

March 24, 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, March 24, 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: March 10, 2022

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022, minutes as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mayor Smathers stated that it was good to have the Governor visit the area to see the progress after the flood and to see where he could offer help.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Proctor stated that it was a great meeting with the Governor and his team, also reiterating the mayor's comments on how it was awesome to see his return to the affected flood areas.

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending. Alderwoman Mull stated that it was a great visit with the Governor, and she appreciated the fact that he took the time to come back to the area.

Alderman Hamlett agreed with all the comments regarding the Governor's visit. Alderman Hamlett thanked the Union for allowing the meetings to take place in their Boardroom and Alderwoman Mull for scheduling the meetings and having the

room set and ready for the meetings.

Alderman Shepard stated that the fence around the pool looked great, the pool looked clean, and he was excited for the dog park fence to be completed and Town recreation facilities opening for everyone to enjoy this summer. Alderman Shepard also encouraged everyone to pray for the Ukrainian people.

G. Public Comments

Mr. Carl Cortright thanked the new communications officer for all the information that was being put out to the citizens.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer presented the cash report.

Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that the new modular offices were in the process of being delivered and set-up for the Town Hall and Police Department.

Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that the dog park fence would be installed next week, and the ballfield fencing would be sometime in April following the install of the dog park fencing.

Manager Scheuer reminded the Board that the annual Easter egg hunt would take place in Sorrells Street Park on April 16th.

Manager Scheuer updated the Board that the Splash pad would be poured the following Wednesday weather permitting.

Manager Scheuer encouraged everyone to purchase and sale tickets to benefit the Kiwanis all abilities playground to be installed at the recreation park.

I. New Business

1. Audit Contract: Sheila Gahagan CPA

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the contract for audit services submitted by Sheila Gahagan. Manager Scheuer stated that Mrs. Gahagan had done an exceptional job for the Town the last 3 years and he would recommend approving the audit contract as presented (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the audit contract as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Financial Contingency Plan

Manager Scheuer presented the financial contingency plan that would be in place if needed (see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the financial contingency plan as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Emergency Fuel Shortage Contingency Plan

Manager Scheuer presented the Emergency Fuel shortage contingency plan (see attached). After a brief discussion, the Board thanked staff for preparing the plans as requested. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the emergency fuel shortage plan as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Resolution: Bargain purchase of the Chestnut Mountain property and conveyance of a conservation easement to the southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with a resolution to bargain purchase Chestnut Mountain Property in the amount of 449.01 acres and conveyance of a conservation easement to the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy in the amount of \$100,000 (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Conservancy Easement: Chestnut Mountain Park

Manager Scheuer presented a conservancy easement agreement to Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy for Chestnut Mountain Park (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the easement as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Manager Scheuer reported that he did not have any updates to present to the Board tonight but should during the next meeting, a closed session would not be necessary.

J. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 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 7:00 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk