

February 10, 2022

At the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held at the USW Local 507 Union Hall, February 10, 2022, at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett, Proctor 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 stated that the Manager, Assistant Manager/Town Clerk, and Town Attorney were present.

C. Pledge

Alderman Shepard led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes: January 27, 2022

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the January 27, 2022, minutes as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated that he wanted to congratulate the Dog House business for their grand opening. Mayor Smathers stated that it was great to have them in town.

Mayor Smathers stated that he had received questions regarding the Pisgah Football Stadium, and he wanted to reiterate that this was Haywood County School property, and the Town was helping every way that they could with this FEMA Project.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Shepard thanked the Street and Water Departments for their work during the cold weather to clear the streets and repair broken water lines.

Alderwoman Proctor stated that she was excited to see all the social media updates also adding that numerous residents had commented on how nice it was to be updated regularly.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer reported that the Grand Opening for Chestnut Mountain Park would be April 23, 2022, from 11am to 4pm. Manager Scheuer also asked the Mayor and Board to add to their calendars the VIP for stakeholders on Friday April 22, 2022, from 10am to 2pm.

Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that Rhoda Street would be opening on Friday morning, with a one lane alternating option.

I. New Business

1. Big Brother/Sisters

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with a request to sponsor the Bowling for Kids that support Big Brother and Big Sisters of Haywood County. Alderman Shepard made a motion to sponsor the \$350.00 amount. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. CDC Water Extension and Annexation Request:Willis Road

Manager Scheuer introduced Mr. Patrick Bradshaw from Civil Design Concepts. Mr. Bradshaw provided the Board with a proposed future housing development. Mr. Bradshaw asked the Board to grant a water line extension. After a brief discussion and clarity that this was only granting a water line extension to the property, Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the water line extension request. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Bradshaw inquired if the Board would be amenable to a possible annexation of this property in the future. The Board agreed that it would meet the criteria is requested in the future.

3. Withers and Ravenel: Comp Plan

Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that the Planning Board would be meeting on February 23rd to discuss the comp plan with Withers and Ravenel. Manager Scheuer stated that this was a very important process to help shape the future of the Town.

4. Co-Sponsorship Request: Haywood County Arts Council

Assistant Manager Stinnett presented a staff report (see attached) to the Board with the co-sponsorship request along with all supporting documentation from the Haywood County Arts Council. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the request as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Sponsor Request from Haywood Waterways: Polar Plunge

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with a request to sponsor the annual polar plunge for Haywood Waterways. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to sponsor the \$500 level. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. ETJ Appointments

Manager Scheuer asked the Board's pleasure for the ETJ appointments. After a brief discussion, Hani Muerdter (Rough Creek Buncombe), Harold Shepard (Rough Creek Haywood), Anna Jorstad (Pigeon River), and Howard Knepper (Asheville Highway) were presented. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the discussed appointments as listed. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Alderman Shepard recused himself from the vote due to conflict (Harold Shepard is his sibling). Alderman Hamlett voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

7. TDA 1% Appointment Recommendations

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the names that had been recommended to him that fit the required criteria. Howard Knepper, Jeanne Forrest, Lisa Conard (No contact yet) and remaining Board member Gail Mull were suggestions from staff and other Board members. After a brief discussion, the Board approved the following recommendations if they agreed to serve. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to submit this to the TDA for appointment. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Roland Osborne made the Board aware that a Canton native, Fred Chappell, Poet Lariat, was scheduled to be featured on PBS in April. Mr. Osborne suggested showing this possibly at the grand opening of Chestnut Mountain or another venue in Town. The Board remarked at what a great achievement this was for Mr. Chappell and the pride that they expressed that he was from Canton. The Board thanked Mr. Osborne for making them aware of this event.

8. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4)(5)(6)

Aldерwoman Proctor made a motion to enter closed session at 7:09 pm. Aldерwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Aldерwoman Mull made a motion to enter open session at 7:34pm. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

No Action taken.

J. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the USW Local 507 office located at 111 Park Street, Canton, NC 28716. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk