of the said grants. He said he would e-mail the said information to the clerk to forward to the board them to look over and review the information and to let him know if they would like to submit or if they have any additional questions. The board discussed the grants and Alderman Tom Hearn made a motion to start an application for a HOME Grant. Mr. Wiggers said the first thing that needs to be done is publish a Public Hearing Notice. Alderman Strachan made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

5. Unfinished business Boyd Rate Increase – Clerk said that she waiting on information from the accountant.

6. Fire Chief Andy Vining gave his monthly activity fire report to the board and Alderman Strachan gave Chief Vining and the board a memo regarding upcoming grant thru the Office of Homeland Security. Alderman Strachan said that this grant was a 100% match and has to be submitted no later than August 31, 2018. Alderman Strachan said they can visit the said website and choose what grants is out there for the town. It also has a grant for radios. Mayor Misskelley suggested that the board go ahead and approve for the search grant. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to proceed with the Homeland Security Funding. Alderman Strachan made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None

7. Alderman Strachan discussed the annual MML Meeting he attended in June on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Alderman Strachan handed out some info he obtained at the meeting on Basic CMO Core Course: Municipal Finance. He also gave the clerk a copy of the 2017 – 2018 Municipal Directory. Alderman Strachan said he noticed at the meeting, area cities adjacent to North Carrollton had town flags for representation of their home town. Alderman Strachan asked the board if he could present a proposal to the board of a town flag for North Carrollton. Alderman Strachan said this will be for only one flag and then we can use it for parades, etc. He said the board could look at his proposal for the board to decide on the design of the flag. After further discussion Alderman Givens made the motion to proceed with the proposal. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

8. New business discussed was the purchase of new U.S. Flags for the town. The town Clerk said that new flags, poles and accessories needed to be purchased. The clerk also suggested that all old brackets on the said poles needed to be removed, except the Christmas tree brackets and new brackets for the flags needed to be purchased and unfurling spinner flag poles. Also the clerk suggested that the flags be stored at the Fire Department and let the volunteer firemen erect the flags on the poles as designated on official Flag-Flying Days of each year. After further discussion the board agreed for purchase of flags and for the fire department to be in charge of flags for the town.

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Reports were as follows:

- Sales Tax was up
- The 2018 State of Mississippi's Annual Sales Tax Holiday takes place between 12:01 A.M. Friday, July 27, 2018 and 12:00 Midnight Saturday, July 28, 2018.
- Grass Cutting Complaints –a report on grass cutting complaints, ditches to clean out and trimming of overhanging tree limbs. Alderman carpenter made a motion to draft a letter to Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC and Alderman Strachan made the second motion regarding said complaints of grass cuttings and cleaning out ditches.
- PERS Board increases employer contribution rate, revises policy, effective July 1, 2019

Following months of educational sessions and deliberations and on the recommendation of its actuary, Cavanaugh Macdonald LLC, the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) Board of Trustees voted at its June 26 meeting to increase the employer contribution rate from 15.75 to 17.40 percent, effective July 1, 2019.

Along with this 1.65 percent increase, the Board revised its 2012 funding policy to provide that the Board, through the policy:

- Preserve the defined benefit structure for providing lifetime benefits to the PERS membership,
- Stabilize the contribution rate as a percentage of payroll,
- Maintain an increasing funded ratio over the projection period with an ultimate goal of being 100 percent funded,
- Require clear reporting and risk analysis of the metrics by the actuary using a Signal Light approach to assist the Board in determining whether increases or decreases are needed in the employer contribution rate, and
- Ensure benefit improvements are funded through increases in contribution requirements in accordance with Article 14, § 272A, of the Mississippi Constitution.

The metrics that will be measured using the new Signal Light approach are the funded ratio, cash flow as a percentage of assets, and the actuarially determined contribution. If any one of the metrics moves to the Red Signal Light status in conjunction with the annual valuation report and projection report, the revised policy requires that the actuary recommend to the Board an employer contribution rate increase sufficient enough to move all three metrics back into the Green Signal Light status.

As a result of the 2019 increase in the employer contribution rate, PERS is projected to be at least 100 percent funded in 2047 and all metrics under the revised funding policy will be in the Green Signal Light status.

Alderman Carpenter made the motion to accept the financial report and to pay the payables. Alderman Strachan 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