

December 13th, 2018

At the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held at the Walter Clark Board Chambers, December 13th, 2018 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Alderwomen Mull and Smith present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Smathers announced that Aldermen Markey and Hamlett both had school related commitments that their jobs required and would not be in attendance.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers stated the Manager, Assistant Manager, Town Attorney and Town Clerk were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Shawn Gaddis gave the Invocation. Alderwoman Mull led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: November 8, 2018

Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the November 8th minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members present voting to approve the minutes as presented.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers welcomed everyone that was in attendance.

Mayor Smathers updated the Board regarding the approximate opening date for A La Cupcakes is scheduled for sometime in January. Mayor Smathers stated the Christmas parade went well and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Mayor Smathers commended Town staff with the preparation for the winter snow, as well as the snow removal process. Mayor Smathers stated that the employees make the Board look good by doing such a good job and he appreciates all their efforts. Mayor Smathers stated that he had received numerous positive comments on selecting Hubert Thomas as Grand Marshal for the Christmas parade, also commenting that Mr. Thomas seemed

to thoroughly enjoy himself.

Mayor Smathers reported to the Board that he and the Manager had met with the new Evergreen Mill manager stating that he looked forward to developing a good partnership for the future.

Mayor Smathers stated that he had been approached by someone wanting to name the softball field in honor of an individual. Manager Burrell instructed the Mayor to check with the Haywood County School system to see if this was something that they would endorse or oppose prior to bringing this to the Board as the field is leased to them at this time.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Alderwoman Mull complimented the Town crews for an excellent job during the winter storm. Alderwoman Mull wished everyone a Merry Christmas stating that Canton was a great place to be.

Alderwoman Smith stated the Town crews did an amazing job during the winter storm, Christmas parade, and displaying all of the Christmas décor. Alderwoman Smith stated that it was good to see all the new business in the downtown area.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell gave the cash report.

Manager Burrell stated that the economic push was still ongoing with the renovations at Papertown Coffee and new businesses opening such as the Family Dollar, A La Cupcake, Midway Nutrition and the Vain Salon/Gypsy Hut Boutique. Manager Burrell reported that he was still receiving phone calls weekly from people interested in Canton.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the Employee meal would be on Friday, December 21st at noon.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that the Crossroad Hill project should be completed in February and the Spruce Street project should begin in March. Mayor Smathers inquired if the Manager had any information on the Round-A-Bout project.

Manager Burrell stated that he would report any new schedule information at the next meeting.

J. New Business

1. Resolution Evergreen Parking Lot Swap Agreement

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that the required advertisement and 30 day waiting period for the parking lot swap (properties located at 90 and 92 Park Street) was complete. Manager Burrell stated that all the changes and details that were recommended by the Board had been implemented. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented to approve the agreement with Evergreen Packaging on the parking lot swap. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. VFW: First Responder/Emergency Service Award

Manager Burrell introduced Mr. Jay Phares from the VFW. Mr. Phares thanked the Town for partnering with the VFW to recognize an individual annually for their outstanding service as an emergency services provider. Mr. Phares presented Mrs. Rita Guy with the 2018 VFW Emergency Service award for her dedicated and excellent service.

3. Pinnacle Church Night to Shine Request

Manager Burrell presented the Board with a request from Pinnacle Church to co-sponsor the "Night to Shine" event through the Tim Tebow Foundation for people with special needs. Mayor Smathers stated that this was a great program and it speaks to what Canton is about and that is "Community". Alderwoman Smith agreed with Mayor Smathers stating that this is a great partnership and she was happy the event would be in Canton. Alderwoman Mull made the motion to approve the co-sponsorship as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Personnel Policy Update to FMLA Language

Manager Burrell explained to the Board that the FMLA language regarding Veterans needed to be updated in our personnel policy per the family and medical leave act. Manager Burrell stated that during the next several months he would bring more updates to the personnel policy for their approval. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the language

update to the personnel policy for Veterans as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Resolution to Rescind the State of Emergency

Manager Burrell presented a Resolution to rescind the State of Emergency due to the winter storm. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Regular Scheduled meeting will be held on January 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Town of Canton Board Chambers.

L. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk