

June 10, 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 June 10, 2021 at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers, Alderwomen Mull and Smith present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Smathers stated Alderman Hamlett was attending his daughter's graduation for her master's degree and Alderman Shepard had a baseball game that he had to coach.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers reported that the Manager, Town Clerk, Finance Officer, and Attorney were present.

C. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

D. Approval of Minutes May 27, 2021

The minutes would be tabled until the next meeting to include closed session information.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated that he and the Board were displeased with the service that residents were receiving from Waste Pro. Mayor Smathers stated that staff was exploring every avenue to resolve the issues at hand as well as working with Waste Pro to resolve the problems. Mayor Smathers stated that Pickin' in the Park was very well attended, and he had received a lot of positive feedback from residents that enjoyed the event. Mayor Smathers shared a positive email he received from a visitor, Ms. Nikki Hunt, regarding the Champion Credit Union Aquatics facility and the professionalism of the staff.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull stated that the streetscape looked nice throughout the downtown area.

Alderwoman Smith inquired if she has a citizen reach out to her regarding speeding what information she needed to relay to them to

move forward. Manager Scheuer stated that they needed to contact Town Hall and if they gathered (vehicle type, tag number, etc.) information pass that information to us that sometimes a phone call or warning alleviated the issue. Manager Scheuer stated that we had several other traffic calming measures that had been successful, and the Police department was very proactive to help resolve these issues to make the neighborhoods as safe as possible. Alderwoman Smith stated that she agreed with Mayor Smathers regarding the issues with Waste Pro and she felt confident that staff were working diligently to resolve the issues. Alderwoman Smith asked if the Manager could update the Board at the next meeting on the progress or plans moving forward with the issues. Alderwoman Smith inquired the status of the Recreation software that was discussed in the budget process. Manager Scheuer stated that Natalie Walker and Lisa Stinnett were inputted all the facilities and fees into the system, and they would be training staff on shed rentals to begin with to help them get acclimated to the system before doing all facilities. Alderwoman Smith stated that the intersection at Kobe looked great and that B.H. Graning was doing a great job with the landscape maintenance.

Mayor Smathers stated that he felt that stronger measures needed to be in place to keep people that were habitual offenders of the ordinances to have some repercussions. He asked the Manager to check into adding fee-based penalties that would be attached to water bills or tax accounts to hold those accountable instead of citation after citation with no consequences.

G. Public Comments

Mr. Roland Osborne stated that he agreed with the penalties for high grass and the like but also felt that everyone should held accountable including the paper mill as they allowed their property to become a nuisance every year during the summer months.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer presented the cash report.
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Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that he would leave no stone unturned to alleviate the garbage pickup issues that currently existed. Mayor Smathers interjected that if a special called meeting were necessary that the Board would be amenable to whatever measures it took to get this fixed.

Manager Scheuer reported that they would begin to see work going on in the Sorrells Street Park area. Manager Scheuer stated that the splash pad, seating, shade sails and landscaping would be some of the early things that would take place in the park.

Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that several new façade grants would be coming to them in the new fiscal year. Manager Scheuer stated that he was excited that several new businesses would be opening with a video production facility, arts studio, and expansion at Papertown coffee just to name a few.

Manager Scheuer stated that the mural at water wheel park was almost complete and then the artist would move to the water intake building at the filter plant.

I. Old Business

J. New Business

1. Public Hearing Budget

Manager Scheuer asked the Board to open the public hearing to discuss the proposed 2021-2022 budget. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to open the hearing at 6:48pm. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. With no discussion or questions, Alderwoman Mull made a motion to close the hearing at 6:49pm. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. motion carried.

2. 2021-2022 Budget Adoption

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 proposed budget as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mayor Smathers thanked Finance Officer, Natalie Walker for her hard work to put together a financially strong and responsible budget. Alderwoman Smith stated that budgets represent priorities, and that Ms. Walker and Manager Scheuer did a great job listening to the board and the Citizens. Alderwoman Mull thanked Ms. Walker for her hard work preparing the budget.

3. 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to adopt the 2021-2022 budget ordinance as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. 2021-2022 Schedule of Fees

Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the schedule of fees as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Budget Amendments

Manager Burrell presented budget amendments (see attached) to the Board. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the budget

amendments as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. 2021-2022 Audit Contract: Sheila Gahagan CPA

Manager Scheuer presented a proposed audit contract with Sheila Gahagan CPA to perform the yearly audit for the Town of Canton. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the audit contract as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Resolution: Receive Funds under the American Rescue Plan Act

Manager Scheuer presented a resolution to receive funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Ordinance: Special Revenue Fund Ordinance for the American Rescue Plan Act

Manager Scheuer presented an ordinance that would set a special fund for the American Rescue Plan Act funds that would operate on a multi-year basis and continue to until funds were spent (see attached). Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Folkmoot Sponsor Request

Assistant Manager Stinnett presented the Board with a sponsorship request for the Summer Fest Program for the Folkmoot event. Assistant Manager Stinnett stated that this had not been funded in the past and at this time the Board had \$4,950 dollars still available in this line item. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to sponsor at the \$500 dollar level. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Alderwoman Smith stated that she felt it was important to promote Canton initiatives. Mayor Smathers stated that he would be for this sponsorship as a trial to see if Canton could be also covered in this event. All members voted in favor of the motion.

10. Haywood County Fair Guide

Assistant Manager Stinnett presented a request to sponsor the Haywood County Guide for the County Fair. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to sponsor the back cover at \$650.00. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Alderwoman Smith stated that at this date the back cover was more than likely taken and that she felt that a full-page ad at \$450.00 was more likely to be available. Alderwoman Mull amended her motion to approve the fair guide at \$450.00 for a full-page ad. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney William Morgan asked that a closed session be added to discuss personnel to the next meeting. All members were in consensus to add a closed session to the June 24th meeting.

K. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk