

## **July 26<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, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett, Markey and Smith 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 stated the Town Manager, Town Attorney and Town Finance Officer were present.

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

Pastor Vos gave the Invocation, Alderwoman Smith led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Manager Burrell ask to table the June 12<sup>th</sup> minutes for the next agenda as the Town Clerk was on vacation.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Smathers thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Mull for conducting the last meeting in his absence. Mayor Smathers stated that while he was overseas on vacation in Greece he had a conversation with another couple and long story short the couple commented that they were from Texas and Mayor Smathers responded that he was from Canton, N.C. The gentleman stated that he had been in Canton two weeks prior at Bearwaters Brewery and that he had worked for Giles Chemicals for several years and had never been to Canton until his recent visit. He mentioned that he was amazed at the growth of the Town with all the new businesses, restaurants, and the brewery. This reflects that the Town's efforts in the downtown area are working.

Mayor Smathers stated that the talks with the County regarding the IP Sports Complex were ongoing on the best utilization of the facility. Mayor Smathers further stated that the Town would continue in that vein and being ever mindful to keep the best interest of Canton Little League and Canton Football leagues in mind.

Mayor Smathers thanked the Manager and Street Superintendent

Johnny Gibson for the sidewalk repair in front of Riverview Farm and Gardens, thus making it safer and easier for walkers that utilize the greenway loop for exercise.

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

Alderman Markey bragged on the Police Department as well as Police Chief, Shawn Gaddis with public engagement. Alderman Markey stated that several churches in a group effort had a food give away that served approximately 1400 people and during the event a gentleman lost his wife, who suffered from dementia, and Chief Gaddis had just left the location but when called responded immediately back to the site, showing their quick response and willingness to help.

Alderwoman Mull thanked Dutch Cove Baptist for serving all the Town employees and businesses in Town with a barbeque lunch.

Alderwoman Smith announced that several of the churches were having a back to school giveaway for kids in need that could use donated school supplies on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Markey stated that it was a block party type event and if you need supplies for your children then you just drop by.

Alderwoman Smith shared an economic news update on a new business coming to Town. Alderwoman Smith confirmed that a coffee shop called Papertown Coffee would be opening soon and that they are very excited to be a part of Canton. Alderwoman Smith stated that the couple complimented the staff on their help and Alderwoman Smith thanked Manager Burrell and his team on a job well done. Mayor Smathers also thanked Alderwoman Smith who played a vital role in securing this business to choose Canton for their endeavor .

Mayor Smathers read a thank you card from the Mashburn family for the kind flowers during their time of grief.

Mayor Smathers also read a thank you card from the Camp Ability participants for allowing them to use the Champion Credit Union Aquatics Center.

Mayor Smathers stated that Central United Methodist Church sent an invitation to the Board to attend the first responder's appreciation dinner.

### **G. Public Comments**

Pastor Vos stated that the Police Department had asked him to speak with the pool staff and allow them to debrief after the

event with having to resuscitate a young girl at the pool. Pastor Vos stated that he was blown away by the staff and their professionalism and the Town for providing them the training that they needed to be able to perform their jobs to this standard. Pastor Vos stated that Savannah Mason the pool supervisor was cool headed and calm, as well as her staff during a life-threatening crisis. Mayor Smathers commented that he had spoken with the family today and they were very appreciative and eager to return to the pool. Pastor Vos inquired if a sign could be posted at the entrance that notified parents to let staff know that a special needs child would be in the pool. Alderwoman Smith stated that it was a testament to Pastor Vos's character that the Police Department felt comfortable calling him to ask him to stop in and speak with these young kids about the incident and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Ed Underwood thanked Town staff for fixing the sidewalk on the walking trail loop. Mr. Underwood also wanted to thank Emily Wilson for her hard work keeping the Town clean and beautiful. Mr. Underwood also wanted to thank the Police Department for the job they were doing as he sees them out running radar and other things in the community. Mr. Underwood commended staff on a job well done with bringing business and events to the community stating that he knows what was here and recognizing all the efforts that staff are doing. Manager Burrell stated that this was a coordinated effort with the Street and Water Departments with repairs to the sidewalk.

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

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell updated the Board on the Crossroad Hill water project stating that it was going well, and Hyatt Pipeline was doing a good job.

Manager Burrell stated that the Spruce Street water upgrade project is moving along well, and he will keep them updated.

Manager Burrell stated that he was excited to have the Papertown Coffee shop coming to Town and they will make a good addition to Canton.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that the Bike and Ped plan was still in the consulting and steering phase and that Nick was working closely with this project.

Manager Burrell discussed the roundabout project on Pisgah Drive, and stated that the project was slated to begin in December and still moving forward.

## **I. Old Business**

### **1. Casting for Recovery Sponsorship Request**

Manager Burrell presented the request to be a sponsor for the Casting for Recovery event. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve \$200-dollar sponsorship. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

## **J. New Business**

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

Manager Burrell presented the proposed amendment to the Mobile Food Truck Ordinance (1. Special Requirements for Mobile Food Trucks) allowing food trucks to operate on Town property with approval, as a Special Event from the Mayor and Board, or if the Town chooses to hold an event of its own benefitting the Town on Town owned properties. Also, under the fee section that if a vendor did not show up at the event that the vendor fee would be non-refundable. Alderwoman Smith mentioned item 12 (Push Carts) making a fee structure so the ordinance would not have to be changed when the fees changed. Alderman Markey wanted to see wording to include if a vendor did not give enough notice that the vendor fee would be forfeited. Alderman Hamlett stated that he suggested that at least a 24-hour notice was given. Alderman Markey stated that he did not think that this was enough time to replace a vendor. After a brief discussion, the Manager stated that these items could be dealt with on the policy making for events on a staff level. Manager Burrell will draft an amendment and bring back to the Board for approval.

### **2. Review of the Façade and Interior Building Improvement Grant Application: 81 Main Street**

Manager Burrell submitted to the Board an application for a façade and interior grant submitted by Rick and Lisa Conard of 81 Main Street. Manager Burrell stated that the Conard's had completed a number of improvements, and the Conard's are going to open the windows in the rear of the building, paint, upgrade the electrical, and install a new HVAC in the building. After review, the Manager affirms the Conard's have met the threshold to receive funds back from the grant process and submitted all necessary documentation. Following a brief discussion regarding the amount of funds to be distributed and/or the possibility of aesthetic uniformity with these projects. Manager Burrell stated that these topics had been discussed in the past and we could continue to discuss ideas. Alderman

Markey stated that this topic at least warrants a discussion. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the grant application as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Alderman Hamlett suggested that the grant application be changed to read "if the applicant is not the owner".

Alderwoman Mull asked if the new logos could be added to the application as well.

Alderman Markey asked if it could be made a typeable pdf.

### 3. Property Acquisition offer for property in the right of way at the roundabout project site on Pisgah Drive

Manager Burrell presented an offer to purchase 2 right of way easements from the North Carolina Department of Transportation referred to as U-6055/006 and U-6055/003 located at the intersections of Pisgah Drive, Locust Street, and Holtzclaw Street along with the appraisals for the acquisition. Manager Burrell stated that in his opinion this was a fair price for the acquisition and the roundabout would benefit the Town by alleviating an ongoing safety concern at this intersection. Manager Burrell stated that he would be more than happy to negotiate if the Board desired him to do so. Alderwoman Mull asked if Attorney Morgan felt this was a fair offer? Attorney Morgan stated he did think it was a fair offer. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the offer to purchase property by the NCDOT as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### 4. Resolution for the Road Closures for the Canton Labor Day Festival.

Manager Burrell stated that the Town is required to adopt a resolution for the NCDOT with regard to road closures for the Labor Day festival. Manager Burrell stated that the only change will be the staging area as the route will stay the same. Alderman Markey made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members vote to approve the Resolution.

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 August 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Walter Clark Board Chambers.

**K. Closed Session**

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter into closed session at 7:37 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Alderman Markey made a motion to enter open session at 8:21 p.m. Alderwoman Smith 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 8:22 p.m.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk