

January 24th, 2019

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, January 24th, 2019 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 stated the Manager, Assistant Manager, Town Attorney and Town Clerk were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Pam Kearse gave the Invocation. Alderman Markey led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: January 10th, 2019

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the January 10th minutes as presented. Alderman Markey 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 congratulated the Haywood County Livestock Yard on their success during the past year and wished them well in the coming years.

Mayor Smathers stated that the Martin Luther King, Jr. pride march went well and thanked Chief Gaddis and the Police Department for their help during the event ensuring the march a safe passage throughout the town.

Mayor Smathers congratulated and thanked Manager Burrell and Clerk Stinnett on their continued work to economically boost the Town, attract new businesses, and continued interest to the area.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone to stop by the new Nutrition and Wellness business located at 131 Main Street to welcome Ellen Selm and all her vendors to Town.

Alderwoman Smith asked the Manager if he had an update on the power pole at the corner of Spring and Academy. Manager Burrell stated that he would contact Duke Progress to get an update on the issue.

Alderwoman Smith stated that the Martin Luther King Jr pride march went well and thanked the Police Department for making the event safe.

Alderwoman Smith commented that the Elected Officials reception was a nice event and that it was good to talk and work with other officials across the County that were willing to work together to make Haywood County better for all.

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Alderwoman Mull stated that the labor contract for Evergreen Packaging did not pass and hopefully a resolve would be met soon.

Alderwoman Mull stated that the Town looked good except for the chicken issue that was just outside the corporate limits.

Alderwoman Mull thanked the Haywood County Chamber for hosting the Elected Officials reception. Alderwoman Mull concurred with Alderwoman Smith that it was a very nice event and that it was good to work with others across the County for the betterment of the County regardless of political affiliations.

Alderman Hamlett commented that it was good to see everyone in attendance.

G. Public Comments

Mr. Ed Underwood reported to the Board that he had witnessed several issues at the red light on Academy turning onto Park with confusion to the arrows that are not completely removed from the old traffic pattern. Manager Burrell thanked Mr. Underwood and assured him that he would take a look and try to resolve the safety issue.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell gave the cash report.

Manager Burrell reminded the Board of the Council of Government meeting on Monday, January 28th at Maggie Valley at 5:30 p.m.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the ribbon cutting for the Middle Path Nutrition and Wellness Center located at 131 Main Street on February 8th at 1:00p.m.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that he would try to organize someone from Mountain Projects to attend the next meeting.

J. Old Business

Manager Burrell reported that the Round-A Bout project had completed the bid stage and that the construction award would be soon.

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that the 19/23 project was still in the right of way acquisition phase and that the construction phase would tentatively be in 2023.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the Crossroad Hills project would be complete by the middle of March and that Hyatt Pipeline had done a good job on the project.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the Spruce Street Project would start the bidding process in March.

Alderwoman Mull inquired if the letters were mailed out regarding the right of way issue on Thompson Avenue. Manager Burrell stated that letters had been mailed and that it was his understanding the issue had been resolved but he would make sure and report back to the Board.

K. New Business

1. Lions Urban Assault: Adam Bridges and Shane Pope

Manager Burrell introduce Mr. Adam Bridges representing the Canton Lions Club. Mr. Bridges requested a co-sponsorship with the Town of Canton to hold race with obstacles throughout the race area on May 18th, 2019. Mr. Bridges reported to the

Board that he was requesting for fee waivers and law enforcement support at the crossing of Main Street. Alderwoman Smith inquired as to how many participants would be expected. Mr. Bridges replied that he was hoping for around 500 participants this year and hopefully continue to grow these numbers every year. Alderman Hamlett inquired about the certificate of insurance (COI). Mr. Bridges stated that he would get the COI when the date was approved by the Board. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the co-sponsorship. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. After a brief discussion regarding the COI, Alderwoman Smith made a motion to amend the motion to the co-sponsorship be approved when the COI was received. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Potential Work-session Dates

Manager Burrell presented the Board with several dates for future work-sessions. After a brief discussion and list of conflicts, the Manager requested each member email dates that would work for each of them in February and March.

3. Pisgah Cheerleaders T-Shirt sponsorship request

Manager Burrell presented the Board with a request to sponsor t-shirts in the amount of \$200.00 dollars that would be used to help them offset participation and travel expenses for their competitions. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the \$200.00-dollar sponsorship as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion also commenting that the cheerleaders did a lot of work in the community and were also State Champions, which required hard work and dedication. All members voted in favor of the motion.

L. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Regular Scheduled meeting will be held on February 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Walter Clark Board Chambers.

M. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk