

**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 2, 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	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 requested to amend the agenda by adding to new business – removal / paving of railroad tracks at crossings. Alderman Hearn requested to add under new business new flag for Whitfield Memorial. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None.
2. The board of Aldermen reviewed the minutes. Alderman Givens made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays-None.
3. Mayor Strachan on behalf of the Fire Chief gave the fire reports May & Junes. They are as follows:

Total Fire Calls: 9

Fire Calls:

Vehicle Fire (May 6); Vehicle Fire (May 10); Fire Alarm (May 11); Residential Fire (May 14); Fire Alarm (May 16); MVC (May 19); Fire Alarm (May 20); Vehicle Fire (May 21); Grass Fire (May 30)

Training:

Inventory of trucks; servicing of vehicles; exercising the Jaws of Life

Monthly Activity Report for June 2019

Total Fire Calls: 7

Fire Calls:

Vehicle Fire (June 5); Vehicle Fire (June 13); Vehicle Fire (June 14); Residential Fire/Assist (June 16); Brush Fire (June 18); MVC (June 19); MVC (June 27)

Training:

Training of pumping and recirculating foam; training of basics of drafting (from portable tank to pumper); Inventory of trucks

Activity Report

Total Fire Calls: 3

Fire Calls:

1-Barn FIRE (April 6th), 1-Car Fire (April 20th), 1-Hay Bale Fire (April 28th)

Training:

Members performed routine maintenance on all apparatuses and reviewed vehicle operation training.

4. Boyd Rate Increase. All paperwork has been mailed (certified) to the Mississippi Public Service Commission. Upon receipt of receiving the Letter of Intent from the Public Service Commission, then all Boyd Customers will be mailed notifications of the Intent.

5. Other unfinished business discussed was the ditches at East Side of Marshall Elementary School and the West Side (Fourth Street) of Marshall Elementary School. Mayor Strachan presented a proposal of the said project to the board for their review. The Proposal was as follows: Clean up the ditch on Marshall Elementary East Side and Marshall Elementary West Side (Fourth Street). Beat 4 Supervisor Claude Fluker and Mayor Strachan and Casey Carpenter assessed the two sites and after looking over the area and discussing the said area. Supervisor Fluker agreed to pay half of the cost if the board of alderpersons agreed. The cost from C & C Tree Company was \$700.00. After further discussion Alderman Givens made the motion to accept the proposal, pending that the county pay the other half. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

6. Mayor Strachan discussed the new business of changing the August Board Meeting Date. Mayor Strachan said that due to the upcoming County Election the board meeting will need to be changed. Alderman Givens made the motion to move the meeting to Thursday, August 8, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m., due to the county using the town's board room. Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

7. New business discussed was the 2018 Trans & Infra Improvements – Marshall Street Paving – Approval for Payment of \$6,428.00. Willis Engineering. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to approve payment. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

8. SMLP Grant – 2019 – Mayor Strachan discussed the said grant at length. Resolution was between the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of North Carrollton. The Resolution authorizes and approved the Mayor, on behalf of the city, entering into a grant on behalf of the city from the Mississippi Development Authority in an amount not to exceed \$150, 0000.00 for the purpose of drainage improvements and street signage related to and thus enhancing economic development through the creation of jobs. Mayor Strachan gave a copy of an overview he did of streets in North Carrollton. Discussed was the sidewalks on Martin Luther King Drive, Williamson Street, Hoboken Street. Discussed was also stop signs. The deadline for submitting the grant is July 15th. There will be a proposal done in the area of the schools which is the largest employer in the town and county. Discussed was the areas where the signs will be placed in the said area. Mayor Strachan said that he talked with all 3 supervisors for the Town of North Carrollton, because all of this falls in their district. Mayor Strachan said that the grant is a 90/10 grant. The 10% can be an in-kind so all Supervisors agreed to help with the in-kind. Alderman Hearn made the motion to pass the RESOLUTION. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

9. Business discussed was the sewer manhole at Kathy Cox. Mayor Strachan said he had looked at a video of the said area. Mayor Strachan said that he had talked to Galen Shumaker. Worrell Electric Company repaired the float at the lagoon. Thursday afternoon there was another heavy rain, Mayor Strachan said that he had spoken with Mr. Buck Downs and he said whatever was done there was no sewage backup after the heavy rain. Willis Engineering has also assessed the area. Galen Shumaker will also be assessing the line for roots etc. that could be causing the overflow when there is heavy rainfall. Mayor Strachan said that he has spoken with DEQ while he was at the MML about possible loans to repair the said area if need be.

10. New business discussed, Alderman Carpenter said that he had been approached by individuals concerning the railroad crossings in town. Alderman Carpenter said they were asking if the crossings could be paved over since the railroad is not in operation anymore. Alderwoman Sheppard said that she in the process of getting a list together concerning the railroad/park discussed previously and that she would inquire about the paving as when she talks to the railroad personnel.

11. Other new business discussed was the purchase of a new flag for the Whitfield Fire Memorial. Alderman Hearn said the flag was damaged during the last storm. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to purchase a new flag. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

12. Town Clerk discussed getting proposal from Grenada Pest Control Quote / Bid for termite /pest work. Quarterly Pest Alderman Carpenter made a motion to get a quote. Alderwoman Sheppard made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None

13. New business discussed 2019 Funding Opportunity Announcement for funding available for a 2019 State Homeland Security Grant. Mayor Strachan said that he had talked to Chris Pope with NCPD and he said the deadline for applying for the grant is August 31st. There is no match and there is a list from Homeland Security that they can pick from this has to be done through the town. Any equipment picked can be used by the town and any departments of the town. The Alderman Carpenter made the motion to apply for the said grant. Alderwoman Sheppard made the second motion. Ayes- All- Nays - None

Mayors Report

- Mayor Strachan reported that on Monday, June 10, 2019 Mayor Strachan along with David Dale of the CNCVFD with the help of Wayne Carpenter put a new pipe for drainage at the CNCVFD fire station. The old one had been crushed, to keep this from happening again, Mayor Strachan and David Dale after fixing the pipe, covered it with quick-crete.
- Mayor Strachan reported that he attended the Mississippi Municipal League 2019 annual conference in Biloxi and participated in the graduation ceremony of becoming a certified municipal official with obtaining over 60 hours of municipal continuing education.
- Mayor Strachan reported that Hal McClain had finished the markers/reflectors on Main Street from 4K to the Rail Road tracks. Mayor Strachan said that he had a lot of citizen's comment on how good they look at night that helps with safety.
- Mayor Strachan reported that he had repainted some of the street lines Monday night ahead of the July 4, 2019 holiday.
- Mayor Strachan reported that on Monday, June 17, Mayor Strachan along with Water Operator Galen Shumaker, Willis Engineering, Clerk Glynnis Taylor, and Beat 1 Supervisor Jim Neill met with officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for site Inspections. This included Cemetery Street, Dr. Martin Luther King Street, and the Boyd Water Line. Mayor Strachan said that all of the work has been signed off on. Mayor Strachan said they with President Trump declaring Carroll County in the Federal Declaration should help North Carrollton in getting funds for these areas.
- Mayor Strachan said that he contacted Beat 2 Supervisor Terry Brown about gravel for the washout on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and the gravel had been placed and spread along with the debris moved

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

Mayor

Clerk