

February 14th, 2019

At the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held at the Walter Clark Board Chambers, February 14th, 2019 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 Manager, Town Attorney and Town Clerk were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Pam Kearse gave the Invocation. Alderwoman Smith led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: January 28th, 2019

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

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers welcomed everyone that was in attendance.

Mayor Smathers congratulated everyone that was involved with the Tim Tebow Night to Shine event. This event says a lot about who we are in Canton. Mayor Smathers stated he was truly honored to have been a part of the event.

Mayor Smathers encouraged the Board and citizens to get involved with the Poverty Challenge event that the Mountaineer was hosting suggesting that they contact Vickie Hyatt for more information.

Mayor Smathers reported that he had received an invitation from the Clean County Commission luncheon to honor the winners of the 2019 Community Pride Awards. Mayor Smathers asked Board members to get in contact with Town Clerk, Lisa Stinnett if they plan to attend the event on February 27th at

noon at the Waynesville Inn no later than February 19th for reservations.

Mayor Smathers stated that the Rotary Club was planning a service project in the Town of Canton. Mayor Smathers stated that he would like to recommend Natalie Walker to join the club from the Town of Canton. All members agreed that this would be a great idea if Natalie was able to join the club.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Alderwoman Mull stated that the labor contract for Evergreen Packaging passed and would be good for four years. Alderwoman Mull stated that she was thankful that the agreement was in place and the plant was doing well.

Alderwoman Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Alderwoman Smith stated that the Night to Shine event was a wonderful event and she was honored and extremely happy that she could be a part of the event.

Alderwoman Smith requested the Manager to research a safety concern at Locust Street regarding making the yellow paint visible, as well as slowing traffic in the area.

G. Public Comments

Mrs. Lorna Ashe introduced herself to the Board as the new Haywood County Chairperson for Relay for Life. Mrs. Ashe stated that she was very appreciative of what the Town did for the event and that she looked forward to growing the event. Mrs. Ashe reported that she would be meeting with Lisa Stinnett soon to make sure to learn what the expectations were of her from the Town's sponsorship. The Mayor and Board thanked Mrs. Ashe for her willingness to produce the event and wished her great success.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell gave the cash report.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the Certificate of Insurance had been received from the Canton Lion's Club for the Lion's Urban Assault event.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) was in the area installing curb cuts and ramps that would be ADA compliant and beneficial to those that had disabilities to access all areas of the downtown area safely.

Manager Burrell reported that he would give an economic data update at the next meeting.

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that Town crews had remodeled the bathrooms in several cabins at Camp Hope and that they really had done a great job on the project and it would be very beneficial for future rentals at the Camp. Manager Burrell stated that during the work-session he would discuss some options to improve the Camp for the next budget year.

J. Old Business

Mayor Smathers inquired when the Mountain Projects request would be brought back to the Board. Manager Burrell stated that he would try to schedule that for the next agenda

K. New Business

1. Set Work-session date(s).

Manager Burrell inquired if it would be easier for Board members to have a work-session one afternoon through the week opposed to a Saturday? After a brief discussion, Thursday, March 7th at 6:30 was decided for the first work-session. Manager Burrell requested that Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 be a tentative date for the second work-session. All members agreed that this would be a good date unless something unforeseen came up then they could revisit another acceptable date.

L. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Regular Scheduled meeting will be held on February 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Walter Clark Board Chambers.

M. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk