

January 28, 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 28, 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. Approval of Minutes: January 14 and 18, 2021

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the January 14, 2021 and January 18, 2021 minutes as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

D. Mayor Comments

N/A

E. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Hamlett stated that the Recreation Park area looked great with the old fencing removed and 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.

Alderman Shepard reiterated the importance of practicing CDC guidelines for the Covid19 virus.

Alderwoman Smith thanked staff for their hard work on the Recreation Park. Alderwoman Smith stated that the Dog Park is a great asset to the recreation offerings in the area. Alderwoman Smith also encouraged everyone to do their part to try and stop the spread of the Covid19 virus.

Mayor Smathers inquired if the signage was in place for the dog park area as he had been questioned regarding large and small dog areas. Manager Burrell stated that signage was in place for the most part, but he would take a look to see if more signage would be required.

F. Public Comments

N/A

G. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

I. New Business

1. Big Brother/Sister Sponsorship Request

Manager Burrell presented a sponsorship request from the Haywood County Big Brothers/Sisters organization. Alderman Shepard made a motion to sponsor in the amount of \$300.00 dollars. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Haywood Waterways Polar Plunge Update

Manager Burrell introduced Eric Romaniszyn to give the Board an update on the plans for the Polar Plunge. Eric Romaniszyn explained that his plans would be that groups would come in a scheduled time to help prevent comingling to help keep everyone as safe as possible due to the Covid19 pandemic. Food Trucks would be provided for attendees to be able to utilize but would not encourage attendees to congregate. Mr. Romaniszyn stated that hopefully the Kids in the Creek program would be allowed by this Spring. Board members gave a consensus to the event but asked that all Covid19 protocols be implemented and direct communication with staff continue. The Board wished them well on their fundraiser.

3. Haywood Waterways Hominy Creek Improvements

Manager Burrell introduced Eric Romaniszyn with Haywood Waterways. Mr. Romaniszyn updated the Board on the progress of the grant application and plans to fix bank erosion, water quality, and beautification.

J. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. virtual via Zoom Meetings. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk