

**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 **January 7, 2019** to conduct the following official business.

**Official Attendance**

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| 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         | Absent  |

**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. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Hearn 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 Costilow made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays-None.
3. 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. Training Classes are scheduled for January 21, 22 and 24<sup>th</sup> of 2019- Fire Attack for the Modern Era. January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – firefighters will conduct biannual skills and assessment training within the CNCVFD fire station beginning at 6p.m. Other Businesses- Approval for Delta Hills Fire Protection to refill CNCVFDS fire extinguishers. Alderman Carpenter made the motion. Alderwoman Sheppard made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None
4. Boyd Rate Increase. Mayor Strachan said that Galen Shumaker reviewed the financial report submitted by the town accountant and Galen Shumaker said to send it back to Howard for some clarification on the report.
5. Unfinished discussed was the town’s backhoe. Mayor Strachan said that he has followed up with a call to Thomas Auctions. The gentleman assessed the back hoe and said that he believes he can get

between \$3500 and \$4500 auctioned off. The cost to transport the backhoe would be \$500.00, he said that he could subtract that cost from what it would bring at auction. There would be no other fees. After further discussion Alderwoman Sheppard made the motion to auction the back hoe. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None. Mayor Strachan said he would contact Thomas Auctions that the board approved the proposal.

6. Other unfinished business discussed was the Feasibility Study/ Water Systems Alternatives, by Willis Engineering. . There were four alternatives to choose from. The alternatives cost, range from \$511,548.50 to \$15,552,157.40. Mayor Strachan said that he had met with Kim Goss with Willis and discussed that any CDBG grant under \$495,000.00 there would be no match. Mayor Strachan said that he had discussed with Galen to look at what improvements the towns needs so the town could apply for another CDBG Grant.

7. Under New business Mayor Strachan presented to his own feasibility study of the Town of North Carrollton, 2019 Drainage Improvement Plan. The plan addresses the drainage issues on Cemetery Street, Hoboken Street, Winona Road to the old gin area and Morgan 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 month- project as follows:

Phase 1 – Clean out and clear ditch of leaves on Hoboken with bobcat.

Weed eat ditch on Winona Road

Remove limbs in ditch and clean out stopped up Culverts on Cemetery Road

Total Cost \$675.00

Phase 2 – Clean out culverts & ditches on Morgan Street.

Total Cost \$200.00

After further discussion, Mayor Strachan said that once the issues are addressed, then when the Grass Cutting Crew mows, he will personally tell them the areas where the areas are to be cut. Mayor Strachan said after the phases is completed he will let the Board know so they can assess the areas and see if anything else needs to be addressed, before an invoice is submitted for payment. Alderman Hearn made the motion to approve the said plan. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

8. New business discussed was the advertisement for Grass Cutting Proposals. Mayor Strachan presented the following proposal to the board.

Advertisement for Proposals

Proposals will be received by the Town of North Carrollton for job of grass cutting. Specifications will be available at City Hall in North Carrollton on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Proof of liability insurance must be attached to proposal.

Proposals will be opened on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the North Carrollton Town Hall. All proposals should be submitted in the Town Hall by 4p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. All areas deemed necessary at the time of grass cutting will be shown by the Mayor.

All street sides and adjacent Ditches, including the entire ditch to the bottom where water flows during rains being cut.

The city park

Areas along railroad tracks

Welcome Signs

Sidewalks where grass is growing through cracks cut

All litter must be picked up in the area grass is to be cut

After grass cutting, area needs to be swept such as sidewalks etc.

Alderman Givens said to make sure all areas are cut in regarding events the town will have throughout the year. After further discussion, Alderman Costilow made the motion to accept the proposal and to bid out the grass, Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None.

9. Other new business was the quote for a chain saw. Mayor Strachan said that he would like to table this for now. He has not had a chance to talk to Wayne Carpenter, maintenance man due to Wayne being out sick.

10. Mayors Report:

Mayor Strachan attended the Veterans Helping Veterans meeting on December 11, 2018 where the guest speaker the Mississippi Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at Kilmichael Director Marcus Lawson. Mayor Strachan told the veterans in attendance the Town of North Carrollton appreciated all the good work they were doing in Carroll County.

Mayor Strachan met with Kim Goss of Willis Engineering concerning the MDOT grant funds for Cemetery Road. She informed Mayor Strachan that the town should know in January 2019. Mayor Strachan mailed two letters requesting support for said funds to U.S. Senator Roger Wicker and U.S. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith. Senator Wicker's office called Mayor Strachan on Friday, January 4, 2019 and informed him they had received his letter and are involved with infrastructure funding on the federal level.

Mayor Strachan informed Mrs. Goss that the town of North Carrollton wants to look into all grants that will help improve the long term goals of the town. He shared with her the photos and information he had of areas in the town. Including the bridge at Beasley Creek, and the possibility of looking for a grant for white rock with USDA, and the preparedness for the upcoming Community Block Grant application. It was discussed the availability of other grants including sidewalks. Mayor Strachan informed Mrs. Goss that the town would look at all available funding opportunities to further make improvements with the long term goals of the town.

Mayor Strachan reported that he asked Ginny Neal to update the town's website with an update of the town officials and add the Code Red Sign Up for local emergency notifications and severe weather warnings. He said that Ginny Neal had updated the website and added the Code Red.

Mayor Strachan reported that he met with Marshall Elementary School Dr. Fletcher Harges and the fourth grade teachers about the Mississippi Municipal League Municipal Government Week activities. Mayor Strachan delivered the MML Coloring and Activities Books. There will be 78 students participating in the activities. Mayor Strachan said that the principal and teachers appreciated the town working with the school and looks forward to many more projects.

Mayor Strachan said that there will be an awards presentation from him to the students in January after the students had completed the MML Coloring and Activities Books. He said there will be an overall winner and first, second, third, and fourth place winners.

Mayor Strachan informed the board that the new stop sign, children at play signs, and speed limit signs had been placed on Cemetery Street. Mayor Strachan said that he contacted Robert Anderson and had the inmates from the Carroll/Montgomery Correctional Facility rake the leaves and bag them on Cemetery Street and Jefferson Street.

This helped the drainage; Mayor Strachan said he evaluates the ditches for drainage concerns after rains.

Mayor Strachan said that Maintenance Worker Wayne Carpenter had got two posts for the street and stop signs on Morgan Street and Love Street. Wayne had put the sign up on Morgan Street and Mayor Strachan got the inmates from the Carroll/Montgomery Correctional Facility to put the sign up on Love Street. Mayor Strachan also got the inmates to get up the rest of the Christmas decorations and to keep a check on litter while Wayne is out.

Mayor Strachan presented the following letter from the town of Vaiden concerning their use of the town's generator. Mayor Strachan said he talked to Mayor Hawthorne and asked him to put the request in writing with the conditions of the request. Alderman Hearn made the motion to approve the said request. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays -None

Mayor Strachan informed the board that the street lines have been touched up and on Main Street from 4K to the railroad tracks a new white line has been placed on each side of the street. Mayor Strachan said this is more visible at night that will help near the ditch. Mayor Strachan has been working with MDOT on the street lines.

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

Therefore being no further business, the board adjourned

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Mayor

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Clerk