

February 27, 2020

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, February 27, 2020 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett, Smith, and Shepard 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, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smathers called on Mrs. Pam Kearse for the Invocation. Mayor Smathers called on Alderwoman Smith to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2020

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers asked the Manager for an update on the Spruce Street Project. Manager Burrell stated that the project was substantially complete and within the next three weeks the patching, milling and paving part of the project would begin in the area.

Mayor Smathers inquired about the pothole located near Academy Street. Manager Burrell stated that he was aware and steps to alleviate the issue were in the process.

Mayor Smathers stated that with all the media coverage regarding the Coronavirus, he wanted to assure everyone that Health and Human Services were doing everything to prepare and prevent any complications of the Coronavirus.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Shepard made the Board aware that the Pisgah

Wrestling team had two State Champions, Brandon Riggs is a 2-time State Champion and Louis Mehaffey. Other participants were Lane Mease and Lucas Whitted. Alderman Shepard stated that he attended the Championship and it was a lot of fun to watch and he congratulated all those that participated in the event.

Alderman Hamlett thanked staff for the new sound system for the Board to use during the meetings.

Alderwoman Mull also commented on the new sound system thanking staff for the updated equipment. Alderwoman Mull also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Alderwoman Smith thanked those in attendance for coming on such a cold evening. Alderwoman Smith asked for an update on the pool lifeguard progress. Manager Burrell stated that he would update the Board at the next meeting regarding incentives and the like for future lifeguards. Alderwoman Smith thanked and complimented the Street Crews on a job well done with the snow removal efforts. Alderwoman Smith stated that residents had expressed their gratitude on the speedy response to clearing the streets for safer travels during the snowstorm. Alderwoman Smith encouraged everyone to vote in the primary election that would be ending on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that he was in the process of working with McGill and the State to utilize the money that was not used for the Spruce Street Project to mill and pave some of the worst streets in that project area. Manager Burrell stated that the money set aside was money to patch but if the State would allow the monies to be used for paving it would make more sense to mill and pave the entire street in some cases. Manager Burrell stated that he would keep the Board informed of the decision and the progress of this project.

J. Old Business

Manager Burrell stated that he had received a call from Mr. Fred Underwood and Paul Taylor with the DAV Program. Manager Burrell introduced Mr. Paul Taylor to the Board. Mr. Taylor

presented the Board with financial documentation of funds raised to purchase a van to take Veterans to and from the VA Hospital and doctor's appointments. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to donate \$500.00 dollars to help with the purchase of the van for the transportation of local Veterans. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Manager Burrell presented a map showing the area to be included in the downtown business district if approved. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the extension of the Downtown Business District as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

K. New Business

1. Pisgah Football Program Request

Manager Burrell presented a request from the Pisgah Boosters Club for an ad in the Pisgah Football Program. Alderman Shepard made a motion to sponsor a \$200-dollar ad in the 2020 Football program. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

2. Budget Amendments

Manager Burrell presented several budget amendments for Board approval. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

3. ABC Board Appointments

Manager Burrell stated that he had been contacted by the ABC Store Manager, Hugh Williams, regarding the reappointment of Marty Phillips, Charles Underwood and Neal McCracken to the ABC Board. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the appointees as submitted. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

4. Smoky Mountain Event Center Sponsorship Request

Manager Burrell presented a request for sponsorship from the Smoky Mountain Event Center for the Haywood County Fair. Alderman Shepard made a motion to sponsor \$250 dollars for the Haywood County Fair. Alderwoman Mull seconded the

motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Mountain Projects Donation Request

Manager Burrell presented a request to donate \$3,000 dollars to offset the operation cost (cable, telephone, etc.) for the Mountain Projects nutritional site that provides meals on wheels and meals at the center for the Senior population. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to table the request for the next meeting. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. After a brief discussion and request of information showing what was donated in the past the motion carried to table the item for the next meeting.

L. Adjournment:

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Walter Clark Board Chambers. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk