

## **February 25, 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 25, 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: February 11, 2021**

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the February 11, 2021 minutes as presented. Alderman Shepard 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 on Friday night.

Mayor Smathers stated that some of the vacant buildings had generated some interest and hopefully would be filled with new businesses in the coming months. Mayor Smathers welcomed Alderwoman Smith back after her recent medical leave.

### **E. Aldermen/women Comments**

Alderwoman Mull stated that it was good to have Alderwoman Smith back and stated that she was glad she was doing well with her recovery. Alderwoman Mull stated that Town was looking good with the new mulch being added to the flower beds and that she was looking forward to warmer weather.

Alderman Hamlett greeted Alderwoman Smith with kind words on her return to work. Alderman Hamlett stated that he was still very concerned with the spread of the Corona Virus and encouraged all that attended the Pisgah and Tuscola game on Friday night to practice all safety protocols for all involved.

Alderman Shepard stated that Town was looking much better with the landscaping efforts and he was looking forward to

Spring as well. Alderman Shepard stated that he was extremely happy for the kids to return to some sort of normalcy by being able to attend the football game but strongly encouraged everyone to practice the 3 W's. Alderman Shepard reminded everyone that he would be participating in the Polar Plunge and although the event very different this year, he hoped that folks would continue support Haywood Waterways and allow them to receive the funding that they required to continue to provide their most beneficial services to the community.

Alderwoman Smith thanked everyone for their well wishes and prayers during her medical leave. Alderwoman Smith stated that although slow her recovery was going well. Alderwoman Smith stated that it was good to see a new officer get sworn in and that she looked forward to meeting him in the future. Alderwoman Smith thanked Alderman Shepard for participating in the Polar Plunge and although she would not miss the cold water, she would indeed miss the event and fun that she always has participating.

## **F. Public Comments**

N/A

## **G. Reports from the Manager**

Manager Burrell presented the Board with the cash report.

Manager Burrell stated that he did not have a lot to report but would gladly report that the new dog park was being heavily utilized and he looked forward to completing the rest of the recreation park project soon.

## **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. Solid Waste Contract

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that he was in the final stages of completion of the agreement for Waste Pro to take over Henson's Waste contract in the coming months. Manager Burrell stated the biggest change would be that Waste Pro

wanted to pick everyone's trash up on one day and staff would have to push that information out to customers to help foster a smoother transition.

### 3. Budget Amendments

Manager Burrell presented budget Amendments (see attached) for approval. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **J. Adjournment**

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Walter Clark Board Chambers. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk