

**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 **September 3, 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	Present
CPA - Howard Davis	Present
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 Hearn requested to amend the agenda by adding to new business – Pressure Washing the Town Hall. Alderman Costilow requested to amend the agenda by adding to new business about a barrier for the Town Hall water meter box. Alderman Givens made the motion to approve the amended agenda. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None.
2. The board of Aldermen/Alderwoman 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 report for August – 2019. Carrollton/North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department

Total Fire Calls: 1 - House fire 8/24/19

Training:

Instructor from the MSFA Taught class on Basic Truck Operations 1001. This was a 12 hour class broken down into 3 nights. CNCVFD had a total of 9 firemen in the class.

CNCVFD also had a pump test conducted on engine 21 for fire rating purposes. The test is a simple pass/fail. Engine 21 performed wonderfully and passed with flying colors!

4. New Business discussed – Mr. Howard Davis, CPA for the Town of North Carrollton, presented a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2019-2020. The General Fund millage rate remained the same at 35 mills – 33 mills for the General Fund with 2 mills for the Fire Fund. A motion was made and adopted to approve the proposed budget for the fiscal year of 2019– 2020. Alderman Givens made the motion to adopt and approve the proposed budget. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None. Discussed was the cost of Boyd Expenses.
5. Unfinished business discussed was the Boyd Rate Increase update: Mayor Strachan said there was some residents that intervened on the said rate increase, so now there will have to be a public hearing. Also the Mayor asked the board of Alderman to reaffirm their approval of transferring funds from the North Carrollton Water Fund to meet the Boyd Expenses. Alderman Givens made to motion to reaffirm the monthly transfers to Boyd. Alderwoman Sheppard made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None
6. Galen Shumaker gave a report on the leak by J.Z. George on George Street. There was no main water line leak, but there was an old water line that ran adjacent to the school. A cut off valve was found and they closed it off and the leaked stopped. The fire hydrant on Cemetery Road will not close completely. Mayor Strachan said the Fire Department finally got hydrant to turn off. This was also noted by the Fire Department that this fire hydrant was shut off. Also, the clerk and the mayor said that a resident on Cemetery Road was still complaining about water standing. Both Galen and the Mayor will check the said area. Also discussed was the Bridge Work on 215, Galen said the town will be receiving invoices for the said project and to hold them and give them to Willis Engineering. He gave an update about relocating the water line at a later date on county road 215. The town will be receiving invoices from various vendors regarding the said project and that the clerk was to file those invoices in separate folder. After the town pays for the said cost of materials for the water line being relocated the town in turn will send an invoice to Willis Engineering for reimbursement of the said supplies. Galen will give the project # to the clerk. Galen also discussed the Booster Station Project and said the repairs that was done through Greenbrier for the Booster Station Grant has not worked properly, he said that he is going to have to go in behind them and make repairs himself by installing new check valves, one of the meters is running all the time. One checked valve has been ordered already and should be here by tomorrow. Alderman Carpenter asked about the radio for the water towers that will replace the tech line. Galen said it would be about \$3500.00, but he will look back on his notes and let the board know the price so the clerk can let the board know.
7. Marshall Road Paving Mayor Strachan said that he had spoken with Willie Engineering today and according to the schedule, the paving of Marshall Road should start October 1, 2019. The paving should be completed about a week time. Alderman Givens said the board needs a report of the start and completion on the project. Mayor Strachan said once the project is completed there will be a nice decorative stop sign also placed on Marshall Road.
8. Alderman Costilow discussed a barrier be put around the water meter that is located adjacent to the board room doors. There are 2 metal post that are on the sides of the meter to keep cars that park on the side of the town hall from driving over it. After further discussion, Mayor Strachan said he will call Leflore Steel who designed the water grates for the town and see what he could suggest we do.
9. Alderman Hearn discussed the new business of having the town hall pressured washed. After further discussion Mayor Strachan said that he will get some quotes for the said project.

10. 2% Tourism Tax Resolution – Discussed was the acknowledgement that all funds generated from the said tax shall be placed into a special fund apart from the city general fund and any other funds and expended by the city strictly for the purposes prescribed under Section 2 or Senate Bill 2896. It was motioned by Alderman Carpenter and duly seconded by Alderman Hearn to adopt the 2% tax levy resolution with the proper process of notifications, filings and a public vote for measure. The date for the public vote will be Tuesday, November 5, 2019, the election will be held in the areas adjacent to the mayor's office.

Mayors Report

Mayor Strachan reported that he followed up on Alderman Costilow's request to check on some gravel for near the road by Shell Go and Aunt Bees. Mayor Strachan said that he contacted Supervisor Claude Fluker for the gravel, and Casey Carpenter to spread the gravel. Mayor Strachan said the work was completed.

Mayor Strachan reported that he attended the Mississippi Municipal League's Legislative meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at North Central Planning and Development District in Winona. Mayor Strachan said it was discussed the past legislative session and the upcoming 2020 legislative session. Mayor Strachan said the meeting included the Local Government Debt Setoff Act (HB 911) that Gov. Phil Bryant signed into law on March 19, 2019, the Mississippi First Responders Health & Safety Act, and the Mississippi Infrastructure Modernization Act Of 2018.

Mayor Strachan reported that he along with Alderman Givens attended the meeting that Water Operator Galen Shumaker and the Mississippi Department of Health had on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 in Carmack. Mayor Strachan said this was the meeting on the Neptune Technology AMR radio read system for water meters.

Mayor Strachan said that on Sunday, August 18, 2019 he received a call that the Bank of Commerce front windows had been broken out. Mayor Strachan said that he arrived at the location along with the Carroll County Sheriff Department.

Mayor Strachan reported that he had been working with Chris Pope with North Central Planning and Development, and CNCVFD Fire Chief Jake Hurst on the Homeland Security Grant. Mayor Strachan said that the grant was filed on time in the amount of \$33,950

Mayor Strachan reported that on Sunday, September 1, 2019 he received a call that there was a tree with light lines that had fell on Cemetery Street. Mayor Strachan said that he had contracted Energy and the Carrollton/North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Strachan said both responded and the debris was removed and power cut off. Mayor Strachan said that he along with Entergy and the CNCVFD members stayed until all was clear and there was no safety hazard. Mayor Strachan said the road was opened by mid-morning.

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

Mayor

Clerk