

## **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

At the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Canton held at the Municipal Building Board Chambers, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 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 6:32 p.m.

### **B. Roll Call**

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

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

Pastor Vos gave the Invocation, Alderman Hamlett led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Minutes: 2/8/18**

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Smathers commented that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Plunge at the Champion Credit Union Aquatics Center was a great success. Mayor Smathers thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Mull for representing the Board in his absence. Mayor Smathers also thanked Alderwoman Smith and Alderman Markey for plunging into the cold water to support Haywood Waterways.

Mayor Smathers commented that Alderman Markey, Alderwoman Smith as well as his self, attended the North Carolina League of Municipalities Newly Elected Officials seminar.

Mayor Smathers stated that one of Canton's finest, Mr. Ronnie Sprinkle had passed away. Mayor Smathers commented that Mr. Sprinkle was a past Alderman, Businessman, and an all-around good person. Mayor Smathers asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Ronnie Sprinkle.

## **F. Aldermen/women Comments**

Alderman Markey commented that he agreed that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Plunge was a great event and the water was plenty cold enough in the new pool. Alderman Markey stated that he was excited about the future of Canton and glad to see the fruits of labor being realized such as the new aquatics facility.

Alderwoman Mull stated that the world lost one of the well-known evangelist, Mr. Billy Graham this week as well as experienced one of the most horrific tragedies in the Parkland Florida school shooting with a massive loss of life.

Alderwoman Smith commented that the school shooting was such a sad tragedy. Alderwoman Smith also agreed that the Polar Plunge was a wonderful event and the heaters in the change rooms was an awesome addition especially to the participants. Alderwoman Smith inquired about a website update and when the holiday garbage schedule would be posted? Manager Burrell stated that the schedule was on the website currently under street and sanitation. Alderwoman Smith thanked staff for this posting.

## **G. Public Comments**

Pastor Voss made the Board aware that dog waste was currently an issue in Water-Wheel Park with volunteers weeding the flower beds. Pastor Voss asked if it was a possibility to add a dog station in that area to encourage people to pick up after their pets.

Mayor Smathers reported that the Board attended the Grand Opening for the Kountry Kitchen and that this was an excellent place to eat as well as a welcome addition to Canton.

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

Manager Burrell presented the cash report to the Board.

Manager Burrell asked the Board's pleasure with regards to setting a work-session on either March 1<sup>st</sup> or March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. The Board is taking these dates into consideration.

## **I. Old Business**

Manager Burrell asked the Board if they had any recommendations for the 1% TDA Sub-Committee for consideration. Manager Burrell reminded the Board that the TDA guidelines for the appointments are tourism related, such as business owners, or someone that was in the tourist industry. Alderwoman Smith recommended Nathan Lowe, Alderman Hamlett recommended Alderwoman Gail Mull, and Mayor Smathers recommended Debbie Crawford. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the candidates as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of the motion.

## **J. New Business**

### **1. Budget Amendments**

Manager Burrell presented the Board with a budget amendment for the construction cost of the Champion Credit Union Aquatics Center (see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Alderman Markey seconded the motion and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Manager Burrell presented the Board with a budget amendment for upgrades and repairs of Camp Hope (see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members voting in the affirmative.

## **K. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next Regular meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Board Chambers.

## **L. Adjournment**

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:00 pm.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk