

April 22, 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 22, 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 Interim Manager, Finance Officer and Town Attorney were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Smathers called on Alderman Hamlett to lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes April 8th, 2021

The April 8th minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated that he had received communication that it was a possibility that Governor Cooper would be relaxing attendance numbers for venues in the next couple of weeks.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Shepard thanked all the Street workers with the street work and improvements.

Alderman Hamlett reiterated Alderman Shepard's comments thanking the Street Department for their efforts.

Alderwoman Mull stated that she was thankful for Spring to arrive and she cannot complain about the weather.

Alderwoman Smith mentioned WastePro and how the service was rolling out and she was concerned about service as she was still receiving some complaints.

G. Public Comments

Ms. Marissa Leveskis reported that she was experiencing a speeding problem on High Street. She stated the posted speed limit was 25 mph, but the speeding issues were concerning to her for the people's safety in this area. Ms. Leveskis inquired what the process would be to have the speed limit reduced. Mayor Smathers thanked Ms. Leveskis for coming and asked the Interim Manager to speak on the issue. Mayor Smathers asked if she had any tag number on specific speeders? She stated that it was everyone. Interim Manager Scheuer stated that he would sit down with the Police Chief and Captain to see what measures could be put in place. Interim Manager Scheuer thanked Ms. Leveskis for coming to make everyone aware also stating that communication was a valuable tool for everyone involved.

Carl Cortright stated that the sidewalks looked great. Mr. Cortright also inquired if the Recreation Director would also have their hand in the planning with the Armory and Colonial events? Interim Manager Scheuer stated that was the goal for the new position among other recreational planning opportunities.

H. Reports from the Manager

Interim Manager Scheuer presented the cash report.

Interim Manager Scheuer updated the Board that sidewalks on Newfound were on hold due to the crew being pulled off to help with the sewer project at the railroad. This project should wrap up this Friday then continue with the Park Street, Newfound, and Sorrells Park Projects.

Interim Manager Scheuer reported that WastePro had a new process of picking up garbage and that they had been very responsive to any issues. The office staff has had a large decline in calls regarding garbage and hopefully they will continue to decline as everyone gets use to the new process.

Interim Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that a cleanup was scheduled on a regular basis for Chestnut Mountain Park as well as the Berm Park was under construction and that more videos and Instagram updates were coming.

Interim Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that estimates had been solicited for paving identified areas and that Powell Bill funds would be used for the paving process.

Interim Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that the Mural project would begin on May 1st in waterwheel park.

Interim Manager Scheuer reported that Haywood County and Canton working with McGill had pre-applied for a grant in the amount of \$300,000 to perform a water resiliency study to help identify a second source of water.

Interim Manager Scheuer updated the board on the Beaverdam Creek project stating the project was on hold until a permit from DEQ was received.

Interim Manager Scheuer stated that communication regarding speeding in the city limits was key to better utilize preventive measures.

Interim Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that the Beaverdam Industrial Park water and sewer improvements were underway.

Interim Manager Scheuer gladly reported that Popeyes opening day would be Memorial Day.

I. Old Business

1. Picking in the Park

Interim Manager Scheuer reported that the capacity for outdoor venues should be returning to normal for outside events. The Board's consensus was to move the start date to June 4th and ask people to spread out and use safety protocols and enjoy the traditions and fun of the event. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to proceed with the Picking in the Park event as stated. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. New Business

1. Set Budget Work session

Interim Manager Scheuer announced that the budget work session would be on April 26th at 6pm in the Board conference room.

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

Alderwoman Smith made a motion to enter Closed Session at 7:05 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter Open Session at 8:00 p.m. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion

carried.

Alderman Shepard made a motion to approve the minutes from April 8, 2021. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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 8:01 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk