

February 11, 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, February 11, 2021 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Hamlett, Mull, and Shepard present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Smathers stated that Alderwoman Smith had undergone surgery and would not be able to attend the meeting but wanted to express the Boards thoughts and prayers for her speedy recovery.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers stated that the Manager, Assistant Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney were present.

C. Approval of Minutes: January 28, 2021

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the January 28, 2021 minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

D. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated that he looked forward to the Pisgah and Tuscola football game coming up in the next couple of weeks. Mayor Smathers stated that the staff at the high school were in the process of determining how many fans would be allowed into the stadium as well as ideas to allow as many folks to enjoy the game and atmosphere whether it be inside or outside the stadium.

Mayor Smathers also made the Board aware that Iris Clark the wife of the former Town Attorney Walter Clark had died. The Board instructed staff to send their condolences to the family.

E. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Shepard reiterated the importance of practicing the 3 w's and the CDC guidelines for the Covid19 virus. Alderman Shepard congratulated the Pisgah JV and Varsity basketball teams for their successful seasons and future playoff games to follow.

F. Public Comments

N/A

G. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that he did not have the cash report but would email it to them the first of the week.

Manager Burrell reported that the Dog Park seemed to be well received by the community and was busy all through the day and afternoon. Manager Burrell stated that a few tweaks with signs and minor details would be put in place within the next week or two.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that the previously discussed addition to water and sewer at the Beaverdam Industrial Park would begin within the month.

Manager Burrell asked Assistant Manager Scheuer to update the Board on the Chestnut Park project. Assistant Scheuer stated that the monies for the initial berm park had been collected and progress would begin in the near future. Assistant Scheuer stated that the Town was working on the parking areas and road improvement and that he was working to secure funds to construct an entrance sign that would be a focal point for the park. Assistant Scheuer stated that a lot of positive feedback had been received and he looked forward to getting the first portion of the park open in the summer.

I. New Business

1. Budget Workshop Dates

Manager Burrell made the Board aware the budget workshop dates would be very similar to the previous year and he would email the dates so that the Board could add to their calendars or make staff aware of any revisions that need to be made.

2. Decorative Streets Signs in Downtown.

Manager Burrell asked the Board to look at some of the proposed street sign options that the Cruso Endowment Fund were wanting to purchase and have constructed in the downtown area to help with the beautification of the area. Manager Burrell asked the Board to look at and research the options and advise him at the next meeting which signs they preferred.

Alderwoman Mull inquired if the Manager had any information regarding which food trucks and protocols in place for the trucks for the Polar Plunge. Manager Burrell stated that he did not have specifics but was sure it would be very similar to the previous year.

J. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. virtual via Zoom Meetings. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk