

September 28th, 2017

At the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Canton held at the Municipal Building Court Room, September 28th, 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: 9/14/17

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the September 14th minutes as presented. Alderwoman Edwards seconded the motion. All members present in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Ray stated the fall decorations looked really good throughout the town.

Mayor Ray asked the Manager if an update for the Spruce Street Project was available. Manager Burrell stated that he would update the Board at the next meeting as he has a meeting with Joel Storrow on the 5th of October. Mayor Ray also stated that he was contacted by Ms. Sherry Horton regarding muddy water on Ferguson Street which was in the Spruce Street Reservoir area.

Mayor Ray suggested that the Board take the monies set aside for the Mill project and use those funds to have the railroad crossing repaired like they did at the crossing on Blackwell Drive. Manager Burrell stated he would research this topic.

Mayor Ray stated that the dip in the road located on North Main

in front of the Crawford Ray Funeral Home was really starting to show signs of sinking. Manager Burrell stated he would contact NCDOT to make them aware.

F. Public Comments

Carl Cortright made the Board aware that Maddie's on Main Street was having a meet and greet from 6pm to 8pm on Saturday, September 30th and Goodyacre Farm was having the firefighter fundraiser on Saturday from 12 (noon) until 9pm.

Doris Davis of 35 Sunset Drive wanted to inform the Board that she was not happy with code enforcement and the treatment she received in the main office. Mrs. Davis stated that the Spruce Street Reservoir was a mess and the Town should not cite residents when they don't keep their own property to the same standards. Manager Burrell asked Mrs. Davis to call him at the office and he would explore options available to her to resolve these issues.

G. Aldermen/Women Comments

Alderman Smathers stated that the Kids n' the Creek program had been a success and he had spoken with the leaders from Haywood Waterways and they had inquired if they could use the new pool for the 2018 Polar Plunge fundraiser. Manager Burrell stated he had also been approached and that he would try to organize the usage with Haywood Waterways.

Alderman Smathers also reminded the Board of the Boney Summey benefit at the North Canton Fire Department on Saturday, September 30th from 12 (noon) until 4pm.

H. Public Hearing: Close a portion of an unopened/unnamed right of way off of Skyland Terrace.

Manager Burrell gave a brief description of the item to be considered at the public hearing. Alderwoman Edwards made a motion to enter a public hearing at 6:51 pm. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of opening the public hearing.

Mrs. Revonda Stevens asked the Board to consider closing a

portion of an unopened and unnamed right of way off Skyland Terrace and Thomson Avenue. Mrs. Stevens stated that she did not want people being able to walk by her garage that is adjacent to this right of way. Mrs. Stevens stated she would provide a roundabout if permitted to close this portion of the right of way. Mrs. Stevens provided a petition from neighbors that were in favor of closing the right of way.

Mr. George Trostel an abutting property owner stated that he was against this request as he and his neighbors used this access to enter the back side of their properties and for emergency vehicles to be able to have access as well. Mr. Trostel also informed the Board that he was told many years ago that the Town of Canton had the first rights of refusal on the property owned by Evergreen Packaging and they might need to consider this as the right of way would need to be utilized for future growth.

Ms. Dorothy Fisher also an abutting property owner stated that she also wanted the right of way to remain open for emergency vehicle access as well as access to the back portion of her property.

Ms. Marilyn Mann from 7 Thomson Avenue stated that she would like for the right of way to remain open as her deed referred to the right of way and she needed the access to enter her property. Ms. Mann also stated that Mrs. Stevens sprays round up and does whatever she wants to property that does not belong to her without regard or permission. Ms. Mann stated that the police had been called on numerous occasions dealing with Mrs. Stevens even though no reports had been filed.

Mrs. Stevens stated that she wanted to park her motor home and other vehicles on that portion and she would keep the area clean and in order because these vehicles were cracking her concrete driveway.

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:05pm. Alderwoman Edwards seconded the motion with all members voting to close the public hearing.

Due to a lack of a motion Mrs. Stevens request was denied.

I. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report to the Board.

Manager Burrell asked the Board to pick a Christmas Parade theme. The Manager distributed the list of the themes that had been used in the past. Manager Burrell suggested that the Board think it over and recommend a theme at the October 12th meeting.

Manager Burrell also encouraged the Board and audience to go and check out the Goodyacre Farm venue as well as support the fund raiser they were having to benefit the local firefighters.

I. New

1. 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 and clarification that the Veterans would be able to attend for free as stated by Lindsay Solomon of the Haywood County Arts Council, Alderman Smathers made a motion to co-sponsor this event. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Co-Sponsorship Application-Smoky Mountain News

Mr. Cory Vaillancourt of the Smoky Mountain News stated that this would be for an event that would allow voters the opportunity to observe and ask questions of the candidates that were running for office that might not otherwise be able to get to know the candidates before voting. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the co-sponsorship as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Alderman Smathers abstained due to him being a candidate. Alderwoman Edwards voted against. Motion carried.

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 discuss the ordinance with the Town Attorney to ensure that the language was correct for the legality issues concerning

finer, add the word exceed regarding the weight of the animal, and report back to the board at the next meeting for consideration. Mayor Ray stated the ordinance was really constructed very well.

5. Pick'n in the Armory Discussion

Mayor Ray stated that he felt like this event was a worthwhile event that the people had requested for the community. Mayor Ray stated that he had always used his employees to do the set up and take down and encouraged the Town to continue this for the citizens. Mayor Ray stated that this was a big fundraiser for the Senior Center and he would hate to see the event come to an end.

Manager Burrell stated that areas to consider were the dance floor and man power moving forward. Alderman Hamlett asked Ms. Dixon to give him a copy of the Senior Center budget if possible. Manager Burrell requested that the Board think about this event and what they would like to see moving forward and add to the next agenda.

6. Bethel Christian Academy Yearbook

Manager Burrell presented a request for an ad in the Bethel Christian Academy yearbook. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to do a full-page ad for \$100.00. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of the motion.

7. Veteran's Day Ad request for the Mountaineer.

Manager Burrell presented a request from the Mountaineer to sponsor an ad in the Veteran's edition of the paper. Alderman Hamlett asked Kyle Perrotti from the Mountaineer if he knew where the proceeds from this edition went? Mr. Perrotti responded that he did not know that information that this could be obtained by calling the office to speak with Management. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

8. Co-Sponsorship Request for Halloween Festival

ATT-Fit a non-profit organization has received permission from the Guinness Book of World Records to try and set the record for the world's largest inflatable haunted house. All the proceeds will to support the Community Kitchen and Haywood

County Schools Backpack program. After a lengthy discussion, the Board asked that the applicant be more specific on the application and return to the Board at the next meeting.

J. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be a Public Hearing held on October 12th at 6:30pm.

K. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Ray adjourned the Meeting at 8:03pm.

Lisa Stinnett, Town Clerk