

April 11th, 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, April 11th, 2019 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull and Markey present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Smathers stated that Alderman Hamlett had the flu and Alderwoman Smith was on spring break with her family.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers stated the Assistant Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney were present. Mayor Smathers stated that Town Manager Burrell was out of Town for the rest of the week.

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: March 28th, 2019

Alderman Markey made a motion to approve the March 28, 2019 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 read a thank you note from Pinnacle Church thanking the Town for their co-sponsorship with them on the Night to Shine event.

Mayor Smathers stated that he had received a complaint from Ellen Selm, owner Middle Path Nutrition and Wellness, regarding the speeding in front of her business. Mayor Smathers stated that this had been discussed and would be considered during the budget workshop.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Assistant Manager Nick Scheuer gave the cash report.

Assistant Manager Scheuer updated the Board on the Planning Board meeting that was held to discuss the pool/billiard hall ordinance changes. Assistant Manager Scheuer stated that he and the Manager would be constructing a proposed ordinance to go back to the planning Board for approval then would be brought to the Board for their consideration.

Assistant Manager Scheuer reminded the Board that the Council of Government meeting would be Monday, April 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Porch.

I. Old Business

1. Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Assistant Manager Scheuer asked the Boards pleasure on the proposed Bike and Pedestrian Plan that was presented at the last meeting. Alderman Markey made a motion to adopt the Bike and Pedestrian Plan as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Opioid Lawsuit Update

Mayor Smathers asked Attorney William Morgan to update the Board on the options regarding the opioid lawsuit. Attorney Morgan stated that he could take a deeper dive into the lawsuit and see who all is working on the lawsuit but at this point a resolution would need to be passed to enter the lawsuit. Attorney Morgan suggested that the Town join the same firm that was representing Haywood County. Mayor Smathers asked if there was a deadline to enter the suit? Attorney Morgan stated that he would find out the deadline. Mayor Smathers requested that the Resolution to join the lawsuit be added to

the next agenda.

J. New Business

1. Camp Ability Request: Pauline Wilson

Ms. Pauline Wilson thanked the Board for allowing the camp to use the swimming pool an hour before opening to the public to allow those with disabilities to be able to enjoy the pool. Ms. Wilson introduced Diane Gayer, Camp Director. Mrs. Gayer requested the usage of the pool one hour before opening again this year for two weeks (June 17-21 and June 24-28) to allow those with disabilities to be able to enjoy the pool. Mrs. Gayer stated that they serve 60 families and a partner that accompanies one person during the camp. Mrs. Gayer also requested use of the Armory and Recreation Park for other activities for the camp. Mayor Smathers thanked Mrs. Gayer and requested that she contact the Town Manager or Town Clerk to fill out the paperwork and check for availability of the venues she wished to utilize.

2. Proclamation: World Tai Chi Qigong Day

Mayor Smathers stated that he had been approached to present a proclamation of World Tai Chi Day. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Alderman Markey seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

3. Town of Canton/Haywood County School System-McGill Proposal

Assistant Manager Scheuer presented a proposal for light on the Pisgah High School girls' field to the Town of Canton. This agreement would be with the Town of Canton because of being the property owner, however, Haywood County Schools had agreed to reimburse the Town of Canton for these costs. Alderman Markey made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Next Scheduled Meeting

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

L. Adjournment

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk