

October 24, 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, October 24, 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, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smathers asked for a moment of silence. Mayor Smathers called on Alderman Hamlett to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: October 10, 2019

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the September 10, 2019 minutes as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated that he appreciated his constituents roles and participation at the Democratic Rally.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Hamlett stated that the Board must be doing an acceptable job as there were no citizenry in the audience.

Alderwoman Mull thanked Luke Weir, a reporter from the Mountaineer, for being the only attendee to the meeting. Alderwoman Mull also stated that the Democratic Rally went well at Camp Hope.

Alderwoman Smith thanked the press for attending.

G. Public Comments

n/a

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell stated that leaf pick-up would start in the next week and run through the middle of December.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that he had received several calls concerning the green color of the swimming pool. Manager Burrell stated that he had opted not to add chemicals to the pool until January 2020. Manger Burrell explained that the cost of chemicals to treat the pool water was quite expensive and since the pool was not open to the public, he felt that would be a waste of taxpayer's dollars. Manager Burrell stated that the pool was circulating and running properly, however, the water would be untreated and/or green until it had to be prepared for the "Polar Plunge event in February. Manager Burrell explained that although the color was not crystal clear the green color would not damage the pool in any way. Alderman Hamlett thanked Manager Burrell for being a good steward of tax dollars.

Mayor Smathers stated that he received two invitations for the Board by mail. The first event was the ROTC Inspection that would be on November 7th at 10:20am at Pisgah High School. The second, was the Evening of Remembrance honoring all those that lost their lives on North Carolina highways in the Colonial Theatre on November 30th at 5:00 p.m.

I. Old Business

1. Picking in the Armory

Manager Burrell explained that he had been contacted by John Chicoine of Mountain Projects regarding the operational status of the Canton Senior Center. Manager Burrell stated that Patsy Davis would be attending the next meeting to report to the Board the status of the Center and the proposed future usage of the center. Manager Burrell stated that he recommended to the board to table their decision on the Picking in the Armory funding until they spoke with Mountain Projects at the next meeting as the original reason for the Picking in the Armory

event was to be a fundraising event for the Senior Center to offset operational costs. Manager Burrell reported that the cost of the event was roughly \$4,000 dollars for performers and \$4,500 dollars of lost revenue on potential rental fees. Alderman Hamlett tasked the Board with thinking about maybe a shorter schedule and asked the Manger to find out how many people attended the events last year. The consensus of the board was to table this discussion until the next meeting.

J. New Business

n/a

K. Closed Session: Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(1)

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter Closed Session at 6:49 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter Open Session at 7:24 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

L. Adjournment:

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7.26 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk