

August 23rd, 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 23, 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 stated the Town Manager, Town Clerk and Town Attorney were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Bobby Kearse gave the Invocation, Alderman Hamlett led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: August 9, 2018

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the August 9th minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers thanked the Haywood Educational Foundation and Alderwoman Mull for their efforts in producing the Miss Labor Day Pageant. Mayor Smathers announced that Miss Hannah Muse was the newly crowned Miss Labor Day Queen.

Mayor Smathers thanked Chief Gaddis for his presence in the community and his active approach with public relations.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Markey stated that the Town was beautiful and clean and ready for the Labor Day festivities. Alderman Markey read a letter he had received from Doris Washam with regard to the need for paving on Wesley Street.

Alderman Hamlett stated that he had no comments other than he was suffering from empty nest syndrome.

Alderwoman Mull stated that the Town looked nice with all the flowers and decorations. Alderwoman Mull also asked everyone

to pray for an agreeable result in the union contract at Evergreen Packaging.

Alderwoman Smith stated that she was sorry that she missed the last meeting. Alderwoman Smith agreed that the Town looked nice with all the banners going up for Labor Day. Alderwoman Smith stated that the National Night Out event was a great event and her family enjoyed it. Alderwoman Smith stated that she had been approached about a mini library, however, she would wait to discuss the issue because she noticed that it appeared on the agenda. Alderwoman Smith stated that the Papertown Coffee banner was up, and she looked forward to the opening in the future.

G. Public Comments

Tiffany Cortright of Allen Street thanked Chief Gaddis for his attention to an incident involving a loose dog at the IP Sports Complex in which her dad had been involved.

Ron Donaldson of Haywood Avenue inquired as to how bands were picked for the Labor Day celebration? Mr. Donaldson asked if the oldies could be included? Manager Burrell stated that all genres would be looked at during the planning stages. Mayor Smathers commented that every year the festival is scrutinized to see what ideas could be incorporated to improve on the event.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that the Papertown Coffee shop was making great progress and would be an asset to the Town when open.

Manager Burrell reminded the Board of the ribbon cutting for the new business at 81 Main Street.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that the owner of 1 Depot Street had made contact and renovations to that building would start in the near future.

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 reminded the Board of the parade route direction change for the Labor Day parade on Monday. Manager Burrell made the Board aware that habitual code violators needed to be addressed and that he would like to take

that topic and on street parking to the Planning Board for their input in the next month. Mayor Smathers asked that the Manager also include commercial code abusers in that discussion.

I. Old Business

1. Evergreen Packaging Mutual Exchange Agreement:

Manager Burrell presented the proposed agreement with Evergreen Packaging. Attorney William Morgan proposed some language changes and a term under the 10-year threshold, something either 3 years or less with option to renew. Alderwoman Smith inquired about liability insurance coverage. Manager Burrell stated that item 6 and 7 released each party of the liability. Alderman Hamlett inquired about item 12. Attorney Morgan read the proposed language changes. Mayor Smathers asked about improvements to the property. Manager Burrell stated that it would be brought to the Board for consent, but he would specify language other than reasonably withheld in the item discussing improvements. Mayor Smathers wanted to see something related to clearing the lot for special events such as Labor Day allowing them to use other sites such as town property on Fibreville during this time. Manager Burrell agreed that something referring to the parking lot for future use needed to be addressed. Alderwoman Mull stated that she felt they were actively looking for a more suitable lot although she was speaking for Evergreen. Manager Burrell stated that he advised a year to year contract instead of a long-term lease as that would be under the threshold and would allow the Board to voice concerns if any in a shorter time frame. The Board gave consensus for the Manager to negotiate and make changes to the agreement.

J. New Business

1. Resolution: Acceptance of the Right of Way Thompson Avenue and Skyland Terrace.

After a brief discussion, Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the resolution accepting the right of way connecting Thompson Avenue and Skyland Terrace. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Alderwoman Smith asked about maintenance. Attorney Morgan stated that if improvements were required it could be assessed to each property owner at that time. All were in favor of the motion. Manager Burrell instructed the Attorney to draft a letter to the property owners making them aware if the right of way were obstructed then it would be cleared at owner's expense and legal action would be taken.

2. Proposed Median at Williams Street for Tractor Trailers

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that he had spoken with Vaughn and Melton Engineering firm and that he planned to move forward with the implementation of the median and signage to prevent tractor trailers from entering this area.

3. Little Free Library Positioning Permission

Mrs. Kelly Allred inquired if she could put the mini library on Town property at the intersection at Old Pisgah Drive and Main Street. Mrs. Allred would purchase the box and fill it with books and donate it to the Town. Board Consensus to proceed.

4. Co-Sponsorship Request: Table Extravaganza Women's Job Corp.

Manager presented the application to the Board. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the co-sponsorship application and waiving of all fees for this event. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Pisgah Calendar Ad

Alderwoman Mull stated that she had been approached about buying an ad in the calendar that would support all sports at Pisgah High School. Alderman Hamlett wanted to confirm that all sports would benefit from the monies. Alderwoman Mull confirmed that it would benefit all sports for the young men and women. The Board ask that Mayor Smathers investigate the cost and return to the Board.

6. Set Public Hearing: Amendment to the Food Truck Ordinance.

Manager Burrell stated that a public hearing would need to be set for the amendment of the mobile food truck ordinance. Manager Burrell stated that the Planning Board would meet prior to this meeting and he would then present their recommendations at the hearing. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to set the public hearing to discuss the amendment of the mobile food truck ordinance for September 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be held on September 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Walter Clark Board Chambers.

K. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk