

**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 **February 4, 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	Present

Public Attendee(s)

Susie James – Reporter for the Conservative - Present

Agenda Attendee(s)

Crystal Adams – North Carrollton Water Customer

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 Hearn made the motion to accept the agenda. Alderman Givens 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. NCWD (1) Customer Crystal Adams, voiced her complaint to the board about her water meter not being read. Mrs. Adams stated that she usually doesn't check her water meter readings to see if her meter

is actually being read. Mrs. Adams stated that is “just so happened” on the 21st of January, 2014 the meter reader passed her on the road and never turned down her driveway. She said she never questioned her water bills always being high and she never said anything she just kind of let it go. But, Mrs. Adams went back and said the meter man checked it on the 21st and on the 23rd she got a different reading. Mrs. Adams submitted a total of 12 photos – these photos included her name and date, time, the foliage around her meter, the concrete slab on top of her meter, more foliage and dirt dug up from her meter box and also the reading of her meter on January 23rd, 2014. Mrs. Adams stated there was a 700 gallon difference in a 2 day period. Mrs. Adams said that she is not asking that her billing be refigured from back billing. All Mrs. Adams said that she is asking that her bill be zeroed out until the meter man reads the meter again and figure whatever that amount will be for what she pays for this month, because she said due to that much dirt they have obviously not been reading her meter. She said there is no way that much dirt can be in her meter with the slab on it in a month. Mrs. Adams was going to re-read her meter before the board meeting so the board could look at the figures to show the board the difference. Mrs. Adams stated that her reading on January 23rd, 2014 was 3660200 and the reading on her bill was 3659500 – 700 hundred gallons difference. Mrs. Adams said there was no way she could have used that much water in 2 days unless there was 2 families living in there. Anyway she said the meter reader is just adding gallons to her billing each month. Mrs. Adams said she knows the board will not be able to make a decision tonight, but she ask the board to consider it and she will take her reading she read on the 23rd, because he never reads on the same day. Mrs. Adams said that she will ask the town clerk to call her the day he comes and reads her meter so she can go and read it behind him. Mayor Slocum said the board will take it under advisement and look at all the information of her billing. Mrs. Adams said the town is broke and we do not need to pay anyone that is not doing their job and the meter man is not doing his job because he did not go down her drive. Mayor Slocum said that Mr. Shumaker is present and the board will discuss it with him. Mrs. Adams left the board meeting. Mayor Slocum asked the board if they needed to make a decision tonight. After further discussion the board agreed for the meter reader to inform Mrs. Adams of the day the meter man reads her meter and to let her know.

4. Unfinished business discussed was the assessment of fire hydrants. Mr. Shumaker presented to the board a list of the town’s fire hydrants. All of the fire hydrants are made by Mueller except one hydrant. Mueller however does not make parts for the fire hydrants anymore. Mr. Shumaker said the one fire hydrant he removed from Marshall and reworked is now working. Mr. Shumaker suggested to the board if they agree he can take the plug and put in the fire hydrant at 1015 Van Meter. If we have to buy a fire plug the town is looking at a cost of \$500.00. After further discussion the board decided to install the spare fire plug at Van Meter. Mr. Shumaker will give an updated report at the next board meeting. Alderman Givens made the motion. Alderwoman Houston made the second motion. Ayes – All – Nays – None

5. Mayor Slocum also asked Mr. Shumaker about a report on Sand Road. Mr. Shumaker said he would give a report at the next board meeting.

6. New business discussed was the purchase of a replacement street sign for James Street. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to purchase the street sign. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

7. Also under new business was the stop sign at the North Carrollton Baptist Church. Sign is located at the back of the church on Olga Street. After further discussion the board decided for Wayne to assess the stop sign.

8. Under reports, Mayor Slocum gave a report on the Outdoor Warning Siren Project# 48-0003. Mayor Slocum told the board that Gail Beard obtained better pricing on the installation on the sirens. Now the town will only have to pay \$5,387.00 instead of \$6,643.50.

9. Also the Mayor s informed the board there will be a Pipe Line Safety Program at the Leflore County Civic Center. Date will be Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

10. Mayor Slocum said the sales tax was down. Also the Mayor gave to the board a summary sheet of the 5 different grants that the Town of North Carrollton has received has well as the surrounding area. Mayor Slocum thanked the board for letting her use the board room for the Carroll County Development Association. Mayor Slocum said the meeting went well and the committee has a lot of long –range projects they are working on. Also the Mayor said that in the Conservative this week the paper was asking for inputs regarding the Senior Citizens building. Mayor Slocum said that she submitted a letter on behalf of the board endorsing the county finds a newer building to house the senior citizens. Also the Mayor said that Cotesworth has been sold and was purchased by the state on a 2 million dollar bond. Mayor Slocum said the Coteworth Culture and Heritage Center Foundation have requested a proposal from Attala Water Service.

11. Mayor Slocum also read a “thank you” note form the Carrollton/North Carrollton Parade Committee for their monetary donation for the parade.

12. Under financial report the board approved the request for cash for Willis Engineering. The amount was for \$7500.00 – SMLP Grant # 13-519 (Water Tanks). Alderman Carpenter made the motion to approve the request for cash. Alderman Givens made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

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

14. The clerk presented the payable report. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to pay the payables. Alderman Givens 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