

**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 **December 6, 2016** to conduct the following official business.

**Official Attendance**

Mayor Dianne S. Slocum	Present
Alderman Tom Hearn	Present
Alderman Mitchell Costilow	Present
Alderman Edward Carpenter	Absent
Alderman Christopher R. Givens	Absent
Alderman Ken Strachan	Present
Town Clerk Glynnis Taylor	Present
Water Director Galen Shumaker	Absent
CPA - Howard Davis	Absent
Attorney - Ryan Taylor	Present

**Public Attendee(s)**

None

**Agenda Attendee(s)**

John Wiggers- North Central Planning & Development

**Mayor, Dianne Slocum called the meeting to Order** at 6:00 p.m. and Alderman Carpenter opened with prayer.

1. Mayor Slocum asked the board to approve the agenda. Alderman Hearn requested to amend the agenda by adding the new business of hiring a night watchman. Alderman Hearn 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 Strachan made the second motion to approve the minutes. Ayes- All, Nays-None

3. Unfinished business discussed was the Delta Workforce Investment Area Youth Programs. After further discussion the board agreed to participate in the program.
  
4. New Business was the Engineering selection for the CDBG Grant. Mr. John Wiggers presented to the board two proposals for the upcoming CDBG –PF 1132-16-278-PF-01. Mr. Wiggers opened a proposal from Innovative Design & Engineering, Hattiesburg, Ms. The other proposal was from Willis Engineering, Grenada, MS. After the evaluation of both proposals the board selected Willis Engineering. The total summary tab sheet scoring for Innovative Design & Engineering was 225 and the scoring for Willis Engineering was 400. Also discussed and adopted was the following Resolutions:

- RESOLUTION Establishing Goals for Minority and Women –Owned Business Participation. Aldermen Strachan made the motion to adopt the said Resolution. Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None
  
- RESOLUTION, North Carrollton, Mississippi Code of Standards of Conduct. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to adopt the said Resolution. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None
  
- RESOLUTION, Town Of North Carrollton, Equal Housing Opportunity. Be it resolved that the Board of Alderman of North Carrollton, does hereby affirm the obligation and commitment to fair housing opportunities for all. Alderman Strachan made the motion to adopt the said Resolution. Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes – All, Nays - None

5. Under new business request for street light on Mill Drive. After further discussion of the said area. Alderman Carpenter made the motion to put in a street light. Alderman Costilow made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays - None

6. New business discussed, was the moving from five aldermen to three. During the 2016 legislative session, Senate Bill 2603 was approved which make changes to section 21-3-7 of the Mississippi Code. The change authorizes municipalities with a population of 500 or less, according to the latest available federal census, to change from five aldermen to three beginning July 1, 2016. The change must be approved by a majority of the qualified electors in a special election. The clerk said if the municipality wants to make this change in time for the 2017 general election, the special election would need to be held before the qualifying deadline, Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of three alderman is two, the 2/3 requirement to override a veto by the mayor is two alderman. After further discussion the board decided not to make the change.

7. New business discussed was the hiring of a night Marshall for the town. Alderman Hearn said that Mr. Mike Spellman approached him about the town hiring him for \$1500.00 a month.

Mr. Spellman would use his own vehicle. The town's attorney briefly discussed liability of the town, insurance etc. for the said position with the board. The board tabled for now.

8. Alderman Carpenter discussed the new business of the ditch adjacent to Mr. Turners house from 4-K. Alderman Carpenter said that a stripe or some kind of marking needs to be painted along the ditch line from Mr. Turners to the railroad crossing on highway 35 so motorists can be made aware of the ditch.

Mayor's Reports:

- Alderman Costilow attended the Carroll County Extension Office Luncheon
- Alderman Carpenter attended the Veterans Day Program at the Carroll County Courthouse
- No report on C&G Railroad on the request regarding a tree biding removed.
- Sales Tax was up
- Mayor Slocum offered condolences for the death of Alderman Hearn's brother
- Hole on Winona Road is getting larger
- Annie Spiller had her meter repaired, leak was on her side
- Town's Christmas decorations, thanks to the clerk and maintenance personnel
- CDBG- 1132-16-278-PF-01- Grant Agreement- Approved and submitted
- Mayor Slocum attended a meeting regarding MEMA-FEMA with Willis Engineering, Carrollton Mayor, Russell Wilson and Vaiden Mayor, Mel Hawthorn regarding Flood Plans for their perspective towns. Mayor Slocum said she will be attending another meeting the next week.

Alderman Strachan made the motion to accept the financial report and to pay the payables.

Alderman Hearn made the second motion. Ayes- All, Nays – None

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

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Mayor

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Clerk