

March 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, March 14th, 2019 at 6:30pm with Mayor Pro-Tem Mull and Aldermen/women Hamlett, Smith, and Markey present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull stated that the Mayor was unable to attend the meeting. Other members present were the Manager, Assistant Manager, Town Attorney and Town Clerk were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Pam Kearse gave the Invocation. Alderman Hamlett led those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: February 28th, 2019

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

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull welcomed everyone that was in attendance.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Markey commented that he was looking forward to seeing the fruits of the labors that the Board had been working toward. Alderman Markey stated Canton was a great place to be.

Alderwoman Smith thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Alderwoman Smith stated that you could see the staging for the round-a-bout project starting to be put into place, which should make for a safer environment in that area.

Alderwoman Smith also congratulated the Pisgah Cheerleaders for the win at the State Championships.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell gave the cash report.

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that the round-a-bout project was underway and that the Town had received minimal complaints so far. Manager Burrell stated that he had been in contact with crews and that the detour signs and pattern would start being put into place this week. Alderman Markey inquired if citizens had been contacted regarding the schedule of the project. Manager Burrell stated that this was a North Carolina Department of Transportation project and it was his understanding that all the citizens that would be directly impacted would be notified.

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that the bid advertising for the Spruce Street project should start March 18, 2019 with the bid opening to follow on April 23, 2019.

Manager Burrell reminded the Board of the ribbon cutting for the new nail salon "Nailology" on Monday, March 18th at 11:00 am.

Manager Burrell presented the Board an offer to purchase a vacant non-conforming lot located off Hillside Street in the amount of \$500.00. Manager Burrell explained that Mr. Doug Mull wanted to purchase the lot to assure that he had a secure right of way to his property that adjoined this vacant lot. Manager Burrell explained that this lot only consisted of approximately 3,800 square feet which was well below the required footage of 8,000 for development. Manager Burrell stated that the offer amount was comparable to the assessed value of several non-conforming adjacent lots. Mayor Pro-Tem Mull asked to be excused from the discussion and the vote to avoid a conflict of interest. Manager Burrell explained to the Board if they accepted the offer that an ad would be placed in the paper to entertain upset bids for ten-day intervals until a final bid was achieved. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to accept Mr. Doug Mulls offer to purchase the property # 8656-

89-7049 in the amount of \$500.00 dollars. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Hamlett, Markey, and Smith voted in favor of the motion.

J. Old Business

N/A

K. New Business

1. Donation Request: Pisgah Band Boosters

Manager Burrell presented the Board with a donation request from the Pisgah High School band booster. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Pisgah Band Boosters. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. Alderman Markey stated that he would like to see a more uniform or less nebulous way to do the donations. Alderman Hamlett suggested that this be worked out during the work sessions at a later time. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Billiard/Pool Hall request: Alicia Putnam

Manager Burrell asked Assistant Manager Nick Scheuer to explain the request process to the Board. Mr. Scheuer stated that Mrs. Putnam had submitted all the required paper work and fees as required by the ordinance. Assistant Manager Scheuer stated that the zone in which the location was located did allow for such an establishment with several restrictions (age requirements, times, etc.) and that Mrs. Putnam if approved would then be referred to the Planning Board to get approval on these requests. Manager Burrell introduced Mrs. Alishia Putnam. Mrs. Putnam stated that she was a wife, mother, registered nurse, and an avid pool player. Mrs. Putnam presented a letter to the Board with the plan she had for the pool/billiard hall (see attached). Mrs. Putnam stated that she played in numerous pool tournaments and had run a tournament for the Arc of Haywood for several years for their benefit and that this would be a nice establishment and well managed. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the pool/billiard hall request as allowed by ordinance. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

L. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be held on March 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers.

N. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk