

**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 **March 6, 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	Present

**Public Attendee(s)**

Mr. Dale Gordon – Resident of North Carrollton – Present  
Mike Carpenter – Business Owner of North Carrollton - Absent

**Agenda Attendee(s)**

Carrollton / North Carrollton Volunteer Interim Fire Chief, Andy Vining  
Carrollton/ North Carrollton Volunteer Assistant Fire Chief, Patrick Yeoman

**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 Strachan made the motion to amend the agenda by adding the Fire Chief toward the front of the agenda and to add a report regarding Reverend Billy Graham. Alderman Givens made the motion to approve the mended 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 Carpenter made the second motion to approve the minutes. Ayes- All, Nays- None.

3. Mr. Dale Gordon came before the board with a request for reimbursement for a sewage cost at his residents at 1012 Mary Street, Mr. Gordon said that he was not aware of the sewage issue the town was having on Mary Street In February. Mr. Gordon said that he had a called someone to rod out his drain line and he was informed that the issue was on the towns side. After much discussion Alderman Givens made the motion to reimburse Mr. Gordon, Alderman Strachan made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

4. Interim Fire Chief Andy Vining came before the board to go over the monthly activity report of the Carrollton / North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department. Also Interim Fire Chief Vining presented the amended Bylaws of the CNCVFD to the board. Fire Chief Vining also recommended to the board to thank the previous fire department for their past service to the CNCVFD. Alderman Strachan said that he would do a “thank you” for the previous CNCVFP and present to the board for their approval. Assistant Fire Chief, Patrick Yeoman discussed his e-mail he had sent earlier to the board regarding a CNCVFD Advisory Committee. Assistant Fire Chief as discussed earlier, he sees the need to install an advisory committee for the CNCFD. He said that this committee would help with the transparency between the towns, county and community. This would also help set up goals for the department, hold the department accountable, help with fundraising and offer much needed moral support. Mr. Yeoman envisions this committee being made of volunteers from the community, maybe 4 to 6 as well as 1 to 2 members from each town, perhaps a county supervisor as well. Mr. Yeoman requested that the board send him a list with contact information of possible candidates for the committee.

5. Unfinished business discussed was Aflac Insurance Coverage Selection. Ms. Marsha Shaw discussed the 2 coverage offered by Aflac. 1). Premier Cancer (best plan for cancer only. 2). Select Cancer & Accident (good coverage for cancer + accident plan. Ms. Shaw explained in-depth of what each selection covered. After further discussion, Ms. Shaw said that she would be contacting each member to process their membership.

6. Town Clerk said she in the process of working on the 16 Exhibits required for the Boyd Rate Increase.

7. New business discussed was the letter the Mayor received regarding the drainage of ditches at Vincent Chapel. Ms. Annie Williams, Pastor of Vincent Chapel said that she has sent a letter to the supervisors in that district as well. The request was for help when the heavy rain waters that causes the water to pool-up under around the back of the church and in the drainage ditches.

8. New business discussed was the grass proposals submitted for the 2018 thru 2019 grass cutting season. Proposals was opened by Vice-Mayor Mitchell Costilow and read by Alderman Givens. The proposals submitted was as follows:

- Circle J Lawn Care- Jack Vanderford – owner – Eupora, Ms. - Mr. Vanderford proposal was priced at \$ 950.00 per cut. Mr. Vanderford also provided his proof of liability coverage.
- C & C Tree Company – Casey Carpenter – owner – Carrollton, Ms. – proposal was priced at \$1000.00 per cutting. Mr. Carpenter also provided his proof of liability coverage. Mr. Carpenter would weed eat and cut the grass twice a month or as directed by the Town of North

Carrollton for \$1000.00 per the following locations. Along the railroad tracks, City Park, street sides adjacent to ditches, around the street sign and welcome signs.

- Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC – Chase Williams – owner- Winona, Ms., Mr. Williams also provided his proof of liability coverage. Proposal was 16 grass cuttings within the town, shown to me by the Town’s maintenance personnel, including but not limited to the following: all right-of-ways on all streets within the town; areas along the railroad tracks; the City Park; streets adjacent to ditches; around all street signs; and, around the Welcome signs. Cleaning out all ditches and culverts within the Town of North Carrollton at no cost to the town. There will be no spraying without first receiving direct approval from for the Town of North Carrollton. I agree to perform all of the above specifications twice a month, for eight months, totaling sixteen instances that the above specifications will be performed during the 2018. My bid for performing the above is priced at \$1000.00 per cutting, for each instance that the above specifications are performed. The total bid price for 2018 is 16,000.00. In the event the Town of North Carrollton wishes for me to perform additional services, such as: mulching, erosion control; sodding; etc. I will be happy to discuss performing any additional work, as the need arises, at a reasonable price. If chosen, there will be at least 5 workers on the job to get the job completed in a reasonable time. For safety, we use; safety cones on the road sides, amber flashing lights on equipment, and each worker has a safety vest on at all times. This will allow a safe working environment and show a level of professionalism for the Town of North Carrollton. Additionally, if need were to arise, I have access to heavy equipment such as: Bobcats and excavators. After much in depth discussion the board selected Chase William Lawn Care. Alderman Strachan made the motion, Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays- None

9. Discussed was the old tower lying beside the fire station. Interim Fire Chief, Andy Vining said that Adam Eubanks was interested in buying it from the town. Chief Vining said he would not know what the value of the said item would be. The board said they would have to determine the value and declare it surplus.

10. Discussed was the 2% Sales Tax. Alderman Carpenter said business owner Mike Carpenter was unable to attend the meeting to discuss his opinion regarding the 2% sales tax. Alderman Strachan said that he found out from Representative Chassional that the local and private committee that the senate passed the town’s 2% sales tax Resolution, it will then go to the full senate and to the house after that. Alderman Strachan said there has been things said about the Resolution. He said it goes back when he first talked to Representative Chassional. Alderman Strachan said that he will take all blame because he brought it up. Alderman Strachan said that he has looked at the logic of it, he has discussed it with local citizens on the streets and he has even wrote articles about the said subject of the 2% sales tax. He said no one can argue with the them about our property taxes, you can look at North Carrollton, Greenwood, Winona, Grenada and Carrollton. Some of these counties all have low property taxes and that is a plus if someone is going to move to one of those said locations. Alderman Strachan said the board looks at all venues of how to raise more monetary funds for the town. The thing about it is when the board passed the Resolution, the ultimate decision will be the residents of North Carrollton when it comes to for the Resolution to be voted on. What other fair way is it than to begin with the voters. Alderman Strachan said he first came to serve on the board in 2001, he had residents come in and ask about recreation for the town and other issues. One

thing back then grants were readily more available for towns than they are today. This Resolution will open the door for tourism dollars spent that we can put back into the town without having to raise property taxes or spend the towns reserve / operating money. Alderman Strachan said the majority of other counties are doing this and when we travel to the counties and spend money we are giving them extra tax money. He said if we don't pass it then we will be the only county in the surrounding area not doing it. Alderman Strachan said that word has gotten out on the internet about taxes the lunches at the school, Alderman Strachan said that he has spoken with the tax commissioner and told him that a business owner had asked that question. Whether it is a public or private school the tax will not affect them. The other thing that was pointed out for the businesses owners was that retailer that collects sales tax will get 2% rebate on the amount of sales tax you collect each month when you pay it in that will be more money for the town to receive in its state tax settlement each month. Alderman Strachan said they if you have a restaurant in North Carrollton you will receive more money because of this Resolution. Alderman Carpenter said that Alderman Strachan needs to tell the owners this, but no business owner has showed up for discussion. Alderman Carpenter said that Mr. Oliver called him and that he said that it was nothing more than a tax on your own people, because we don't have any tourism. Alderman Strachan said that Representative Oliver should have said that to his on people in Winona. Alderman Strachan said his main concern is for the Town of North Carrollton.

Reports:

- Sales Tax was up
- Alderman Strachan presented a proclamation for the board support for a National Holiday for the Rev. Billy Graham. Alderman Strachan asked the board to approve the proclamation to be sent to President Trump, House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Alderman Strachan made the motion, Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes - All, Nays – None- The Proclamation stands for the support of setting a National Holiday to remember this great man.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk