

**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 **January 6, 2015**, 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
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 – Report for the Conservative

Agenda Attendee(s)

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 reports a complaint about leaves in the town ditches. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to amend and approve the agenda. Alderman Hearn made the second motion Ayes – All, Nays – None

2. The board of Aldermen reviewed the minutes. Alderman Costilow made the motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Carpenter made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

3. Under unfinished business the following items was discussed. Purchase of the Crush & Run Gravel – Alderman Hearn said at the last board meeting, Water Director Galen Shumaker said we did not need to purchase any at rock at this time. If we do need any rock in the future Mayor Slocum suggested we contact Supervisor Fluker since that is his beat. The Mayor said we would table the discussion for now. Also discussed was the invoice sent to Chris Holly for cutting the town’s water line back in November. The town clerk said that she had mailed a second invoice to Mr. Holly stating that that this was the second request for reimbursement of the expense of cutting the line. The board suggested to send a 3rd invoice with interest added. Attorney Ryan Taylor said he would look into the said interest rate at this time and get back with the clerk. Also discussed was an update on the town security cameras. Alderman Carpenter said he has not had any new update from Mobile Communications, Inc., but he would call Mr.

Norwood and see if he could get an update. Discussed was the sale of the old pressure tank at the Boyd Ext. tank. Mayor Slocum said she would ask Mr. Shumaker about the said tank. The Mayor also read to the board a letter the town received from, Ms. State Dept. of Health regarding the PWS ID: MSoo80006. The Significant Deficiency has been corrected and resolved.

4. Under new business discussed was a letter from the Ms. Municipal League. The letter was regarding a program for youth in Mississippi. The Mayor gave a handout to the board regarding details of the said program if any of them would like to attend.

5. Also under new business the Mayor said that the board needs to think about a water rate increase for the town and an increase in the tax mills. Mayor Slocum said that the town could not continue to operate on the current rates the town has. Mayor suggested we need to take the necessary steps to implement an increase. Town Clerk said that Mr. Shumaker has discussed with her a possible rate increase. After further discussion the board agreed for Mr. Shumaker and the town clerk to give a report in a couple of months of a detail cost it takes to run both systems.

6. Mayor Slocum asked the clerk for a report on the upcoming Special Election. The town clerk said the election will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00p.m. The clerk said that only 2 candidates had submitted their letter of intent to run for alderman. The candidates are Fay Milford and James D. Box. Wednesday, January 7, 2015 the election commissioners along the clerk will certify the said candidates. Absentee voting will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015 from 8:00 to 12:00. Paper Ballots will used for the special election.

7. Reports by the Mayor were as follows: Cable One sent a certified letter to her, informing her of an upcoming adjustment to Cable One's television rate structure. Effective February 2015 billing period, Economy Cable rates will increase by \$6 .00per month and Standard Cable ill increase by \$10.00 per month, Digital Value Pack by \$2.00 per month. Mayor Slocum's said that she called Warden Smith yesterday and said Wayne Carpenter will be going to meet with Warden Smith regarding the backhoe on Wednesday, January 7, 2014. Supervisor Fluker said at this time the town cannot use his extra backhoe because he needs it due to the recent rains. Mayor Slocum also commended Supervisor Herbert for the use of his backhoe for putting up the pole decorations. Also the Tabernacle won 1st place for outside church decoration in this year's Christmas contest.

8. Also discussed was a complaint from North Carrollton resident Angie Costilow, regarding the excessive leaves in ditches. Mayor Slocum said Mrs. Costilow called her on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 10:35 a.m. Mayor Slocum said that Mrs. Costilow wanted to know who is responsible for cleaning out the leaves in the town ditches. Is it the towns or the property owners? Mrs. Costilow said that no one has been able to tell her who is responsible for the said task. After further discussion the Mayor suggested to the board that if they see any drainage problems report them to the town clerk or Wayne.

9. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to accept the financial report and to pay the payables. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

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

Mayor

Clerk