

March 8th, 2018

At the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Canton held at the Municipal Building Boardroom, March 8th, 2018 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett, Smith and Markey present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers noted that the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Town Clerk were all present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Pam Kearse gave the Invocation, Alderwoman Smith led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: 2/22/18

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the February 22nd minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members voted to approve the minutes as presented.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers began his comments by stating that he had enjoyed reading for the children at North Canton Elementary and that his was a great program.

Mayor Smathers stated that it was this honor to present a proclamation to the Arc of Haywood for the National Disabilities Awareness Month on behalf of the Board on Tuesday night at Pinnacle Church.

Mayor Smathers made the Board aware that Mr. Blake Hyatt a local business man, Youth League Coach, Husband, Father, and Friend had passed away. Mayor Smathers asked for prayers for the family and stated that they had set up a donation site in memory of Blake to go to the maintenance of the IP Sports Complex which was true to the wiliness to give back to his community that Blake so often did in numerous capacities.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Smith stated that Canton Middle School was opening a Barista on Friday mornings to serve coffee to the public to help teach the kids about entrepreneurship and encouraged the community to help support their efforts.

Alderwoman Smith stated that a movie would be shown to benefit the Community Kitchen at the Colonial Theatre on March 16th presented by Clay Dangerfield State Farm Insurance Company.

Alderwoman Smith asked for the work-session on the 13th to only consist of a discussion regarding the Colonial Theatre facility. After a brief discussion it was the consensus to hold a work-session on March 13th

G. Public Comments

Mrs. Pam Kearse thanked the Town of Canton workers for working tirelessly at the Camp to get it ready for the 2018 season. Mrs. Kearse stated the Camp looked good and with the new appliances the season should be great.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report to the Board.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the planned opening date for the pool would be Memorial Day weekend and then operate weekends only until school was out on June 14th; then open daily for the season with the last regular day being September 1st. Alderman Markey inquired if a grand opening would be held prior to the opening weekend. Manager Burrell assured the Board that a grand opening would take place to promote the pool, as well as recognize all of the sponsors. Manager Burrell stated that the plan was to keep the pool open through October 31st on weekends with weather permitting. Manager Burrell stated that hours of expansion, concessions, swim lessons, and other ideas were still being considered. Alderman Markey stated that food trucks, free admission, and other activities on the Grand Opening would be a tool to help market the new rules, hours, and information regarding the

pool. Alderman Markey stated that he had been approached regarding time for the older citizens to be able to utilize the pool as well. Manager Burrell stated that all uses would be considered but at the end of the day there was only so much time in a day. Manager Burrell stated that pool passes would be offered, as well as vending machines inside for the public instead of the concession stand this year, however, the use of food trucks would be utilized for "Pickin' in the Park" events.

Manager Burrell made the board aware that the interview process would start on Friday and continue through the following week for the Police Chief, as well as the Assistant Manager position.

Manager Burrell asked the Clerk to hand out a budget memo for their information. Mayor Smathers inquired if the tour of the facilities could still be scheduled before budget time. Manager Burrell stated that a tour of the facilities would be arranged.

I. New Business

1. TDA Update: Lynn Collins

Mrs. Lynn Collins, Director of the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority, presented the Board with some data and spreadsheets regarding the 1% and 3% percent funding. Mrs. Collins stated that the Town did a good job with the Labor Day festival and the promotional side to draw people to the area. Mayor Smathers asked Mrs. Collins what the Town of Canton could do better. Mrs. Collins stated that promoting the Town would be her suggestion. Alderwoman Smith confirmed with Mrs. Collins that the funds were limited based on the number of motels in the Canton area. Mrs. Collins confirmed Alderwoman Smith's statement also stating the Air B&B in the 28716-zip code was also doing quite well to date. Mrs. Collins wanted to make the Board aware of the Wayfinding Project that was in the process stating that the signage would be a great asset for the entire County and that the signs were eye appealing as well. Manager Burrell thanked Mrs. Collins for all her help and her hard work with the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority.

2. Co-Sponsorship Request Haywood County Arts Council

Manager Burrell presented the co-sponsorship request (see attached). After a brief discussion, Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the co-sponsorship as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of the motion.

3. Planning Board Subdivision Recommendation of parcel #8667-30-7882 96 Cairnes Circle.

Manager Burrell presented a subdivision request recommendation from the Planning Board for the parcel #8667-30-7882, 96 Cairnes Circle to be subdivided into two lots. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the subdivision as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of the motion.

J. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Special Called meeting will be held on March 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Colonial Theatre Annex.

K. Closed Session

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter closed session at 7:34 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of the closed session. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter open session at 7:54 p.m. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of the motion.

L. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk