

## **September 14<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, September 14<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 Edwards led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Minutes: 8/24/17**

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the August 24<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members present in favor of the motion.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Ray asked that those in attendance have a moment of silence for the hurricane victims.

Mayor Ray stated that the Town and County did a good job preparing in case Hurricane Irma made a turn in our direction.

Mayor Ray inquired as to the status of Northside Street. Manager Burrell stated that the engineer had looked at the problem and he was awaiting his determination.

Mayor Ray ask for an update on the Smathers Street problems regarding tractor trailers. Manager Burrell stated that signs had been ordered and as soon as the Street Department had time they would coordinate and install the concrete bolster.

Mayor Ray asked for an update on the fire hydrant repair schedule on Pennsylvania Avenue. Water Superintendent,

Richard Hodge, stated that they were in the process of repairing the last of the fire hydrants and would schedule this one at a time when the water could be shut off for the neighborhood, as well as the Library in the near future.

### **F. Public Comments**

Jean Parris invited the Board to attend a series of drug discussions at Beulah Baptist Church. Ms. Parris also handed out flyers for several different events regarding Drugs in Our Midst.

Pastor Vos stated that he was troubled regarding the Brunch Bill and how it would affect the family values of the community.

Dr. Roy Kilby, Bethel Christian Academy, encouraged the Board to vote against the Brunch Bill. Dr. Kilby stated that he deals with people and families that suffer from either the addiction or a family that is being destroyed by use of alcohol. Dr. Kilby stated that this bill was only for monetary gains and that the bible states that money is the root of all evil. Dr. Kilby respectfully requested the Board vote against this bill.

Donnie Francis thanked the Board for the Labor Day Festival and the parade stating it was the best one he had ever attended and he was appreciative of all those that worked to make it happen. Mayor Ray thanked Mr. Francis and commented that he had only received positive input regarding the event.

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

Alderman Smathers stated that he felt like at the end of the parade the horses and the wagon train participating after a tragedy made him proud. Alderman Smathers also thanked FUMC for the service they provided for the emergency service personnel.

Alderwoman Mull thanked staff for the Labor Day Festival. Alderwoman Mull also gave an update that Mr. Summey, the injured person from the wagon train, was showing some improvement.

Alderman Hamlett thanked all Town staff for the Labor Day Festival. Alderman Hamlett stated it was a safe, family friendly,

and a clean event.

Alderwoman Edwards stated she was grateful for all the hard work put in to making the Labor Day festival a success.

Alderwoman Edwards stated her favorite part was the Air Dogs show and that it was a nice addition to the festival.

Alderwoman Edwards thanked Champion Credit Union, Ingles, and the other numerous sponsors for their contribution to the festival.

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

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell thanked Lisa Stinnett and Richard Hodge for their tireless efforts in making Labor Day such a great event.

Manager Burrell also thanked all other staff members that worked and volunteered to make this the best event to date.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that signage has been ordered for the IP Complex regarding dogs. Parking signs, stop signs, and no tractor trailer signs for other areas in Town were also ordered.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the new website was live and staff would start to update and tweak the site in the next couple of weeks.

Manager Burrell announced to the Board that Jackie Edwards and himself had interviewed 9 candidates for the CFO position and had extended an offer to one candidate and he would let them know if she accepted the offer.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that he was in constant contact with Wells Fargo regarding the Blue Cross Blue Shield contract with Mission Health Systems as well as the NC League of Municipalities regarding other insurance options in case they fail to reach an agreement to assure that all employees and retirees had the best coverage possible.

Finally, Manager Burrell updated the Board on the swimming pool progress. Manager Burrell explained that a couple of unforeseen items had popped up that were in the process of completion before a final could be performed. Manager Burrell also made the Board aware that the bathrooms would begin to

open on a regular schedule by the Police Department.

## **Old Business**

None

## **I. New**

### **1. Proclamation for Constitution Week**

Mayor Ray presented and read the Proclamation declaring September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup> as Constitution week. Alderwoman Edwards made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **2. Co-Sponsorship Application- Haywood Arts Council**

Manager Burrell presented a co-sponsorship application to waive facility fees and co-sponsor an event to be held in the Colonial Theatre by the Haywood County Arts Council. After a brief discussion, the item was tabled until the next meeting with requiring additional information with regards to the event being free for all veterans. In addition, the board is requiring confirmation as to who the benefits from the proceeds of this event.

### **3. Review and Consideration of the Brunch Bill for possible adoption.**

After a lengthy discussion regarding the Brunch Bill, Alderman Smathers suggested that a public hearing be held to allow the citizens to have input regarding this issue. Alderwoman Edwards asked the Manager to provide her a copy of the entire bill. The consensus was the Public Hearing would be set for October 12, 2017 at 6:30p.m.

### **4. Review and continued discussion on pot-belly pigs as an allowance under the Animal Ordinance.**

After a brief discussion, the Board instructed the Manager to draft an ordinance that would have limitation on size, weight, and number of pot-belly pigs to be allowed and bring back to them for consideration.

**J. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next meeting will be a Public Hearing held on September 28<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