October 22, 2026

At the regularly called meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held at 85 Summer Street, Canton NC, October 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett and Proctor present the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers stated that Assistant Manager Walker, Deputy Clerk Young and Town Attorney Goss were present. Manager Stinnett was unable to attend.

C. Pledge

Alderwoman Mull led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: October 8, 2026

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve October 8, 2026, minutes as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated with the long agenda he had no comments at that time.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

None.

G. Public Comments

None.

H. Reports from the Manager

Assistant Manager Walker gave the cash and tax reports (see attached). Assistant Manager Walker stated in the new Town Hall there is a large wall in the entrance way. She asked the Board what they suggested we put on the wall. Assistant Manager Walker gave them the options of leaving it painted and blank for now, Town emblem or historic photos. Mayor Smathers stated he would like to see something historical to honor our Town there at some point. Assistant Manager Walker stated we still need some historical photos to place in Town Hall if anyone had any we would love for them to share. Alderwoman Mull stated she would reach out to photographer Roland Osborne to see if he still had any photos or negatives that we could use. The consensus of the Board was to leave the wall blank at this time.

I. Old Business

None.

J. New Business

1. Task Order – Flood Recovery Support

Assistant Manager Walker presented the Board with a Task Order (see attached) to extend the timeline for McGill Associates to complete services. There is an amendment to the budget not to exceed $60,000. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the Task Order. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. The motion carried. Alderwoman Proctor recused herself from the vote.

2. Approval of McGill Associates for the Canton, Clyde and Waynesville Interconnect

Attorney Jeff Goss presented the recommendations from the interconnect committee that the Town select McGill Associates for the water interconnect design, bid and construction project

(see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve working with McGill. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. The motion carried. Alderwoman Proctor recused herself from the vote.

Attorney Jeff Goss presented the contract with McGill Associates (see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the agreement with McGill Associates for engineering services related to the water interconnect project. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. The motion carried. Alderwoman Proctor recused herself from the vote.

3. Board Appointment: Planning Board, Zoning Board and ETJ Board

Planning Director Byron Hickox presented the Board with a list of recommended members for the Planning Board, Zoning Board and ETJ Board (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the Planning Board nominees. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the Zoning Board nominees. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. The motion carried. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the ETJ Board. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Planning Director Byron Hickox: Presentation of the Future Comprehensive Plan

Planning Director Byron Hickox presented the Board with printed copies of the Future Comprehensive Plan (see attached). He also presented Mrs. Debbie King with a paper copy per her request. Mr. Hickox stated there will be a public meeting with the Planning Board to review the Comprehensive Plan and make any recommendations. From there, any changes will be made to the plan and then will be presented to the Town Board for review.

5. Resolution: Referring the Daft Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use map to the Planning Board for review and recommendation

Attorney Jeff Goss presented the Board with a Resolution to refer the Draft Comprehensive Plan and Future Land use Map to the Planning Board for review and recommendations (see attached). Attorney Goss explained that the Comprehensive Plan does not change zoning or development regulations. It is a visionary document to inform future planning decisions and is part of the process for approving the new, revised Uniform Development Ordinance. Attorney Goss stated there will be multiple opportunities for public comment and that it will likely be Spring 2027 before the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use map and revised UDO are all finalized. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve signing the Resolution. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. Co-Sponsorship: Kris Kringle Market

Assistant Manager Walker presented a Co-Sponsorship request for the Kris Kringle Market (see attached). The request was for use of Sorrells Park, the closure of Sorrells Street, power, police support, use of the Drop Yard parking lot and advertising. Alderwoman Mull asked the hours of the event. Assistant Manager Walker stated the event is scheduled for Friday, December 4th from 1:00 -8:00 pm. Alderwoman Mull asked if we should close Sorrells Street for the entire event on a Friday. Alderwoman Proctor asked if the A&P building would be open by then. Assistant Manager Walker stated the timeline would be close but not guaranteed. The Board decided to grant conditional approval but would like to speak with Chief Scott Sluder about closing Sorrells Street for that length of time on a Friday. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve a conditional approval pending the closure of Sorrells Street. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. MOU Firing Range

Assistant Manager Walker presented the Board with an MOU for the use of the firing range (see attached). Assistant Manager Walker explained this has been a word-of-mouth agreement in the past and the MOU will make the agreement official. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to approve and signed the MOU. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. TDA Board Appointment

Assistant Manager Walker asked the Board for two nominees to present to the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) Board. Assistant Manager Walker stated it is requested that we submit two names and the Haywood County Commissioners Board will choose one of those names. Alderwoman Mull has reached the term limit and cannot be renominated. If we cannot nominate two people who do not have to be part of the Board, then we can submit a wavier stating that we would like to just nominate one person. Alderwoman Mull stated we should nominate Alderman Ralph Hamlett and Alderwoman Kristina Proctor. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to nominate Alderman Hamlett as nominee for the TDA Board. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. The motion carried. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to nominate Alderwoman Proctor as nominee for the TDA Board. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Task Order: Bolton and Menk

Chris Rosenboom with Bolton and Menk presented the Board with a proposal for a water/wastewater rate analysis. The proposal will describe the understanding of the study, define the scope of work and provide a fee for services. Attorney Jeff Goss stated Bolton and Menk have agreed to follow the guidelines from Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to allow Bolton and Menk to perform a rate analysis. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. Harper General Contractors:

- Progressive Design Build Agreement for Wastewater Treatment

Chris Rosenboom presented the Board with a progressive design-build agreement for water and wastewater projects. Attorney Jeff Goss stated he had looked over this contract and it is standard. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to sign the agreement. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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The Task Order will offer different treatment alternatives. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to sign the Task Order. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

11. Agreement for purchase of real property: Fiberville Street Lots and Drop Yard

Attorney Jeff Goss presented the Board with two agreements for the purchase of real property (see attached); located on Fiberville Street and the Drop Yard off Park Street. Attorney Goss stated the Town of Canton already owns several lots on Fiberville Street from a past buyout and this purchase by the Haywood Waterways Association will connect these properties. Attorney Goss also stated that Haywood Waterways Association has reached an agreement with Two Banks Development on the purchase of the Drop Yard. There is not a set price on the Fiberville Street lots as there must be a fair market appraisal done to determine the cost. The Haywood Waterways Association has agreed to purchase the properties, and the Town of Canton must agree to hold title. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to sign the agreement to purchase lots on Fiberville Street. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Alderwoman Mull asked where these lots were located. Attorney Goss stared along Fiberville Street headed towards Pinnacle Church. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to sign the agreement to purchase the Drop Yard. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. The motion carried. Alderwoman Mull asked about the size of the property at the Drop Yard. Attorney Goss stated it is roughly 3 acres altogether. Attorney Goss reiterated that these purchases are taking zero dollars from taxpayers.

12. Reaffirmation: Resolution to adopt Public Comment Policy

Attorney Jeff Goss stated when Town Clerk Sam Dunbar attended a Clerk's class at the School of Government it was recommended that all Boards adopt a written Public Comment Policy. The proposed policy (see attached) is similar to the policy the Town of Waynesville follows. It is

reaffirming the same policy the Board has been following. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to adopt the Public Comment Policy. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. Set Special Called Meeting: November 10, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Assistant Manager Walker announced the next Board meeting will be a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday November 10, 2026 at 4:00 pm in the Boardroom at Town Hall. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the Special Called Meeting. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

K. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 4:00 pm at 85 Summer Street, Canton NC 28716. There being no additional business. Alderwoman Mull made the motion to adjourn at 6:29 pm. Alderwoman Proctor seconded. The motion carried.

Amanda Young

Deputy Town Clerk