

February 28th, 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 28th, 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, Assistant Manager, Town Attorney and Town Clerk were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Approval of Minutes: February 14th, 2019

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the February 14th minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull 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 complimented Town Crews on the expedited repair to the sewer line that collapsed on Main Street.

Mayor Smathers stated that Ala Cupcake would be announcing their grand opening in the near future.

Mayor Smathers congratulated Dr. Ralph Hamlett on being named Professor Emeritus at Brevard College. All in attendance applauded the accomplishment of Dr. Hamlett.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Markey stated that he was impressed with the employees and the manner in which they repaired the sewer line and managed the traffic detour during the repair.

Alderman Hamlett thanked the employees for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Canton.

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Alderwoman Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting and echoed all the positive comments in regard to the sewer line repair.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell gave the cash report.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that the Town would be partnering with the Haywood Rotary at a sponsor level and that numerous employees would be taking turns attending and participating with the group.

Manager Burrell reminded the Board that the strategic planning work-session would be Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that the Pisgah Drive Round-a-Bout project should begin on March 5th and be completed by October.

Manager Burrell stated that the North Carolina Department of Transportation was still in the area implementing ADA compliant sidewalk access.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that Town crews were still working on the two remaining cabins at Camp Hope to have them upgraded for the 2019-2020 season. Manager Burrell complimented the workmanship of the employees on this project.

Manager Burrell updated the Board on the Economic Development to date. Manager Burrell stated that Ala Cupcake, Wendy's, and Papertown Coffee were all in the process to open for business in the near future. Manager Burrell also updated the Board on the retention data of new businesses in the area

verses years past. Mayor Smathers complimented Manager Burrell and Clerk Stinnett on a job well done. Mayor Smathers also inquired from attendee CeCe Hipps, Haywood Chamber Director, as to any suggestions on how to keep things moving. Ms. Hipps stated that we all worked well together and that continuing to push forward is the main goal.

J. Old Business

1. Resolution: Pisgah Marching Band

Manager Burrell asked Mayor Smathers to read the resolution of recognition to those in attendance. Mayor Smathers asked all members present and their families to stand and be recognized. Mayor Smathers thanked Stephen Parris, Band Director, for all of the hard work and time that he gave his students and the community. Mayor Smathers stated that this was a great tool that taught kids that they are a part of something much bigger than themselves and that working together they could accomplish so much more. Alderman Hamlett stated that he was a former band member and he was very proud of their accomplishments, as well as thanking them for their participation in the Town parades so that others could enjoy their talents and hard work. Several past and former band leaders thanked the Board for the recognition. Director, Stephen Parris stated that he was blessed to work with the incredibly talented kids for a living.

2. Mountain Projects Request

Manager Burrell introduced John Chicoine from Mountain Projects. Mr. Chicoine stated that Mountain Projects was requesting a \$2,000-dollar donation to help offset the cost to run the Canton Senior Center. Mr. Chicoine reported that Ms. Teresa Woodruff had really made a difference at the Canton Center with new and fun activities for seniors, as well as teaching them things like computer skills and nutrition. Mr. Chicoine reported to the Board that currently the center received \$9,000 from State funding and \$7,000 from fundraising during Pickin' in the Armory. Alderman Hamlett stated that we celebrate young people all the time for their accomplishments, but the Senior Center is for what Seniors have done over the years. Alderman Hamlett thanked Mr. Chicoine for what they do for our Senior population. Mr. Chicoine thanked the Town for all the support they give the community stating that Pickin' in the Armory and Night to Shine were wonderful events and great exposure for the Senior

Center and that they love to partner with the Town on events such as these. Mr. Chicoine also stated that opening the kitchen for other events in the Armory is something that they would be willing to work on with the Town in the future to help in anyway.

K. New Business

1. Co-Sponsorship Request: "Folkmalt" from Folkmoot and Bearwaters Brewery.

Manager Burrell introduced Mr. David Francis, Chairman of the Folkmoot Board. Mr. Francis explained that the Folkmoot Board wanted to shake things up a bit and think outside the box on how to incorporate multicultural events during Folkmoot. Mr. Francis introduced Kevin Sandefur, Bearwaters Brewery, to pitch the idea of the co-sponsorship with the Town of Canton. Mr. Sandefur explained that this event would be held in Sorrells Street Park and it would be a music, food, dance and beer festival that would incorporate other cultures for all to enjoy and would hopefully grow each year. Alderman Hamlett asked if this event would be family friendly with no underage drinking permitted. Mr. Sandefur stated that the event would be family friendly and monitored very closely. Mr. Sandefur introduced the Folkmoot Director Angeline Schwab to answer questions with regard to the requests of the co-sponsorship. Manager Burrell commented to the board that he felt this would be a great event for the area. Manager Burrell explained that what the co-sponsorship would consist of would be a waiver of the fee to use Sorrells Park, fencing, electric, water, traffic control, bleachers, trash receptacles, barrels, barricades, cones, as well as closing the Sorrells Street. Mr. Sandefur inquired if an officer could come through 15 minutes before the end of the event and ask that all the vendors stop selling alcohol. Manager Burrell stated that would be no problem, but the Town would not be responsible for checking ID's or wristbands during the event. Ms. Schwab stated that they would take care of all operations including the checking id's and wristbands. Alderwoman Smith commented that she thought this would be a great event and exposure for the Town of Canton. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the co-sponsorship as discussed. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Canton Fire Department Appointment

Manager Burrell presented a letter of request from Fire Chief

Tim Carver to replace retiring member Joseph Sellars with Jared Shuler to serve on the Canton Fire department Relief Fund Board of Trustees. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to appoint Jared Shuler to the Canton Fire Department Board of Trustees. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. 2019 Community Waste Reduction/Recycling Grant Program Application: David Francis

Manager Burrell introduced David Francis. Mr. Francis explained to the Board that in 2014 Maggie Valley had seen a large impact on contamination control since implementing recycling receptacles. Manager Burrell commented that this would also be more professional than bags laying everywhere and more aesthetically pleasing. After a brief discussion, Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the application as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

L. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Special Called meeting will be held on March 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

M. Closed Session N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4)

Alderman Markey made a motion to enter Closed Session per N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(4) at 7:47 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion Carried. After a brief discussion, Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter Open Session at 8:55 p.m. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

N. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk