

**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 5, 2019** 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	Absent
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. Alderwoman Sheppard 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 Carpenter made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderwoman Sheppard made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays-None.

Public Comment was made on behalf of fire Chief Andy Vining by Mayor Strachan. Monthly Activity Report for December 2018. There were a total of 4 Calls.

Fire Calls:

During the month of January CNCVFD responded to 1-Fuel Leak at 4K, 2-Grass fires and 1-structure that involved a single fatality.

Training:

CNCVFD attended 3-state training classes which were taught by an instructor from the Mississippi State Fire Academy.

Also, for our monthly business/training session at CNCVFD we held our **2nd Bi-annual Firefighter Field Training Exercise**. Firefighters were put through multiple scenarios of Search and Rescue where firefighters searched a

structure for a victim, Initiated a Firefighter Mayday call where if one of our fireman go down all radio traffic and all fire ground operations focus on the rescue of that downed fireman & a Rapid Intervention Team deployment this team is deployed with one mission and that is to locate that downed fireman then extricate him/her from danger.

All training is crucial for firefighter safety and survival while operating on and off the fire ground.

3. Mississippi Forestry Grant update. The funding originally recorded in November 2018 minutes was in the amount of \$ 4,499.66. After the order was placed a lot of items were on back order and due to the timeframe of the reimbursement grant, the amount of the final invoice is in the amount of \$2,864.00. These items were order from Forestry Supplies, Inc. The order was personally picked up by Fire Chief Vining and paid for on the same day. All documentation has been submitted by the Fire Chief for reimbursement of payment.

4. Boyd Rate Increase. Mayor Strachan said that all paperwork has been completed and is scheduled to be mailed to Public Service Commissioner's office for their review around the end of the month.

5. The Board next took up for consideration, the opening of the grass cutting bids for the cutting season of 2019. Upon opening the bids, the clerk advised the Board that the following bids were received:

1. Sanders Lawn Care – Cliff Sanders, Owner - \$900.00/per cut;
2. Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC – Chase Williams, Owner - \$975.00/per cut; and
3. Jordan Lawn Care – Bobby Jordan, Owner - \$1,500.00/per cut

After much discussion, Alderman Hearn moved to accept the bid of Chase Williams

Lawn Care, LLC, as the lowest and best bid. Motion was duly seconded by Alderman Carpenter Thereupon, Alderman Hearn opened the floor for discussion on the Motion, and the following factors were considered in determining that the bid of Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC was, in fact, the lowest and best bid.

1. The experience of Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC in performing the cutting responsibilities for the Town in 2018 and its experience in identifying and familiarity with the numerous locations needed to be cut for the Town;
2. Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC has more personnel and equipment, which allows him to perform the grass cutting services in a timely fashion;
3. Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC went above and beyond the terms of the previous contract in an attempt to assist the town when needed; and
4. The Town was very pleased with the quality of work performed by Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC during his previous contract period; and
5. The difference in the bid submitted by Chase Williams Lawn Care, LLC and Sanders Lawn Care resulted in a per cut difference of only \$75.00.

6. Order for Professional Services of advertisement for a 2019 CDBG Grant. Alderman Costilow made the motion to advertise. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

7. Under New business Mayor Strachan presented to the Town of North Carrollton, 2019 Drainage Improvement Plan Phase II. This phase addresses the drainage issues on East Alley Street, Marshall Road Gin to Fist Street. The Mayor presented pictures regarding the said streets. Mayor Strachan said that he had met with Casey Carpenter with C & C Tree Service, they both assessed the said streets. This plan can be done in two months project as follows:

- Clean out and clear on East Alley with bobcat - \$225.00
- Clean out ditches on Marshall on Marshall Road - \$ 350.00
- Clean out and bush hog right side of RR tracks and ditch (up to this price) - \$900.00

After further discussion the board approved Phase II of the plan. Alderman Carpenter made the motion. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None

8. New business discussed was Traffic Safety within the Town of North Carrollton. Alderman Sheppard discussed areas of concerns, areas being corner of Sanders Grocery, 4K Convenience Store and Store Front adjacent to the Fire Department. Vehicles entering and exiting the businesses. After further discussion the board agreed for the Mayor Strachan to contact MDOT concerning the said matter.

9. Alderman Sheppard also discussed ways to show appreciation to our town merchants. Alderman Sheppard suggested different ways to show appreciation from the town and/or citizens. One way being a Meet & Greet, or in the newspaper, honor a merchant etc. After further discussion, Mayor Strachan suggested she contact the CCDA and discuss the idea with President George Johnson and Carrollton Mayor Pam Lee.

10. Also discussed was the need of handicap ramp adjacent to Tutti's. Alderman Costilow and Alderman Carpenter said they would look into a location for a ramp.

11. Mayors Report:

Mayor Strachan reported that on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 he attended the Big Sand Water Shed Association meeting at the Community House in Carrollton. Other officials in attendance with Mayor Strachan were Carroll County Supervisors Jim Neill, Terry Brown, Claude Fluker, and Carroll County Tax Assessor Wilton Neal. Mayor Strachan said that there was a good attendance and was a discussion on the effects of the levies and dams in Carroll County.

Mayor Strachan presented the following letter of response to Richard Parham with the Rating Bureau. Mayor Strachan explained this was the one year follow up concerning the restructuring of the Carrollton/North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Strachan read the letter to the board and asked for a motion for the letter to be recorded in the Minute Book. Alderman Costilow made the motion, Alderwoman Sheppard made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

Mayor Strachan reported that he attended the Mississippi Municipal League Mid-Winter Legislative Conference. While at the conference he attended the MML Board of directors meeting where Northern District Public Service Commissioner Brandon Presley addressed those in attendance regarding the Rural Internet Bill that 66 towns and cities had approved resolutions in support including North Carrollton. Mayor Strachan reported that the Rural Internet Bill has now passed both the House of Representatives and the Senate and has been signed by Gov. Phil Bryant.

Mayor Strachan reported that the presentation for the students at Marshall Elementary School was Friday, January 25, 2019 at the school gym for Mississippi Municipal League Coloring and Activities Book. Mayor Strachan said that he had certificates for the overall winner, first place, second place, third place, and fourth place winners that were signed by him and City Clerk Glynnis Taylor. Mayor Strachan also had certificates that were presented to all the students at the ceremony who participated in the fourth grade level. This was in observance of Mississippi Municipal Government Week. Mayor Strachan said other officials joining in in the awards presentation with him were, Alderman Mitchell Costilow, Alderwoman Barbara Duke Sheppard, Carroll County Supervisors Jim Neill, Terry Brown, and Claude Fluker.

Mayor Strachan reported that on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. he hosted the Carroll County Development Association Board of Directors meeting at North Carrollton City hall.

Mayor Strachan reported that on Friday, February 1, W.A. Kendall and Company was trimming limbs in North Carrollton. This work was being done for Entergy, and they left debris piled in ditches. They went to Carrollton on Saturday and was shredding the limbs as they cut them. Mayor Strachan said he contacted the company and requested the limbs be moved from North Carrollton and they should have been the day before. Mayor Strachan said after he talk to the state manager for the company, the debris was moved Saturday afternoon.

Mayor Strachan reported Steve Bailey had talked to him about the sewer backing up, Galen cleaned the sewer out from 4K to James Richard Turner and there were several roots in the sewer line. Also they cleaned the manhole out behind the yellow house.

Mayor Strachan reported that he had a worker that Justice Court sent to work off a fine. Mayor Strachan he worked with him all day and he will be back Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Mayor Strachan said that they picked up litter (7) bags throughout the town, planted daffodils in the box in front of the gun store on Main Street. Also the worker and Mayor Strachan cleaned all the leaves in the ditch from 4K to the railroad tracks (8) bags of leaves and debris.

Mayor Strachan said that the daffodils that the town received from the Urban Forest Council, he planted down the fence from the CNCVFD. Also Mayor Strachan reported that he planted two cedar trees on each end of the new flower bed.

Alderman Givens 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, Alderman Hearn made the motion to adjourn and Alderman Givens made the second motion.

Mayor

Clerk