

## **April 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 Clerk, and Town Attorney 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: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the April 11, 2019 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 commented that he received a thank you from Mr. Kenny Armstrong thanking the Town of Canton for all the hard work and partnership on the Bike and Pedestrian Plan.

Mayor Smathers reminded the Board of the NJROTC banquet.

Mayor Smathers thanked Alderwoman Mull for the wonderful deserts that she provided at the Council of Government meeting.

### **F. Aldermen/women Comments**

Alderman Markey commented that he was eating in Buncombe County and overheard a nearby conversation about the growth,

beauty, and an overall freshness that Canton had achieved. Alderman Markey thanked the staff, former Boards, and current Board for the dedication to make Canton a place to want to live and visit for what they have to offer. Mayor Smathers agreed with Alderman Markey also stating that a business here and there was closing due to health issues etc. but that the major change is that these spaces are quickly filled with other vibrant businesses.

Alderman Hamlett stated that he had been in bed for two weeks with the flu and wanted to thank Alderwoman Mull for attending the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday and Eddie Underwood for being the Easter Bunny for all the kids to enjoy.

Alderwoman Mull stated that the Easter Egg Hunt went well, and that Eddie Underwood did a great job being the Easter Bunny. Alderwoman Mull also stated that the Council of Government meeting went well also thanking Southern Porch for a wonderful meal. Alderwoman Mull stated that she had received numerous compliments on the flowers downtown and thanked the Town Crews for their hard work.

Alderman Hamlett thanked staff for all the weather updates with the status of the river during the recent inclement weather.

Alderwoman Smith stated that she was on Spring Break with her family and missed the last meeting, however, did get a chance to enjoy the Spring flowers before she left and thanked the staff for a job well done. Alderwoman Smith also commented that it was always great to collaborate with neighboring Towns and the County during the Council of Government meeting. Alderwoman Smith commented that she was excited to get to the upcoming budget work-session and start crunching the numbers.

#### **G. Public Comments**

N/A

#### **H. Reports from the Manager**

Manager Burrell gave the cash report.

Manager Burrell reminded the Board of the ribbon cutting for the Mountain Pediatric Group on Thursday, May 2 at 4:00 p.m.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the Fallen Officer Program would be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the Haywood County Courthouse.

Manager Burrell stated that new business announcements would be soon.

Manager Burrell stated that he was still working with Canton First Baptist about the community garden project.

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that he and Assistant Manager Scheuer would start the vetting process with the sign ordinance in the next couple of months.

Mayor Smathers inquired the status of the Way Finding Project? Manager Burrell stated that it was his understanding that a few snags with the spacing regulations had popped up and that he would check on the status and report back to the Board.

## **I. Old Business**

### **1. Opioid Resolution**

Mayor Smathers inquired if Attorney Morgan had the resolution to join the opioid suit prepared? Attorney Morgan stated that it was his understanding that the Assistant Manager was going to reach out to the Town of Waynesville to find out more information. Manager Burrell stated that he could get the information and construct the resolution for the next meeting. Attorney Morgan stated that we needed to make sure that we meet the criteria before joining the suit and that it appeared to him that it was more with the County than the Town and that the Town would have to provide hours spent on Narcan use, emergency response, etc.

### **2. Labor Day Announcement**

Alderwoman Smith inquired when the line-up announcement would take place. Manager Burrell stated that it would be announced at noon on Thursday, May 2. Alderwoman Smith stated that she was excited for this year's event.

## **J. New Business**

### **1. Fallen Officer Proclamation**

Manager Smathers presented a proclamation for Fallen Officer Day and Police Officer week (see attached). Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **2. Co-Sponsorship: Folkmoot**

Manager Burrell presented the co-sponsorship request from Folkmoot for the July 23, 2019 performance at the Colonial Theatre. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the co-sponsorship and waive the fee with exception of staffing fees. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **3. Set Budget Work-Session**

Manager Burrell asked the board if Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. would work for all members for the budget work-session? Alderman Hamlett stated that he would let the Manager know for sure after his class on Wednesday night. Manager Burrell stated that the work-session would be held May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm unless otherwise communicated.

## **K. Next Scheduled Meeting**

The next Special Called meeting will be held on May 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

## **L. Adjournment**

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk