

**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, 2013**, to conduct the following official business.

Official Attendance

Mayor Dianne S. Slocum	Present
Alderman Tom Hearn	Present
Alderman Mitchell Costilow	Present
Alderman Edward Carpenter	Present
Alderwoman Jenifer Houston	Present
Alderman Christopher R. Givens	Present
Town Clerk Glynnis Taylor	Present
Water Director Galen Shumaker	Present
Account - Howard Davis	Present
Attorney – Ryan Taylor	Present

Public Attendee(s)

Susie James – Reporter for the Conservator
Richard Macy

Agenda Attendee(s)

Fire Chief – Phil Costilow
Mike Carver – Willis Engineering

Mayor, Dianne S. Slocum called the meeting to Order at 6:00 and Alderman (Brother) Edward Carpenter opened with prayer.

1. Mayor Slocum asked the board to accept the agenda as was. Alderman Costilow made the motion to accept the agenda. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None
2. The board of Aldermen and Alderwoman reviewed the minutes. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderwoman Houston made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None
3. Public Comment was made by Carroll County resident, Mr. Richard Macy. Mr. Macy who resides outside the city limits expressed his concerns and also the concerns of Mr. Ken Strachan and Mr. Wilton Neal who were unable to attend the board meeting. Their concerns were regarding the dilapidated properties within North Carrollton. The issues he presented to the town were the row of dilapidated houses on Singleton Street. He expressed to the board these structures posed health, safety and fire hazards issues. Mr. Macy gave a protocol on how to address the problem, goals to solve the problem and how to accomplish the said goals. He also presented possible alternatives and proposed actions. After further discussion Mayor Slocum said that recently she has been working with North Carrollton residents

to clean up certain areas that had been neglected. Mayor Slocum, suggested to Mr. Macy perhaps he spearhead the said project regarding the dilapidated houses.

4. Unfinished business was the culvert at Dr. Jack Sanders. The town clerk submitted to the board three (3) quotes for a new culvert at the said residence. After reviewing the quotes, Alderman, Hearn made the motion to purchase the 30 LF – culvert at a price of \$370.20 + a drop charge of \$50.00. Alderman Costilow made the second motion, Ayes – All, Nays - None

5. The Town Clerk submitted a report from Faulkner regarding an assessment of the town's fire hydrants for the board to review. The cost of repairing 24 of the 44 fire hydrants would be an estimated cost of \$9500.00. The clerk said if the town has applied for a grant for replacing the fire hydrants, but if the grant is denied then the town will have to look at other options to repair and maintain the hydrants.

6. Old business discussed was the sale of the bush hog and finishing mower. Alderman Houston gave an update on the status of the sale of the bush hog and finishing mower. Finishing mower is repaired; Alderwoman Houston said she is waiting for the man to give her a price. The bush hog is also repaired and is waiting on a price for another bush hog. After further discussion the board declared the equipment surplus property so the town could sell the equipment. Alderwoman Houston made the motion. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All – Nays – None

7. New business discussed was regarding an emergency tornado siren for the town. Fire Chief Phil Costilow said this year the town was selected for a grant through the MEMA Mitigation Grant Program. The grant was done as a package deal between Carrollton and North Carrollton. Carrollton will have a siren and North Carrollton will have a siren. Chief Costilow said this is a 75 / 25 grant. The total cost of the siren is \$23,398.00 this includes the pole and the installation of the siren. The siren will be mounted behind the fire station. The town's cost of 25% will be \$5849.00. Chief Costilow said the schools will be given annunciators and when the sirens are activated the annunciators are activated as well so everyone will be on the same page on what procedure to follow in the event of a tornado. Alderman Hearn made the motion to accept the grant. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

8. Mike Carver with Willis Engineering submitted the bids for the CDBG Project# 1129-12-278-PF-01. Mr. Carver submitted their recommendation of the lowest bid which was American Infrastructure which was the lowest bid. Suncoast came in second by a \$1000.00. Mr. Carver said there will be a Pre-Construction meeting, Wednesday, September 3rd at 2:00 a.m. with American Infrastructure for the signing of the contracts. After further discussion Alderman Carpenter made the motion to accept the bid. Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

9. New business was the proposed budget for 2013 – 2014 for the Town of North Carrollton. The town's auditor Mr. Howard Davis with Taylor, Powell and Wilson presented the proposed budget to the board. Mr. Davis gave his report to the board. Mr. Davis said everything seemed to be consistent with the prior years. At some point and time the board needs to consider a tax millage increase or a water rate increase to generate more income. The Boyd system is what is costing the town. After further discussion the board voted to adopt the proposed 2013 – 2014 budget. Alderman Givens made the motion to accept the proposed budget. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All – Nays – None

10. Other new business discussed was the ad for the Pilgrimage Paper that the Conservative prints each year. Mayor Slocum said that Amanda Sexton wanted her to ask the board to pay for an ad for the Town of North Carrollton. After further discussion Alderwoman Houston said that she would absorb that expense since they have a fund set up for the "Big Sand Creek Festival" .

11. Alderwoman Houston gave the board an update on the “Big Sand Creek Festival” which begins on October 5, 2013. The festival will begin officially at 9:00 a.m. There will be a variety of events going on at particular stores to promote their businesses. Other events will include a car show, pet parade, motorcycle and a movie to view. Carrollton/North Carrollton Volunteer Fire Department will be selling lunch plates. Organizations from JZ George and Carroll Academy will have booths set up to sell ducks for the duck race. 75% of the proceeds from this event will be split between the schools. Alderman Houston said that she met with the Pilgrimage committee in Carrollton and they are excited about North Carrollton joining in on their festival. Alderman Houston gave a list of sponsors which included Carrollton Clinic, Anderson’s Pharmacy, Reflections Hair Salon, Peoples Bank, Pay Day Loan and Cox’s Western Auto. Other businesses that have committed are Big Sand & Feed and Southern Prints. Also there will be printed t-shirts for sell. Alderwoman Houston said there are many other items that she is working on she will keep the board updated when the information becomes available. Mayor Slocum along with the board commended Alderwoman Houston on her hard work for the said festival.

12. Other new business discussed was the booster station at the Boyd System. Water Director Galen Shumaker informed the board that the valve and the booster station needs to be replaced. This valve opens and closes the flow at the tank. The cost of the valve will be around \$1200.00. After further discussion the board agreed for Mr. Shumaker to make the repairs at the booster station.

13. Reports given by Mayor Slocum - a copy of the response letter from the Carroll County School Board regarding the police car. Their response was they were going to keep the patrol car the town donated to them earlier in the year. Also the town’s sales tax had an increase of 16.9%. Mayor Slocum said she attended the open house at North Central Planning and Development in Winona. The new facilities will be a plus for our area. NCPD will be serving ten districts in our area. Mayor Slocum said there would be a meeting/luncheon at the Carrollton Café regarding Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Cross they are carrying to every county in Mississippi. This endeavor is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and what the cross represents. Alderman Carpenter said he would attend the meeting on behalf of the board.

14. Alderman Givens said he would like to see the Boil Water Notice Protocol. Town Clerk said she follows the procedure that is on file in the office. Mr. Shumaker gave a rundown of the state and town procedures to the board regarding the said notice. Alderman Givens said he had a request about the grass being cut at the Blue Ox Lumber and the ball fields. Also Alderman Givens had a request for speed bumps on Jefferson Road. Alderman Hearn said we need a couple of speed bumps at 4K. Mayor Slocum said we would have to order some more cold mix. Also Alderwoman Houston would like to see the sidewalks cleaned off, post office area for example. Alderman Givens said he could get some volunteers to clean of the sidewalks. Alderwoman Houston had a request to trim some brush on Cemetery Road by Jack Sanders residence. The town clerk said she would have the maintenance man take care of the brush. Alderman Costilow made a request on behalf of Wayne Carpenter for a larger spray tank. Alderwoman Houston said she would get some quotes for a sprayer.

15. The clerk presented the financial report and the payables to the board for approval. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to accept the financial report and pay the payables. Alderwoman Houston made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

Therefore being no further business Alderman Tom Hearn made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

MAYOR

CLERK

