

## **August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

At the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Canton held at the Walter Clark Board Chambers, August 9, 2018 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett, and Markey present, the following proceedings were held.

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

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Smathers announced that Alderwoman Smith was on vacation with her family.

### **B. Roll Call**

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

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

Bobby Kearse gave the Invocation, Alderwoman Mull led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Minutes: July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Smathers thanked the Police Department and Town Staff for a very successful National Night Out. Mayor Smathers commented that this was a good family friendly event that allowed community relationships to grow.

Mayor Smathers asked William Morgan, Town Attorney, for an update on the Thompson Street Right of Way issue. Attorney Morgan stated that the Town would need to formally accept the right of way before any legal action should be taken. Manager Burrell advised the Board that if they intended to pursue legal action this would need to be done during an open meeting and this would then have to be maintained by the Town of Canton. Manager Burrell suggested that the vote take place when all members were present.

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

Alderman Hamlett thanked all involved with the National Night Out event and the wonderful hot dogs that were given away for free. Alderman Hamlett also thanked Roland Osborne for all of the wonderful photographs that were displayed throughout the Town Hall and his willingness to voluntarily take pictures at numerous events.

## **G. Public Comments**

Mr. Nate Washington formally invited the Board to attend the First Responders appreciation brunch. Mr. Washington stated that these workers are the first to help others when most would run the other way and they often went unnoticed and underappreciated. Mr. Washington stated that this was a way for all of them to be recognized for the job they do and Haywood County had some of the best.

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

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell distributed a proposed agreement for the parking lot adjacent to the Town Hall for their consideration. Manager Burrell asked the Board to read through the document and he would add the item to the next agenda.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that Mrs. Erin Gamez had been hired to serve as the Certified Pool Operator for the rest of the pool season replacing Keith Corbeil after his resignation.

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that he was in contact with Mrs. Caroline Ponton regarding the placement of historic marker projects and the project was moving forward.

Manager Burrell asked Lisa Stinnett, Town Clerk to make the Board aware of the details on a proposed walk/run fundraiser. Ms. Stinnett explained that the event would be produced by Krystal Shuler in conjunction with other emergency personnel and that the event would raise money to place automated external defibrillators in the elementary schools.

Alderman Hamlett asked if the Town Staff was making a concerted effort to work with the school system for use of the swimming pool. Manager Burrell stated that the Town would make every effort to work with the school system, however, certified lifeguards either would have to be provided by the school system or the school system would have to reimburse the Town to utilize their guards.

## **I. Old Business**

### **1. Mobile Food Ordinance Discussion:**

Manager Burrell presented the proposed amendment to the Mobile Food Truck Ordinance as requested by the Board. After a brief discussion, Attorney Morgan stated that a public hearing would probably need to be held before voting on the change to the ordinance. Manager Burrell stated that he would add to a later agenda.

## **J. New Business**

### **1. Drugs in our Midst: Jean Parris**

Manager Burrell introduced Ms. Jean Parris from Drugs in our Midst. Ms. Parris congratulated the Board on the Champion Credit Union Aquatic Center stating she had attended the facility and the Recreation Park numerous times this summer and that it was always full of families and kids having a good time and that it was nice to see the change from years prior. Ms. Parris introduced Gariann Yochym and Jeremy Sharp from the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition. These individuals are providing resources and outreach to those that are affected by drug overdoses, hepatitis and HIV patients that need diversion programs, counseling and other assistance by working with local law enforcement to help identify the people that would qualify for help. Mayor Smathers thanked them both for their efforts and presentation to the Board.

### **2. Big Brothers/Big Sisters**

Manager Burrell presented a request for sponsorship for the Big Brothers Big Sisters cornhole tournament to be held at Bearwaters Brewery (See attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to sponsor the event with a \$250-dollar donation. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **3. Grant Request for Architectural Design for the Papertown Coffee Shop located at 119 Main Street.**

Manager Burrell presented the grant application from Elizabeth Rhine and Russell Grimmett owners of Papertown Coffee located at 119 Main Street for the architectural design matching grant in the amount of \$1500- dollars to the Board for their consideration. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the matching grant as requested. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

4. NCDEQ Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Assessment Grant: Wastewater Update of Previous Treatment Consolidation Feasibility Assessment (circa 2001,2007)

Manager Burrell presented and explained the Feasibility Assessment Grant to the Board for their consideration. Alderman Markey wanted clarification that this was not a matching funds grant. Manager Burrell stated that this was not a matching funds grant. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the NCDEQ Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Assessment Grant as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Proclamation: Canton Lion's Club 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mayor Smathers recited the Proclamation language to be presented at the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the Proclamation as presented. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Smathers inquired about the banner in support of Pisgah Athletics. Manager Burrell stated that the scheduling of hanging the banner was in the process.

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Walter Clark Board Chambers.

**K. Closed Session**

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter closed session at 7:36 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter open session at 8:10 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to enter open session.

**L. Adjournment**

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk