

## **August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

At the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Canton held at the Municipal Building Court Room, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30pm with Mayor Ray and Aldermen/women Edwards, Smathers, Hamlett and Mull present, the following proceedings were held.

### **A. Call to Order**

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

### **B. Roll Call**

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

### **C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Pastor Vos gave the Invocation, Alderwoman Mull led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Minutes: 8/10/17**

Alderwoman Hamlett made a motion to approve the August 10<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Alderman Mull seconded the motion. All members present in favor of the motion.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Ray stated that he noticed that the paving on Center Street was complete and commented on a job well done and appreciated.

Mayor Ray stated that he had noticed the pool was full of water and progress was looking very nice and that his hope would be that the bathroom facilities would be open before the last Pickin' in the Park on September 1, 2017.

Mayor Ray complimented the Haywood County Education Foundation on a successful Miss Labor Day Pageant.

### **F. Public Comments**

Pastor Vos asked apologized to the Board for any negative light he brought to the meeting regarding the prayer at a previous meeting stating he was not use to the legalities that had

recently been brought to light. Pastor Vos also invited the Board and the public to volunteer day to help get Canton clean for the Labor Day Festival.

Nathan Lowe, owner of the Southern Porch restaurant, addressed the Board asking if they would consider the Adopting the Brunch Law allowing the sale of alcohol at 10am on Sunday's. The Board instructed the Manager to research this issue and present them with an ordinance to consider at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Ed Underwood addressed the traffic measures taken for the Eclipse. Mr. Underwood commented that the Police Department did a fantastic job moving traffic through town smoothly and efficiently during extremely high traffic volumes.

Carl Cortright stated that the playground at the Recreation Park did not have a gate at the entrance and that he would like the Board to consider installing a gate for safety measures that would deter small kids from running out near the street.

Stephanie Mehaffey addressed the Board regarding the ordinance disallowing pot belly pigs. Mrs. Mehaffey stated that she has two pot belly pigs that she has as pets that live in her home and asked the Board to revisit the ordinance that disallowed all swine. Ms. Mehaffey stated that small pot belly pigs were just like having dogs. They are very intelligent, house trained, and loveable pets. Alderman Smathers inquired as to how big the pigs were. Mrs. Mehaffey stated that her pigs were around 50 to 100 pounds. Manager Burrell advised the Board that he could research other municipalities stance on the subject and present his finding to them at the next Board meeting for their consideration.

Mayor Ray asked the Manager to investigate the riding of horses on the sidewalks through town and the issue of leaving manure on the sidewalks for pedestrians to have to walk around.

### **G. Aldermen/Women Comments**

Alderwoman Edwards asked the Manger to check into the dip at the intersection of North Main near Crawford Ray Funeral Home seemed to be getting deeper and the fence appeared to be sinking.

Alderman Hamlett complimented the Police Department on the traffic flow during the eclipse as well as the efficient and professional handling of school traffic.

Alderwoman Mull announced that the Miss Labor Pageant was a success and that the winner and her court would be the grand marshals for the Labor Day Parade. Alderwoman Mull also complimented Judy Stamey, Evergreen Papers, on a job well done on the Old Timers party that is given for the retirees every year at the Armory.

Alderman Smathers asked for an update on the Family Dollar property sinkhole problem. Manager Burrell stated that contact had been made with an attorney from the corporation and a contractor had been onsite to provide the attorney with an estimate of the cost to remedy the problem.

## **H. Reports from the Manager**

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that he was in the process of hiring the new Chief Financial Officer and would be making the announcement in the next couple of weeks.

Manager Burrell reminded the Board of the Council of Government meeting that would be on Monday August 28, 2017 at the County Building Inspections Conference Room.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that NCDOT and Blue Ridge Railways would be closing a portion of Blackwell Drive on August 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup> due to affect repairs at the railroad crossing.

Manager Burrell stated that the Emergency Notification (Everbridge) process with the County was going well and he felt that it would be a very easy transition.

Manager Burrell asked if the Board would have any issues with Tina Tuten using her food truck to feed the Rotary Club as they worked to repair their picnic shelter at the Recreation Park. The Board gave consensus of approval.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that Joe and Nicole Yerry of Goody Acre Farm was having a concert/family day at their farm that would benefit the Canton Fire Department. This event will be held September 30<sup>th</sup> from 12 (noon) until 9pm. The Yerry's asked if the Town would allow them to use their parking lot as well as Evergreen's parking lot to be able to shuttle people to and from the event. The Yerry's also requested help with social media and website posts to help them get the word out. The Board had no issues with these requests.

Finally, Manager Burrell asked permission to remove the single tree in Sorrell's Street Park to allow people to be able to see the Labor Day Concert without obstruction. The Board gave consensus to remove the tree.

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to make the Labor Day Queen and her court the grand marshals of the parade. After a brief discussion, Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion

### **Old Business**

Alderwoman Mull inquired if the Manager had any update on the Spruce Street Project. Manager Burrell stated that he did not have any new information yet but would update the Board when he had new information.

### **I. New**

#### **1. Tokyo Toybox Facade Grant Application**

Manager Burrell introduced Joseph Abenante owner of the Tokyo Toybox located at 121 Main Street. After a brief discussion regarding the plans for the store Manager Burrell stated that it met all requirements for the grant program. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the facade grant as presented. Alderman Smathers seconded the motion with all members voting to approve the grant.

#### **2. Ordinance Road Closures for the Labor Day Parade/Festival**

Manager Burrell presented an ordinance that the North Carolina Department of Transportation is now requiring as a new protocol every time the Town wants to close a street.

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented to close the streets along the Labor Day parade route. Alderwoman Edwards seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Resolution of Intent to close a portion of an unnamed and unopened right of way intersecting with Skyland Terrace and Thomson Avenue and possible setting up a Public Hearing for September 28, 2017

After a brief discussion and explanation from Manager Burrell as to the request to close a portion of the unnamed and unopened right of way intersecting Skyland Terrace and Thomson Avenue Alderwoman Edwards made a motion to set a public hearing at 6:30pm on September 28, 2017. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of setting the public hearing for September 28, 2017 at 6:30pm.

4. Recommendation to Award and Certify Bid Tabulation for the Crossroad Hills Water Association Consolidation Project (NCDEQ Project WIF-1898).

Town of Canton had received a letter and the Certified Bid Tabulation from McGill Associates regarding the Crossroad Hills Water System Consolidation Project.

Manager Burrell stated that the lowest bidder for the project was Hyatt Pipeline LLC. with a bid price of \$1,678,845.00. Manager Burrell stated that in the letter received McGill Associated recommended the Town of Canton tentatively award upon the construction contract to Hyatt Pipeline LLC. contingent upon NCDEQ's review and approval of the Hyatt Pipeline bid attachments, including the minority business good faith efforts documentation.

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to accept the Certified Bid Tabulation by McGill and by Resolution to tentatively award the contract to Hyatt Pipeline LLC. in the amount of \$1,678,845.00. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**J. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**K. Adjournment**

There being no additional business, Mayor Ray adjourned the Meeting at 7:30pm.

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Lisa Stinnett, Town Clerk