

May 27, 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, 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 reported that the Manager, Town Clerk, and Town 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 13, 2021

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the May 13 minutes as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Mull for leading the meeting in his absence. Mayor Smathers asked all to participate in a moment of silence in memory of the former Economic Development Director, Mark Clasby and former Alderwoman, Jackie Patrick. Mayor Smathers reported that he had been approached regarding the use of the International Paper Sports Complex during inclement weather. Manager Scheuer responded that the fields would be prepared for use if the use would not jeopardize the structure of the facility. Mayor Smathers stated that he had been approached by Mr. Bryan Clark regarding the paving of Anne Street. Manager Scheuer stated that he would provide the prioritized paving schedule to the Board. Mayor Smathers asked the Manager to investigate the drainage/rocks near the round about on Pisgah Drive. Mayor Smathers stated that the new Smathers Farmers Market grand opening event was successful and thanked everyone for attending.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Shepard stated the new street signs in the downtown area looked great. Alderman Shepard thanked the Fire Department and Police Departments for providing great service to the citizens.

Alderman Hamlett stated that it was a sign of a man by the way he talked about his family. Alderman Hamlett stated that it was a great tribute to former Mayor Pat Smathers father, grandfather, Uncles, and numerous family members on the grand opening of the Smathers Market. Alderman Hamlett also asked that the information board in the lobby show recent personnel changes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull stated that the streetscape looked nice throughout the downtown area. Alderwoman Mull also thanked the water department for the expediate repair on the water line located on Park Street.

Alderwoman Smith stated that it was great to be back outside without a mask at Rec Park to enjoy walking and taking her dogs to the dog park. Alderwoman Smith stated that quality of life was an essential part of a community, and she was happy to see so many out at the recreation park enjoying time with their families. Alderwoman Smith also stated that she had given the Managers contact information to a concerned citizen on Haywood Street regarding speeding. Alderwoman Smith inquired about the mulching schedule at the park. Manager Scheuer stated that it would be on a schedule and that he had noticed that the mulch at the dog park had settled.

G. Public Comments

Mr. Jeanne Forest stated that she was in attendance as a liaison for the downtown business group.

H. Reports from the Manager

Interim Manager Scheuer presented the cash report.
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Interim Manager Scheuer introduced Mr. Ben Williams, Recreation Director. The Board welcomed Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams thanked the Board for the opportunity to work for the Town he was raised in, attended school, and loves as his hometown.

Interim Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that NCDOT had been striping the roads throughout town and the crosswalks etc. would hopefully be painted in the near future.

Interim Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that the mural project was coming along nicely, the discussions on the splash pad contractors were underway, Chestnut Mountain trail construction and entrance progress had been phenomenal. Manager Scheuer encouraged the Board to thank the town crews for a nice job on the entrance, stating the craftsmanship was second to none.

I. Old Business

J. New Business

1. Set Public Hearing Budget

Interim Manager Scheuer asked the Board's pleasure on scheduling the Public Hearing for the budget for June 10, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to set the public hearing on the budget for June 10, 2021 at 6:30pm. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Set Public Hearing June 24, 2021 for the Amendments to the Code of Ordinances to comply with G.S. Chapter 160D

Interim Manager Scheuer asked the Board to set a public hearing for June 24, 2021 to discuss the amendments to the code of ordinances to comply with G.S. Chapter 160D. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to set the public hearing as requested. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Town of Clyde Sale of Water Contract

Interim Manager Scheuer presented the proposed water contract with the Town of Clyde. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the contract (see attached) as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Appointment of the Tax Collector, Deputy Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Deputy Finance Officer

Interim Manager Scheuer presented to the Board the proposed appointments: Nick Scheuer, Tax Collector, Wanda Lurvey Deputy Tax Collector, Lisa Stinnett, Town Clerk, and Nick Scheuer, Deputy Finance Officer. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to make the appointments as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Haywood Greenways Masterplan Request

Interim Manager stated that the County was asking all municipalities to contribute \$2,000 to the Haywood Greenways Masterplan. Alderman Shepard made a motion to provide \$2,000 dollars in support of the Haywood Greenways Masterplan. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Request to Extend Music hours limit at Turner Stage for Tommy Payne CD Release

Interim Manager Scheuer presented the Board a request to extend the time for music to 8:30pm at Turner Stage for Tommy Paynes CD release party. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to extend to 8:30pm as requested. Alderwoman Smith seconded motion. After a brief discussion, Alderwoman Mull amended her motion to change the Turner Stage Policy to permit music up to 9pm. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

7. Evergreen Parking lot Exchange Agreement for 90 and 92 Park Street

Interim Manager Scheuer presented the Board with a renewal request from Evergreen Packaging regarding the exchange of parking lot agreement for 90 and 92 Park Street (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Smathers stated that last time the talks of another lay down yard being developed was in the discussion and he would like to inquire if that is still the plans for Evergreen. All members voted in favor of the agreement as presented.

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

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter Closed Session at 7:21 p.m. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter open session at 7:45pm Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Manager Scheuer announced that Melisa (Lisa) Stinnett would be the new Assistant Manager and Richard Hodge would be the Public Works Director with full support of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women.

K. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk