

August 30, 2021

At the Emergency Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held in the USW Local 507 Building August 30, 2021, at 5:13pm with Mayor Pro-Tem Mull, Alderman/Alderwomen Hamlett and Smith present the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull called the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull reported that the Manager and Town Clerk were present.

D. Invocation/Pledge

N/A

E. Mayor Comments

N/A

F. Aldermen/women Comments

N/A

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that in the future with the rising Covid19 numbers and the flood issues that some of the meetings may take place by Zoom and notifications would be sent if that were the case.

I. New Business

1. Flood Debris Contract Award

Manager Scheuer presented a contract in the amount of \$331,065 (see attached) with SDR to remove all the flood debris. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the contract with SDR as presented. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. motion carried.

2. Debris Monitoring Contract

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the monitoring contract as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Temporary Office Housing

Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that it was necessary to have temporary office space for staff to operate at this time. Manager Scheuer asked the Board to approve the temporary office space because all office personnel were displaced and basically working from the parking lot. Alderman Smith made a motion to approve the temporary office set-up. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Hamlett commented that with the forecasted amount of rainfall, the large number of debris piles, road closures still in the downtown area, coupled with the pure fact that Town staff were near exhaustion that he would like to see the Labor Day parade cancelled so he suggested setting another emergency meeting to discuss the issue. Alderman Smith stated that she agreed that Alderman Hamlett had very legitimate concerns and that the devastation was all around the community. Alderman Smith suggested that Alderman Shepard and Mayor Smathers be phoned and added to the discussion. Alderman Shepard stated that he could agree with the rationale for cancelling the Labor Day parade. Mayor Smathers stated that he respectfully disagreed with cancelling the parade as it would give the citizens something to enjoy something and take a break for a short time. Mayor Smathers stated that he did understand that Town was upside down and that the rebuilding would take a long time but that is why he felt that the parade signified hope and resilience. Mayor Smathers asked if a motion was on the floor. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to cancel the Labor Day parade. Alderman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of cancelling the Labor Day parade.

L. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Local 507 Union Hall. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk