July 12th, 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, June 28th, 2018 at 6:30pm with Mayor Pro-Tem Mull and Aldermen/women Hamlett, Markey and Smith present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Mull reported that Mayor Smathers was on vacation.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull stated the Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Approval of Minutes: June 28th, 2018

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the June 28th minutes as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion with all members voting to approve the minutes.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull thanked the folks in attendance for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull commented that the pool was a big hit. Manager Burrell stated that the staff did phenomenal job with regards to the diving board incident and care for the injured party. Alderman Hamlett stated that he wanted to make sure that staff worked with the school system in the future with use of the pool if they could provide their own certified lifeguards or by paying for our lifeguards. Alderman Hamlett commented that he felt that it was important to have a good relationship with the schools.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull commented that the July 4th plus one was a good event for the community and thanked the Churches, vendors, and especially Champion Credit Union for the fabulous fireworks show that they sponsored.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Markey stated that it was good to be back from vacation and that it was a blessing to see how other cultures are different and that he was proud to be a part of the local government system that directly affected the Town and her people. Alderman Markey wanted to encourage the youth of Canton to get involved in the meetings, so they could learn how they could become a positive impact and encouraged them to all get out and vote in the upcoming election.

Alderwoman Smith wanted to echo the previous comment regarding the swimming pool and lifeguard staff on a job well done. Alderwoman Smith also thanked staff for the Fourth plus 1 event stating it was well attended.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell reminded the Board of the Council of Government meeting that would be held on July 23rd at the Haywood Community College.

I. Old Business

1. Loan Acceptance for the Spruce Street Water Project

Manager Burrell presented the loan acceptance documents for the Spruce Street Water improvements project. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the loan for the Spruce Street Water Project as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor the motion.

J. New Business

1. Review of Façade and Interior Building Improvement Grant Application: 81 Main Street

Manager Burrell asked the Board to table this item for the next meeting as the paper work was not submitted in time for their review.

2. Casting for Recovery Sponsorship Request:

After discussion with regard to how much was donated the previous year, Alderman Hamlett made a motion to table this request until the next meeting until the amount was known. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Mobile Food Ordinance Discussion:

Manager Burrell stated that a portion of the mobile food ordinance needed to be revised to allow food trucks at the Recreation Park which was Town property. Manager Burrell explained this was omitted in the ordinance because of the concession stand option at the pool and the prevention of competing with the Town to make money. Alderman Hamlett submitted a possible draft for the amendment for staff to consider. Manager Burrell stated that staff would review the draft and submit back to the Board recommendations on how to move forward with the proposed changes.

Town Attorney William Morgan joined the meeting at 6:58 p.m. as he was stuck in traffic due to an auto accident on I-40.

4. Review of Plans for a Subdivision Request for parcel #8666-17-5885

Manager Burrell presented the Board with the subdivision plans for parcel #8666-17-5885 located at the end portion of Johnson Drive outside the corporate limits. Manager Burrell reported that the Planning Board had met and approved the subdivision as presented on July 10th. After a brief discussion, Alderman Markey made a motion to approve the subdivision as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Pastor Vos interjected as to the status of the Potbellied Pig issue and request to allow the animals in the corporate limits. Manager Burrell stated that it was still on the slate to come before the Board soon.

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be held on July 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the Walter Clark Board Chambers.

J. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Pro-Tem Mull adjourned the Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk