

April 8, 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 April 8, 2021 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett, 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, Finance Officer and Town Attorney were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Approval of Minutes: March 25, 2021

To be presented at the next meeting.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated that he had received many appreciative comments regarding the Easter Egg hunt that the Police Department produced for the community.

Mayor Smathers stated that he had received numerous complaints regarding the roll out of the change in garbage service. Mayor Smathers stated that he is the first to admit that the roll out was inadequate and the town dropped the ball. Mayor Smathers stated that all will work to do a better job in the future with notifications.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull stated that she was thankful for Spring to arrive.

Alderman Hamlett wanted to remind everyone to get the covid19 vaccine. Aldermen Hamlett stated that the vaccine is not only for yourself but those that you are around and that you love. Please do your part to prevent more deaths and sickness.

Alderwoman Smith stated we all have opportunities for improvement and the garbage rollout was an example of that. Alderwoman Smith stated that she wanted to thank the Police Department for a job well done on the easter Egg Hunt.

G. Public Comments

Mrs. Tiffany Cortright inquired if continued issues with WastePro were to happen what would be the next step to get resolve? Manager Burrell stated that if you continued to have concerns to call the Town and make him aware. Mayor Smathers inquired if Mrs. Cortright was having issues? Mrs. Cortright stated she had not had any issues but wanted to know if issues were to happen in the future what the process would be.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Burrell presented the cash report.

Manager Burrell updated the Board that Cruso Endowment and Haywood County TDA and Haywood Waterways were working on a new mural located at Water Wheel Park and the water intake above the Filter Plant as well as the beautification of that area to make is more eye appealing for those floating the river.

Assistant Manager Scheuer stated that the trail construction had begun at Chestnut Mountain Park and should be complete by mid-summer and then the team would move on to the next scheduled trail phase.

Manager Burrell reported that new street signs had been ordered for the downtown area that would also be incorporated into the mounting of the new pedestrian crossing at Southern Porch for pedestrian safety.

Manager Burrell reported that the Beaverdam Creek Project was on schedule.

I. Old Business

J. New Business

1. Recreation Director Position

Manager Burrell made the Board aware that it would be his plans to hire a new Recreation Director starting July 1st to oversee all the recreation facilities especially with the addition of Chestnut Mountain and programming opportunities moving

forward. Manager Burrell stated that the Town had gotten to the point where we have enough recreation opportunities to justify that position. Alderman Shepard asked if he could view the job description prior to release.

2. Booking Policy/Software

Manager Burrell stated that he would be investigating the cost of a recreation software for all facilities that he would discuss during the budget work session.

3. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6)

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter Closed Session at 6:50 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Smith made a motion to enter Open Session at 11:22 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 11:22 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk