

**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 **April 1, 2014**, 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	Absent
Attorney – Ryan Taylor	Absent

Public Attendee(s)

Susie James – Reporter for the Conservative - Present

Agenda Attendee(s)

David Putman – Christ’s Cross at the Crossroads
Jerry Yates – Yates Lawn Service

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

1. Mayor Slocum asked the board to accept the agenda as was. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to accept the agenda. Alderwoman Houston made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None
2. The board of Aldermen and Alderwoman reviewed the minutes. Alderman Costilow made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None
3. Mr. Putman spokesman for Christ’s Cross at the Crossroads Project in Winona thanked the board and the community for the support for the Cross Project. Mr. Putman passed out invitations to the board for the dedication of the cross. The dedication will be Easter Sunday Eve at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross. If it rains it will be held at the coliseum. Mr. Putman said the cross has been a wonderful project to work on.

4. Alderman Costilow discussed the old business of dogs running loose in the town. Alderman Costilow asked the board what the board wanted to do about it. Discussed was the procedure the town is using to catch the dogs and the procedures that were implemented in the past. After further discussion the board decided to use a larger pen at the vacant lot across from 4K to try and catch more dogs. Alderwoman Houston said she has a large trap at her business that a man has at her store. Alderman Houston said she would ask the man if the town could use it.

5. Other old business discussed was a weed sprayer for the town. Town clerk said the previous quote submitted by Alderwoman Houston was for \$ 2,730.00 from S & N. After further discussion Jerry Yates with Yates Lawn Service said he had a 25 gallon sprayer he would give to the town. The board thanked Mr. Yates for his donation of the sprayer.

6. Alderman Houston brought up the old business of water customer Crystal Adams water bill. Mrs. Adams discussed with Alderwoman Houston that she has not paid any on her water bill. Alderwoman said the board was going to inform Mr. Adams when her meter was being read and then let her know what the board was going to do about the said situation of her meter not being read. The town clerk said that she has submitted to Mrs. Adams the readings of the past 2 months. The clerk informed the board of the 4 months billing. The billing was consistent. Alderman Houston said she would tell Ms. Adams that the board reviewed her billing and there were no inconsistencies in the readings.

7. New business discussed was James Bailey request for having a concession stand in North Carrollton. The stand would be on Pate Shackelford's land adjacent to Alderman Hearn's business. After further discussion the board said there should not be any problems. The board welcomed Mr. Bailey with his new business.

8. Other new business discussed was Yates Lawn Service. Mayor Slocum said she had called Mr. Yates because the grass needed to be cut before the board meeting. Mayor Slocum asked Mr. Yates to inform the board of what he does for North Carrollton and as well as Carrollton in maintaining their lawn service. Mr. Yates said that Carrollton had asked their attorney if he could continue to cut the grass every year without the services having to be bid for every year. Their attorney said it was perfectly legally as long as both parties were satisfied with the service. Mr. Yates said that he has another two year verbal contract with Carrollton. He would like to continue doing the yard maintenance for the Town of North Carrollton as well. Mr. Yates said that he has been doing the yard maintenance for North Carrollton for five or six years now and that he has not increased in fees at this time. After further discussion the board agreed to continue to obtain Yates Lawn Service for the next two years with a verbal contract. If Mr. Yates decides to break the verbal contract then he will owe the town one free cutting and if the town no longer needs his service then he will owe the town one free lawn cutting. Alderman Mr. Tom Hearn made the motion to continue using Yates Lawn Service for the next two years Alderman Costilow made the second motion.
Ayes – All, Nays – None

9. New business discussed with the board was the purchase of a new CPU (Computer) for the town hall. The clerk said computer windows XP is nine years old. Windows XP security/ updates etc. will end on April 8, 2014. The quote was for \$1070.12- Quote for 1 new Dell Optiplex workstation without monitor. This quote includes keyboard and mouse and labor. After further discussion Alderwoman Houston said she could get a better quote from the company who handles her computer needs. Alderwoman Houston will get back with the clerk at let her know.

10. Under reports- discussed who was responsible for maintaining the fire hydrants located outside the city limits. The clerk told the board Fire Hydrant maintenance is the responsibility of the water system they are installed on. If North Carrollton has a hydrant on their water system but that hydrant is physically located out of the city limits is still maintained by the Town of North Carrollton. The fire

hydrant is part of the water line not the property, so if you maintain the water line you also maintain the hydrant. Mayor Slocum asked Mr. Shumaker about repairing the hydrant on Van Meter. Mr. Shumaker said the town could purchase a tee and a valve and repair the hydrant. A 4 inch valve will cost around \$300.00 dollars; total cost could be \$800.00 for parts and labor included. After further discussion Alderman Carpenter made the motion for Mr. Shumaker to repair the hydrant as needed on Van Meter. Alderwoman Houston made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

11. Also under reports were the repairs on the water tanks. Mr. Shumaker said that the Utility Service will be here on 04/02/2014 to start the repairs on the Boyd Tank. The work will be scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 9:00 p.m. If everything goes according to plan, customers on the Boyd system should have water service restored by the morning. Also discussed was the possibility of inclement weather on Thursday night, if there is stormy weather then the repairs will have to be postponed. Discussed was the water pressure being regulated when repairing the tank? After further discussion the board agreed to install a bypass regulator to regulate the water pressure. Alderman Carpenter made the motion; Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

12. Under reports was the removal of pipes at the old water tanks. Mr. Shumaker said they are still assessing the said area. Also discussed was the request for water for the Dunn property. Mr. Shumaker said at one time they had water there because there is a meter and a cut off valve there. At one – time someone must have capped off the line. Mr. Shumaker said it would be cheaper just to put another water line in the said area. New line cost could be an estimate of \$800.00 to \$1000.00. After further discussion the board decided to discuss the said request with the town’s attorney due to the fact the said property will not be a residence but a hunting camp.

13. Also under reports there was a Pre-Construction Conference on the above reference project (SM-13-519) on March 25, 2014 at the town hall. Discussed were the dates for repairs of the tanks and the removal of the old water tank.

14. The town maintenance report – Wayne Carpenter town’s maintenance personnel said that he has spoken with Supervisor Fluker regarding the said culverts on Winona Road. Mr. Fluker said to give him a time frame of two weeks to address the situation. Morgan street ditch was cleaned out.

15. Weather siren report- Weather sirens are installed and are working. Also discussed, was the clean out station being installed at the Shell’s Station. Alderman Costilow discussed the holes in the parking lot at Shell’s. The mayor suggested the town clerk write a letter to Mr. Van Meter, owner of Shell Station, requesting he addresses repairing the said parking lot. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to send the letter. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

16. The board approved the request for cash for the CDBG Grant. North Central Planning & Development- \$13,420.00, Willis Engineering - \$7,572.00 and American Infrastructure - \$66,774.69, Alderwoman Houston made the motion the approve the request. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None

17. The clerk presented the financial report. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to pay the bills and accept the financial report. Alderwoman Houston made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

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

MAYOR

TOWN CLERK

