

June 24, 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 24, 2021, at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers, Alderman/Alderwomen 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 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 May 27, 2021

Manager Scheuer presented the minutes from May 27, 2021, and June 10, 2021. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated that the Pickin' in the Park event was very well attended and that it was so good to see so many people out enjoying the event, the park, and the dog park. Mayor Smathers stated that it was his pleasure to accept the Haywood Strong award for Canton on behalf of the Board from the Haywood County Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Smathers inquired if the July 5th event was ready to go also thanking Champion Credit Union for providing the beautiful fireworks show for the community.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Shepard commented that he thanked Ben Williams and staff for a well-run aquatic facility and the cleanliness of the venue.

Alderman Hamlett stated that only 55% of Americans were vaccinated against the COVID19 virus and the virus continued to be a deadly encounter for people. Alderman Hamlett stated that the variant of this virus seemed to be even more deadly, and he encouraged everyone to continue to be diligent with taking all

precautions and encouraged all to get the vaccine.

Alderwoman Mull stated that the Smathers Farmers Market was doing well, and she was happy to see so many attendees for the weekly event. Alderwoman Mull also commented that the Town looked clean and well maintained and thanked staff and B.H. Graning for a job well done.

Alderwoman Smith stated that she had seen the street sweeper out and about and complimented staff for keeping the town looking so good. Alderwoman Smith stated that she was happy to see that Waste Pro had so few complaints this week and hoped that this continued as the citizens deserved the best service.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer presented the cash report.

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Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that he planned on using Powell Bill monies to start paving and would give the Board the priority paving schedule.

Manager Scheuer reported that the garbage complaints had been greatly diminished. Manager Scheuer stated that he would keep a very close eye on the progress of Waste Pro, but he felt that he and Waste Pro Executive, Chip Jingles, had a great meeting and that Chip understood the level of service that the Board expected. Mayor Smathers asked that the Manager keep the Board updated on the progress of the garbage service.

Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that several new businesses were coming to Town such as Kim's Pharmacy, Cold Mountain Collectives, Doghouse Groomers as well as several business that were expanding their current businesses.

Manager Scheuer stated that Natalie was closing out the fiscal year and that they should start to see progress in Sorrells Park in the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

Manager Scheuer reported that he had received numerous compliments on the street signs and some talks were taking place maybe to expand the new signage placement.

Alderwoman Smith inquired if the traffic calming would be implemented starting July 1st? Manager Scheuer stated that it would be put in place in the new fiscal year.

I. Old Business

Ms. Jeanne Forrest reported that the downtown business group would not be able to expand on the Labor Day festival this year as they had hoped but maybe in the future.

J. New Business

1. Public Hearing 160D Zoning Amendments

Manager Scheuer asked the Board to open the public hearing to discuss the recommended and State mandated zoning changes to Chapter 160D. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to open the hearing at 6:51pm. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried. Manager Scheuer explained that these changes were going to make this uniform across the State and had been reviewed by the Town Planning Board. With no discussion or questions, Alderwoman Smith made a motion to close the hearing at 6:58pm. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. motion carried.

2. Ordinance Adopting the 160D Zoning Amendments.

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to adopt the 160D ordinance as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Budget Amendments

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Façade Grant Application: Thomas Rickman

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the Façade Grant as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion carried.

5. Resolution to eliminate or reduce closure of the Highway 19/23/74 Bridge Project schedule for April or May 2022

Manager Scheuer introduced Mr. Ken Howell, Director, for the Lake Junaluska Assembly. Mr. Howell explained to the Board the economic impact that this would have on the Assembly for this project for an extended amount of time. Alderman Hamlett commented that he felt it was important to have a unified front and support other municipalities and Assemblies in the County. Alderman Shepard thanked Mr. Howell for bringing these issues to the boards attention and to allow them to voice their input. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

K. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter closed session at 7:11pm to discuss personnel. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried. Attorney William Morgan presented the closed session minutes pertaining to personnel that will be sealed. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter open session at 8:05pm. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Attorney William Morgan presented the closed session minutes from April 8, April 22, May 13, and May 27, 2021, for approval. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the closed session minutes as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

L. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk