

## **January 14, 2021**

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 via Zoom Meetings, January 14, 2021 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, Assistant Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney were present.

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

Mayor Smathers called on Alderman Hamlett to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **D. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2020**

Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor thanked Assistant Manager, Nick Scheuer for his work on the dog park. Mayor Smathers stated that this was going to be a great addition to the recreation opportunities in Canton.

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

Alderwoman Smith thanked Assistant Scheuer for his work on the dog park and the Chestnut Park project stating that these were great things that added to the quality of living in Canton.

Alderman Shepard thanked the Street Department for all their work on the dog park while also maintain road safety during the inclement weather.

Alderman Hamlett reminded everyone that the covid19 virus counts had risen in the Haywood County area and encouraged all to wear their masks and get the vaccine when it became available for them.

## **G. Public Comments**

N/A

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

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell reported that the construction of the dog park was complete and open for business. Manager Burrell inquired if the Board had a desire to have a grand opening or some type of ceremony for the park? The Board showed interest and suggested that it be a virtual event due to the covid19 pandemic.

## **I. Old Business**

1. Offer to purchase property at 117 Pisgah Drive

Manager Burrell presented an offer to purchase the property owned by the Town located at 117 Pisgah Drive (#8656-88-8963). Alderman Shepard made a motion to discuss the offer to purchase. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Alderwoman Smith expressed concerns that this property was adjacent to the newly constructed round about and may be utilized in the future for possible widening or expansion of Highway 110 or Locust Street and for this reason she would not want to sell this property. Alderman Shepard agreed with Alderwoman Smith also stating that if the board voted to sell, he would expect to receive a fair market value for the lot. Alderman Hamlett stated he did not want to sell the property and if the property was advertised for sale that the Board should request market value. Offer to purchase denied for lack of a motion.

## **J. New Business**

1. Stormwater Notice of Violation Resolution

Manager Burrell presented a resolution acknowledging the violation (not monetary) due to insufficiencies in the stormwater policy. Manager Burrell stated that this was something every Town in the State was in the process of completing due to the new regulations from FEMA. Manager Burrell stated that he and Assistant Scheuer had met with officials from the State and is requesting the Board to give consensus to allow he and staff to correct the insufficiencies and bring the policy back to the Board for their adoption. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the resolution as presented and give staff consensus to revise the current

stormwater policy. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Set Special Called Meeting for a Budget Work Session

Manager Burrell asked the Board if they would like to meet on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 9:00am to get an early start discussing what projects they would like to see in the new budget year. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to set the Special Called meeting for January 18, 2021 at 9am in the Walter Clarke Boardroom. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Extension of Solid Waste/Recycling

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that Henson Waste would be terminating their business in the coming month and he would like a consensus by the Board to allow him to negotiate an extension of contract with another waste company to fulfill the current contract with Henson Waste. Alderman Shepard made a motion to allow the Manager to negotiate the waste contract extension. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

**K. Adjournment**

A Special Called meeting will be on Monday January 18, 2021 at 9:00am in the Walter Clark Board Chambers. The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. virtual via Zoom Meetings. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk