

August 22, 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, August 22, 2019 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett and Smith 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 that the Manager, Assistant Manager, and Town Clerk were present. Town Attorney Morgan was unable to attend due to another engagement.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smathers called on Mrs. Pam Kearse to give the Invocation. Mayor Smathers called on Alderwoman Mull to lead those present in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: July 23, and August 8, 2019

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the July 23, 2019 and the August 8, 2019 minutes as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers thanked Alderwoman Mull for all the hard work that she and the other Haywood County Educational Foundation members did to host another successful Miss Labor Day Pageant.

Mayor Smathers thanked the Town Manager for the new Pisgah Nation banner that was constructed at the intersection of Main and Reed Streets. Manager Burrell stated an additional banner would be hung on the fence rail at the Lamp Factory at the East entrance of Town.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull thanked all in attendance for coming and their interest in the Town of Canton. Alderwoman Mull thanked Mayor Smathers for his kind words regarding the Miss Labor Day Pageant also stating that the contestants were all worthy and did an amazing job. Alderwoman Mull thanked the Cruso Endowment and the Town of Canton for their support of the event. Alderwoman Mull reminded those in attendance that the Tour of Homes at Christmas would be the next fundraiser for the scholarship program.

Alderwoman Smith echoed this sentiment of the other Alderpersons commenting that the National Night Out event was a success and well attended. Alderwoman Smith stated that the dunk tank was a favorite of those in attendance and promised to take a turn in the dunk tank next year for the event.

Alderwoman Smith reported that the "Block Party" to get free school supplies was a success and thanked the Town officers that helped to regulate traffic and keep everyone safe.

G. Public Comments

Mr. Neal McCracken stated that the Town was moving in the right direction and that it was clean and inviting. Mr. McCracken thanked the staff for all their hard work.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell reported that the sidewalk and handicap ramp at Sorrells Street Park would be completed before Labor Day and that this should make it easier on pedestrian traffic to connect to the walking trail system.

Manager Burrell reported that the Pigeon street sidewalk was complete, and the pedestrian crossing should help with the safety issues in the area of Pisgah High School.

Manager Burrell reported that the Prebid meeting went well and that time would tell if it will be feasible to contract out the project or if Town crews would be finishing the Newfound

Street Sidewalk Project. Manager Burrell stated that he had all the confidence in Town staff to complete the project, however, if contracted out it would free Town Staff to complete other necessary projects.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that Pisgah High School would be using the Champion Credit Union Aquatics Center for P.E. classes from August 20th to August 30th.

Manager Burrell informed the Board that he and Assistant Manager Scheuer had met with the Cruso Endowment folks and was looking to partner with them to construct a dog park, resurfacing the tennis /Basketball courts, as well as beautification projects. Alderman Hamlett inquired if the Manager would be filling the Horticulturist position. Manager Burrell stated that he would explore the options of promoting within, opening to the outside, and/or hiring a part time position to help with this position during the next six months.

Manager Burrell reported that the Roundabout project was still on course to be completed by November.

I. Old Business

N/A

J. New Business

1. Co-Sponsorship Request: Mountain Projects Senior Center

Manager Burrell presented the co-sponsorship request from Mountain Projects for the Canton Senior Center to host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the co-sponsorship request as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Ride for Vets Request:

Manager Burrell presented a request from the Disabled American Veterans Rides for Vets to donate monies that would allow them to purchase a transport vehicle that would allow them to get Haywood County Veterans to the V. A. Hospital for medical appointments. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to table this request until the Board knew how much monies they

had raised, what the original cost of the vehicle was, and what happened to the monies if they did not reach their goal? Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Planning Board Review of requested Subdivision of parcel #8656-47-8786 (Riverbend Road)

Assistant Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that the Planning Board recommended unanimously that the subdivision of parcel 8656-47-8786 be approved, as it met all the requirements of the Code of Ordinance. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the requested subdivision. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

4. Interior Building Improvement Grant: 68 Main Street

Manager Burrell presented an Interior Building Improvement Grant application for 68 Main Street for Main Street Dental. The Board thanked Soojin Lee and Isaac Quilhot for opening their dental practice in Canton. The Board also thanked Mr. Neal McCracken for his work and willingness to renovate and rent his building. Alderman Hamlett thanked the dentist for choosing Canton and attending the meeting. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the Interior Building Improvement Grant as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Cruso Endowment Request to Support the Miss Labor Day Pageant and Activities

Manager Burrell presented a donation of \$750.00 dollars from the Cruso Endowment Fund to support the Miss Labor Day Pageant. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to accept the donation of \$750.00 from the Cruso Endowment Fund to be utilized for the Miss Labor Day Pageant. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried. Alderwoman Mull recused herself from the vote as she is the Chairperson of the Haywood County Educational Foundation that would receive these funds.

Mayor Smathers with consensus of the Board requested a work session to discuss the possible uses to better the Recreation in Canton and if the funds from the Cruso Endowment Fund could be utilized.

L. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7.02 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk