

July 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, July 11, 2019 at 6:30pm with Mayor Pro-Tem Mull and Aldermen/women Hamlett and Smith 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 the Mayor was on vacation and would not be in attendance. Mayor Pro-Tem Mull stated that the Manager, Assistant Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull called on Alderman Hamlett to lead those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro-Tem Mull called on Mrs. Pam Kearse to give the Invocation.

D. Approval of Minutes: June 27, 2019

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the June 27, 2019 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 and thanked everyone for their attendance.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Hamlett thanked Town staff for a wonderful July 4th plus 1 event. Alderman Hamlett stated that he appreciated everything that staff did and continue to do daily.

Alderwoman Smith echoed Alderman Hamlett's comments regarding the Fourth plus 1 celebration. Alderwoman Smith also commented that it was nice to see thousands of people enjoying the event in the park and in their neighborhoods. Alderwoman Smith stated that she was excited to see people not from Canton enjoying the show and getting exposed to what Canton had to offer.

Alderwoman Smith stated that it was good to see the Champion Credit Union Aquatics Center literally full of kids and families during the summer months.

G. Public Comments

Mr. Carl Cortright inquired if questions on the pool hall ordinance changes would be answered at this point or at another time. Manager Burrell stated that after the Board gave direction to language for the ordinance changes, a public hearing would be set, and the proposed ordinance would be presented to the Board and at that point the public would be allowed to weigh in on the changes or concerns before any action would be taken.

H. Reports from the Clerk

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Mull for providing the assorted desserts for the employee picnic also commenting that everyone always looked forward to visiting the dessert table.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the NCDOT would be relocating water lines for the roundabout project which would cause 3 to 4 hours of water outages daily July 15th through July 19th. Manager Burrell stated that a message would be sent out on the Everbridge notification system as well as social media outlets.

Manager Burrell thanked Dutch Cove Baptist Church, Pinnacle Church, First Baptist Church, and volunteers for a spectacular kids area free to all in attendance.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the American Red Cross would be having two blood drives in the Canton Armory on August 8th and October 3rd.

Manager Burrell thanked Champion Credit Union for providing the fireworks for the Fourth plus 1 event. Manager Burrell stated that this was an awesome event and the Town was very appreciative of their commitment to the Canton community.

I. Old Business

1. Proposed/ Recommended changes to the Pool/Billiard Hall Ordinance

Assistant Manager Scheuer presented the recommended pool/billiard hall ordinance changes from the Planning Board. Alderman Hamlett stated that he had several language changes that he would like to see implemented from the existing ordinance and brought back to the Board. Alderman Hamlett asked Alicia Putnam if tournament play would need to go past the existing ordinance hours of 11 p.m. Mrs. Putnam stated that tournament play usually lasted until around 2 a.m. Alderwoman Smith stated that she had concerns for those that lived in the central business district and how this would affect them. Mrs. Putnam stated that they would only have 4 to 5 tournaments a year. Alderman Hamlett inquired if a caveat could be added for tournament play? Alderwoman Smith stated that a special event permit might work better. Assistant Manager Scheuer stated that could be added to the proposed ordinance. Mrs. Putnam stated that would work for them as they would know an extended period prior to an event to make application for a permit. Manager Burrell stated that a special event permit would make it easier for enforcement as they would know when the venue would be open past normal hours. After a brief discussion it was a consensus to bring the modified ordinance back to the Board on July 23, 2019. At this time Alderwoman Smith made a motion to set a public hearing to discuss the proposed pool/billiard hall ordinance changes for August 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

J. New Business

1. Big Brothers/Big Sisters Request

Manager Burrell presented a sponsorship request from Big Brother/Big Sisters for their 1st annual concert series on October 25, 2019. Mayor Pro-Tem Mull asked for a motion.

With no motion, consensus from the Board was to suggest that they fill out a co-sponsorship request for the event and bring back to the Board.

2. Moxie Marketing Ad Request

Manager Burrell presented a request for an ad with Moxie Marketing for the Pisgah and Tuscola rivalry game. Mayor Pro-Tem Mull asked for a motion. No motion.

K. Closed Session: Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(6)

Alderwoman Smith made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 at 7:06 p.m. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

After a brief discussion, Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter open session at 7:58 p.m. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

L. Adjournment

The next Special Called meeting will be on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers. There being no additional business, Mayor Pro-Tem Mull adjourned the Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk