

May 10th, 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, May 10th, 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 6:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Approval of Minutes: May 10th, 2018

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the May10th minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members voting to approve the minutes as presented.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers thanked everyone for attending the meeting on such a beautiful day.

Mayor Smathers stated that the NJROTC program and the National Day of Prayer were two well attended events and he enjoyed both events.

Mayor Smathers stated that the Public meeting for the NCDOT 19/23 project was in progress across the street in the Colonial Theatre Annex and that this project was not only about greenway, bike, and pedestrian access but safety concerns as well.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Markey commented that he had entertained family from out of Town and had patronized The Daily Bread bakery while watching people dressed as movie characters enter the

toy store for an event, commenting that his family was complimentary of the beauty and growth within the Town. Alderman Markey also inquired as how the pool grand opening would be advertised and suggested that we send flyers to schools. Manager Burrell stated that the event would be well publicized. Alderman Markey commented that he would like to see better communication with road closures and inquired if Chief Gaddis could maybe notify the Board of these things?

Alderman Hamlett asked that staff continue to work on communication with the Board. Alderman Hamlett complimented Chief Gaddis on his presence in the community.

Alderwoman Mull stated that the Town looked lovely and the flowers were beautiful. Alderwoman Mull inquired as to what happened to the gazebo beside JRO'S. Manager Burrell stated the property had been purchased by JRO'S and the gazebo had been given to a church as scrap as the condition of the gazebo was not in a repairable state for the Town to utilize. Alderwoman Mull stated that it was great to enjoy good food from JRO's and the Southern Porch in the downtown area.

Alderwoman Smith stated that she had attended the NCDOT meeting regarding the 19/23 project and that she felt it would be a benefit connecting to Buncombe County. Alderwoman Smith commented that it was nice to see Assistant Manager Scheuer. Alderwoman Smith inquired if the Manager had resolved the issue of the crosswalks across from St. Andrews Church on Academy Street. Manager Burrell stated that he had been in contact with the NCDOT and hopefully something would be done in that area and he would contact the St. Andrews staff to let them know the status. Alderwoman Smith inquired to the status of the mulch at the playground. Manager Burrell as stated that he included additions of mulch at different times of the year in the proposed budget for 2018-2019.

G. Public Comments

Tiffany Cortright stated that she thinks it would be helpful for the Town to put out an Everbridge notification regarding animals running at large. Mrs. Cortright stated that in her neighborhood it was an issue of dogs running at large and she is concerned that someone might get bitten or someone's pet might be harmed.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell gave the cash report.

Manager Burrell formally introduced the new Assistant Manager Nick Scheuer. Manager Burrell stated that Mr. Scheuer will bring an abundance of planning and zoning experience that will benefit the development and growth direction for years to come. Assistant Manager Scheuer stated that he was excited to return to the local level where he can have a direct impact in the community. Alderman Hamlett inquired where Assistant Manager Scheuer will reside? Assistant Manager Scheuer stated that he will live in Asheville close to his parents due to the fact they are instrumental in the care for his small children.

Manager Burrell addressed the communication complaints regarding the sinkhole repair and temporary road closure notification stating that this repair was not planned and that notices were put out the next day for the repair schedule. Manager Burrell stated that staff would continue to try and have open communication.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the new water wheel provided by Mrs. Wanda Lurvey was installed and working in the water wheel park. Manager Burrell stated that this was a lovely gift from Mrs. Lurvey that Citizens could enjoy for years to come.

Manager Burrell called on Richard Hodge, Water Superintendent, to explain the sink hole on Academy Street. Mr. Hodge explained that this was a sinkhole that was about 20 feet deep near a storm water drain but did not impact any other utilities.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the new slide had been ordered and would be in place before the grand opening of the pool. Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the pool would be open from 11am to 5pm free to the public along with food trucks, and music. Alderman Hamlett stated that he thought we would be in violation of the food truck policy and asked if the Manager would look at the ordinance for clarity.

I. Old Business

Alderwoman Mull asked the Manager the stage of the Pisgah Drive roundabout project was in? Manager Burrell stated that property acquisition was currently what was being done for the project.

Mayor Smathers requested an update from the Town Attorney on the Thompson Avenue Right-of-Way issues. Attorney Morgan stated that he had not had any contact since the notification letter was issued. Manager Burrell stated that if the violation continued the ticketing and towing process would begin.

Alderman Hamlett asked if the draft policy regarding the displaying of flags could be addressed on a future agenda. Attorney Morgan stated that he would need to revisit the draft policy to make sure it was a legal document. Alderman Hamlett stated that this was a very important topic to him and he would like to Board to consider it.

J. New Business

1. Special Event Request: Southern Porch

Manager Burrell presented a request to allow alcohol on the sidewalk and parking space closure for a special event to benefit the non-profit Shawn Blanton Foundation at the Southern Porch restaurant on June 16, 2018. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the sidewalk closure and to allow alcohol consumption on the sidewalk during this event. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of the motion.

Manager Burrell presented a request for sponsorship for the Trooper Shawn Blanton Remembrance Ride that benefits the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Mission Children's Hospital. Manager Burrell introduced Michaela Blanton to answer questions from the Board regarding this event. After a brief discussion, Alderwoman Smith made a motion to table this request pending the legal advice from the Town Attorney at the next meeting with regards to deferring sponsorship to new budget year. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Pisgah Football Program Ad Request

Manager Burrell presented the Board with an ad sponsorship request for the Pisgah High School football program. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to table this request for the May 24th meeting. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. WPTL sponsorship request to broadcast Pickin' in the Park

Manager Burrell presented a request for sponsorship to broadcast Pickin' in the Park. Alderwoman Smith inquired as to the reach of the station. Manager Burrell stated that the Town of Canton benefitted from the sponsorship only to the citizens that could not attend the event in person. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to table this request for the May 24th meeting. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted to table the request.

4. Proclamation: National Police Officer/Fallen Officer Week

Manager Burrell presented a proclamation for National Police Officer week as well as Fallen Officer Memorial (see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion with all members voting in favor of the motion.

5. Budget Ordinance: Spruce Street Project

Manager Burrell presented the budget ordinance for the Spruce Street project. After a brief discussion, Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the Spruce Street budget ordinance as presented. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

K. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Special Called meeting will be held on May 12th at 9:30 a.m. in the Town of Canton Boardroom.

Mayor Smathers asked the Board if they had any objection to change the Regular meeting for May 24th time from 6:30pm to 7:30pm due to conflicts with the Fallen Officer Event at Haywood County. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to change the time of the May 24th regular scheduled meeting to 7:30pm. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All in favor of the motion.

L. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk