

## **March 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 March 11, 2021 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women 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. Mayor Smathers also informed everyone that Alderman Hamlett would not be present due to his mother's failing health.

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

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

### **D. Approval of Minutes: February 25, 2021**

Alderman Shepard made a motion to approve the February 25, 2021 minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Smathers asked the Manager to discuss Picking in the Park in the Managers portion of the meeting.

Mayor Smathers inquired if we had done everything we could with regards to the debris removal at the Bridge at Bearwaters? Manger Burrell stated that it had been reported to NCDOT numerous times and that it was on the list to be removed.

Mayor Smathers stated that the Street Department was doing a great job on the parking area for Chestnut Mountain Park.

Mayor Smathers inquired if the Easter Egg hunt was going to happen this year. Manager Burrell stated that it was slated to happen on the Saturday before Easter with Covid19 precautions in place.

Mayor Smathers stated it was great to hear that the Town would be receiving some Covid relief monies.

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

Alderwoman Smith thanked everyone for attending and the continued efforts that everyone was taking to combat the Covid19 virus spread. Alderwoman Smith inquired what business was going into the Adams Street building? Manager Burrell stated that the Town had not been contacted at this point about the purchase of renovation of that building. Alderwoman Smith ended by thanking everyone for the well wishes during her recent surgery and recovery.

Alderman Shepard thanked everyone involved with the Covid vaccine clinic for their efficiency and professionalism during the process.

Alderwoman Mull complimented Vickie Hyatt from the Mountaineer on the article for the new Farmers Market that will begin this summer. Alderwoman Mull also reiterated how well the vaccine operation was working and thanked all those in the health care industry.

## **G. Public Comments**

N/A

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

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell reported that the newly opened dog park was being heavily utilized and received well from the public.

Manager Burrell reported to the Board that he would discuss with them at the next meeting if they wish to proceed with Picking in the Park with the current Covid restrictions for gathering that were in place.

Manager Burrell thanked Mountain View Housing for their donation of benches and planters that they were removing to be used at the dog park and throughout Town.

Manager Burrell stated that he would update the Board at the next Board meeting on the role out process for the new addressing for Canton.

Manager Burrell reported to the board that he would be bringing the new solid waste contract to them for approval at the next meeting.

Manager Burrell reported that the Town Hall offices would be

open to the public starting Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that he had received some complaints and issues with the International Sports Complex rules and booking process and asked for their blessing for himself and Clerk Stinnett to develop a new policy and procedure moving forward in the new fiscal year to them for approval. The Board gave a consensus to develop a new policy for approval.

### **I. Old Business**

Manager Burrell thanked Haywood Waterways for their input and help with the Chestnut Mountain Park project.

### **J. New Business**

1. Haywood County TDA 1% Report: Director Lynn Collins

Manager Burrell introduced Mrs. Lynn Collins from the Haywood County Tourism Development Authority. Mrs. Collins reported to the Board newest information on funding and collections from Haywood County to date (see attached). Manager Burrell and Board thanked Mrs. Collins for the information and her hard work that she puts forth for all of Haywood County but specifically Canton.

2. Budget Schedule

Manager Burrell asked the Board if the following schedule for meetings and approval of the budget worked for everyone's schedule. The Board by consensus agree to the presented timeline (see attached).

### **K. Adjournment**

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk