

## **October 8, 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, October 8, 2020 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Hamlett, Mull, 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, Finance Officer, and Town Attorney were present.

### **C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Smathers called on Alderwoman Smith to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Minutes: September 24, 2020**

Alderman Shepard made a motion to approve the September 24, 2020 minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Smathers stated that longtime resident and former Appearance Committee member Pat Fisher passed away due to Covid19 in the recent outbreak at the salon where she worked.

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

Alderwoman Mull stated that several others in the community had passed away with others still fighting for their lives due to the Covid19 cluster that developed at the hair salon. Alderwoman Mull asked everyone to keep these folks and their families in their prayers.

### **G. Public Comments**

Papertown Coffee owners Liz Rhine and Russ Grimmett announced that they recently purchased 121 Main street and plan to expand through a door from the coffee shop, which will allow them to add seating and other components to their business. Mayor Smathers stated that this was a testament to the Town and her people that shop local and help the small

business owners open and doing well during the pandemic and this is big news for Canton and he congratulated the owners on their purchase.

Alderwoman Smith commented that this was awesome news and that the business and its owners were very valuable to the community and she is thankful they chose Canton. Owner, Liz Rhine, stated that they would not have been able to grow without the support of the community.

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

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell stated that he and the Mayor had met with Pisgah High School regarding working together to beautify the area around the Pisgah Football stadium with split rail fencing so that it would be cohesive with the other projects that are going on in the area.

Manager Burrell updated the Board on the Boat Launch project stating that the process was moving forward and should be complete in the next two weeks. Alderwoman Smith inquired about the walking trail and if it would be rerouted? Manager Burrell stated that it would not be rerouted rather the split rail fencing would be along the walking area.

Alderwoman Mull asked when B.H. Graning would be starting? Manager Burrell stated that October 1, 2020 would be the start date for B.H. Graning to start work in the downtown area.

## **I. Old Business**

N/A

## **J. New Business**

N/A

## **K. Adjournment**

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in Walter Clark Board Chambers. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk