

**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 7, 2015**, to conduct the following official business.

Official Attendance

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

Public Attendee(s)

Susie James – Report for the Conservative

Agenda Attendee(s)

Tracy Robertson- Carroll County Ext. Office- Extension Agent II*-4H/Youth

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 amend the agenda as follows: Add under Public Comment- Tracy Robertson- Carroll County Ext. Office- Extension Agent II*-4H/Youth, Alderman Givens made the motion to amend and approve the agenda. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None
2. The board of Aldermen reviewed the minutes. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Given made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None
3. Under public hearing Mr. Rio Winters, North Central Planning and Development held a public hearing on behalf of North Carrollton @ 6:00 p.m. The Town of North Carrollton is applying to the Mississippi Development Authority for a Community Development Block Grant of up to \$450,000.00. The Town of North Carrollton’s proposed project will consists of sewer improvements. Mr. Winters said the State of

Mississippi has been allocated approximately \$23 million that will be made available to cities and counties on a competitive basis. These funds must be used for one of the following purposes:

1. To benefit low-and moderate-income persons and households; 2. To aid in the prevention or elimination of slums of blight; 3, To meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because of existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

4. Under public comment, Tracy Robertson-Carroll County Extension Agent, asked permission for the board to erect an arena at the old ball fields. Ms. Robertson said the starting price would be around \$80,000.00. Ms. Robertson said she would apply for a Building Grant to acquire the funds for the said project. Mayor Slocum said the town would not be able to match any funding to obtain the grant. Ms. Robertson said she would like to also add a permanent shooting range in addition to the riding arena. The location that the area is in would be within walking distance for area children to use and enjoy. The board agreed to table the request for permission until the Mayor could talk to the fire department who now uses the fields and also for Ms. Robertson to do a feasibly study of the said project.

5. Unfinished business discussed was the cutting of grass at the old ball fields and the around the town well. Mayor Slocum said that Mr. Charles McCluskey, resident of North Carrollton asked her if it was okay for him to cut the grass for hay at no charge to the town at the said area. Alderman Givens made the motion for Mr. McCluskey to cut the grass. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

6. Other unfinished business discussed was the areas that needed to be addressed if the town was granted another CDBG Grant. Water Director, Mr. Shumaker showed Kim Vance with Willis Engineering the areas around Beasley Creek, man hole at Jennifer Marrett’s residence, and at the # 2 well. Street that crosses at Van Meter and Mary Street

7. Also under unfinished business the town clerk said she has not heard back from Chris Holly about the invoice for the line being cut awhile back. The clerk said she will follow-up with Alderman Costilow who was taking care of the said matter.

8. Other unfinished business discussed was the complaints about dogs running loose in North Carrollton. Discussed was Notice Request regarding the Unpenned/Unleashed Dogs the board had used in the past addressing the dog issue when Mr. Pete Misskelley was mayor. Mayor Slocum said she has received complaints about the dogs. Mayor Slocum asked the attorney to look into the matter of the dogs and perhaps put the notices back on the doors of the residents that has dogs. Alderman Carpenter said the board had previously adopted the State of Mississippi Law regarding dogs running loose. The town clerk said she will look in the minute book for the said adoption of the law and send to the attorney for him to review.

9. Water Director, Galen Shumaker said he is still working on the water rate report for the board to review. Mr. Shumaker said he will have a report for the board next month.

10. Also under unfinished business Mayor Slocum submitted a list of properties in North Carrollton. The list was of properties the area residents are complaining about. After further discussion the board agreed for the town’s attorney, Ryan Taylor to look at the properties and to look in the said matter to see what the town can do legally to address the problems.

11. Under new business the Mayor said that Public Service Commissioner, Mr. Brandon Presley has requested permission to use the board room for a Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, April 30th, 2015 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to use the board room for the meeting. Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays – None

12. Also under new business, Mayor Slocum said the CCDA met at the Town Hall in North Carrollton. Mayor Slocum said that she provided breakfast for the meeting. Many items were discussed including the website for CarrolltonMs.com with GoDaddy.com. The board reviewed the current status with Host Excellence verses the Proposed Change, discussed was the advantages and disadvantages of the change. After further discussion the board agreed to the proposed change. Alderman Givens made the motion; Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes- all, Nays – None

13. Reports from Mayor Slocum:

- Tree has been removed on the Link property – Highway 17
- Back Hoe has been repaired
- Johnny Rosa – In the process of cleaning up his rental property on the corner of Jefferson & Morgan
- Carroll County will be getting 3 houses built for low-income families- one family being, Robert Davis family outside North Carrollton.
- Vincent Chapel is having drainage problems – spoke with Claude Fluker and Wayne Carpenter about said issue. They will assess the area and address the problems.
- Robert Causey – Representative for the John Hurt Museum, Mr. Causey lives in Washington D.C. He will be at the June, July or August, 2015 meeting to request for public water due to their well not working at the museum.
- Mr. Dale Persons has provided the town with Voter I.D. Flyers for the citizens of North Carrollton.
- Sales tax was down
- Clearance Audit Response Fiscal Year- 2014/ Exempt from Single Audit
- The board received an invitation for the Mississippi Mission Prayer luncheon to be held in Jackson. Event will be on April 16, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

14. 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

15. Under Miscellaneous reports Alderman Givens suggested that maybe the county inmates could assist in catching the stray dogs in town. The board decided to table for now.

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

Mayor

Clerk