

July 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 July 22, 2021, at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers, Alderman/Alderwomen Mull, Hamlett, 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 reported that Alderman Shepard was on vacation and would not be in attendance.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers reported that the Manager, Town Clerk, 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, 2021

Manager Scheuer presented the minutes from July 8, 2021. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers announced that he had received a thank you note from Denise Holcombe for staff for their thoughts and prayers during the passing of her father.

Mayor Smathers stated it was frustrating to see all the graffiti in the park from vandals. Mayor Smathers thanked staff for their quick response in removing and repainting structures to cover the graffiti from view. Manger Scheuer stated that he was in the process in trying to get cameras installed in the recreation area to hopefully help with catching the vandals or deterring them in the future.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Smith requested that the Sorrells Street plans be posted on the website to help alleviate the flow of bad information in the area and to allow others to see what the project would look like when it came to fruition.

G. Public Comments

Carl Cortright thanked the Manger and Code Enforcement Officer Tim Carver for their help in resolving a feral cat problem in his neighborhood and personal property.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer presented the cash report.
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Manager Scheuer reported that the Chestnut Mountain Park project was in full swing, and it was amazing to see the progress and envision the potential the park had for Canton and Haywood County.

Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that the Sorrells Street Park project had been started in the park and the crews would be installing conduit to house the power lines and sidewalks would be finished as soon as concrete could be obtained. Manager Scheuer stated that the splash pad may not be finished for Labor Day due to the back order of parts and supply due to the supply issues.

I. Old Business

1. Veterans Day Event Request

Assistant Manager Stinnett presented a staff report (see attached). Ms. Laura Murray proposed the opportunity to get Matt Stillwell to perform in Sorrells Street Park for Veterans Day in the afternoon to allow everyone in the community to celebrate our Veterans. The cost of the event would be \$2,500 for the entire concert. Alderman Hamlett made amotion to approve the concert as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion passed.

J. New Business

1. Ordinance: Labor Day Road Closure

Manager Scheuer presented an ordinance requesting road closures for the Labor Day parade to NCDOT. Manager Scheuer stated that this is something that NCDOT requires each year for the Labor Day Lane closures. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Resolution Update to Personnel Policy

Manager Scheuer presented a resolution to change the personnel policy regarding protocol for the Manager (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

L. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, July 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk