

## **November 11, 2021**

At the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held in the USW Local 507 Building November 11, 2021, at 5:30pm with Mayor Smathers, Alderman/Alderwomen Mull and Shepard present the following proceedings were held.

### **A. Call to Order**

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **B. Roll Call**

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

### **D. Invocation/Pledge**

Alderwoman Mull led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **E. Approval of the Minutes: October 28, 2021**

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the October 28, 2021, minutes as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

### **E. Mayor Comments**

Mayor Smathers stated that Laura Murray did a great job on the Veterans Day Ceremony and hoped everyone could go and enjoy the free concert from Matt Stillwell honoring our Veterans.

Mayor Smathers commented that the Veterans crosses in Sorrells Street Park were placed over near the Canton Middle School due to the Veterans Day concert that was scheduled for Sorrells Park.

Mayor Smathers congratulated Alderman Shepard and Alderwoman Smith only being re-elected for another term.

### **F. Aldermen/women Comments**

Alderwoman Mull congratulated Mayor Smathers, Alderman Shepard and Alderwoman Smith only being re-elected for another term. Alderwoman Mull stated that Alderman Hamlett was not feeling well and would not be able to attend the meeting. Alderwoman Mull stated that Alderman Hamlett did a

great job delivery his commencement speech at Haywood Community College.

Alderman Shepard thanked everyone for exercising their right to vote whether they voted for him or not. Alderman Shepard thanked the NJROTC for all their hard work and a great job during their annual inspection. Alderman Shepard stated that the Veterans Day ceremony was a great event, and he was honored to be a part of a ceremony that thanked all our Veterans.

### **G. Public Comments**

N/A

### **H. Reports from the Manager**

Manager Scheuer presented the Board a current cash and tax report.

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with an option to allow employees to have the entire day off on December 23<sup>rd</sup> in lieu of the holiday meal. With all facilities being destroyed and the countless hours of service staff feel like this is a good option for the employees. The Board gave consensus to this alternative.

Manager Scheuer stated that the motorcycle toy run would start at noon in the downtown Sorrells Street Park area.

Manager Scheuer asked the Board to consider cancelling the next meeting, which would fall on Thanksgiving. The Board gave consensus to cancel the next regular scheduled meeting.

Manager Scheuer reported that the Oath of Office Ceremony would take place on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the entrance to Chestnut Mountain Park.

Manager Scheuer reported that the parade would be full of entries and the Board needed to submit their Grand Marshal nominations to Lisa Stinnett by the following week. The amount needed was 10 to 15 people for the Christmas float capacity.

### **I. New Business**

#### **1. 10 Year Tax Release**

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the 10-year tax releases for their approval. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to

approve the 10-year tax releases as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **2. Tax Settlement**

Manager Scheuer presented the tax settlement to the Board for their approval. Alderman Shepard made a motion to approve the tax settlement as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **3. Order to Collect Taxes**

Manager Scheuer presented the Order to Collect taxes to the Board for their approval. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the tax releases as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **4. Tax Releases**

Manager Scheuer presented the tax releases to the Board for their approval. Alderman Shepard made a motion to approve the tax releases as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **5. Code Violation Discussion**

Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that he would like to have a discussion regarding code violations with the consideration of a maximum amount being added and the possibility of foreclosure etc. Mayor Smathers asked that this be discussed at the January work session in more detail.

## **6. Planning Board and ETJ Appointments**

Manager Scheuer presented a list of potential planning board members to serve on the Planning Board. After a brief discussion, Alderman Shepard made a motion to appoint the members presented (see attached). Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Smathers asked that the ETJ members be tabled until potential members could be contacted. Consensus of the Board was to table the ETJ appointments until a future meeting.

## **7. Closed Session N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (4) (5) (6)**

Alderman Shepard made a motion to enter closed session at 6:02 pm. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion

carried.

After a brief discussion with no action being taken, Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter Open session at 6:12pm.

Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Shepard suggested that the big movie screen be used during the parade to show a yule log burning. Staff thought this was a great idea.

### **L. Adjournment**

The next Special Called meeting will be on Thursday, December 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the entrance to Chestnut Mountain Park.

There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 6:12p.m.

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Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk