

June 9, 2022

At the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held at the Town Hall at 85 Summer Street, June 9, 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 6:31 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers stated that the Manager and Finance Officer were present.

C. Pledge

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

D. Approval of Minutes: May 26, 2022

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the May 26, 2022, minutes as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated that it was great to have the return of Picking' in the Park on Friday nights for all to enjoy. Mayor Smathers stated that even though the electrical wiring had not been restored from the flood that the event could continue with the use of a generator and moving up the time. Mayor Smathers thanked staff for thinking outside the box and working to restore Town events back to normal for everyone to enjoy.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending the meeting

Alderman Hamlett thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Alderwoman Proctor commented that the historical Smathers Market was a great event and was glad to see it open for all to enjoy.

Alderman Shepard thanked everyone for attending and commented that the Town staff were doing a good job keeping

Town looking good and clean.

G. Public Comments

Mrs. Tiffany Cortright stated that she noticed that BH Graning had not completed the flower beds and pots early enough in her opinion. Manager Scheuer stated that they like everyone else had manpower issues and that we had added more planters and that was some of the issues, however, he would keep an eye on maintenance and the board could revisit the contract at any time.

Ms. Holly Greenwald presented the Board with a resolution banning the tethering of dogs (see attached). Manager Scheuer explained that our ordinance addressed a few issues with animals, but the abuse of an animal would fall under Haywood County Animal Control enforcement. Ms. Booker stated that the group had been to the County and other municipalities with no avail. Alderman Hamlett offered to have a conversation regarding the animal ordinance with the group. The Board thanked the group for coming.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer presented the cash report and the tax report. Manager Scheuer commented that Wanda did a fantastic job collecting taxes.

Manager Scheuer updated the Board the Environmental Defense Fund (site mitigation) representatives would be onsite June 17th for a meeting and then several site visits. Manager Scheuer stated that Board members were welcome to attend this meeting in part or in its entirety.

Manager Scheuer reminded the Board that a Public Hearing for the Land Use Ordinance would be at the next meeting on June 23, 2022.

Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that a Zoning Board of Adjustment member needed to be appointed and staff suggested that Carl Cortright be considered. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to appoint Carl Cortright to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously in favor of the appointment.

Manager Scheuer suggested to the Board considering cash flow constraints and exhausted employees that rather than have an employee meal that the employees be rewarded with the entire day off on Friday July 1, 2022, giving them a long weekend with their families. The Board gave consensus to give employees the day off on July 1 rather than the employee

meal.

Chief Gaddis also made the Board aware that discussion for SROs in schools and the safety of the students were still ongoing and that all of Haywood County agencies were eager to have the most up to date training and procedures in place to assure that they are well prepared for an active shooter event.

I. New Business

1. Withers Ravenel Land Use Ordinance Update

Daniel Rauh and Karen Marlo from Withers Ravenel gave a presentation to the Board (see attached). The public hearing on the Land Use Ordinance will be June 23, 2022, at 6:30pm.

2. Budget Presentation

Manager Scheuer presented the budget as presented during the public hearing on May 26, 2022, for adoption. Mr. Carl Cortright stated that he opposed the façade grant money stating that businesses should be able to upgrade their buildings on their own, not with taxpayer money. The Board did not have any questions or comments on the proposed budget.

3. Adoption of the FY: 2022-2023 Budget

Mayor Smathers stated that this was a bold budget that was scalable with the emphasis on employees, infrastructure, and recovery. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the FY 2022-2023 budget as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to adopt the budget. Mayor Smathers thanked Finance Officer, Natalie Walker, Manager, Nick Scheuer, and Assistant Manager Stinnett for their hard work on the budget.

4. Adoption of the Budget Ordinance

Manager Scheuer presented the budget ordinance for the FY 2022-2023 budget year. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the budget ordinance as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

5. Adoption of the Schedule of Fees

Manager Scheuer presented the schedule of fees for the FY 2022-2023. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to adopt the fees as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Budget Amendments

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with year end budget amendments. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Alderman Shepard wanted to confirm these were necessary at year end to balance the budget. Finance Officer, Natalie Walker confirmed that these were year end to balance the budget and she would more than likely bring more to the Board the next meeting and possibly at the special called meeting on June 30th. All members voted in favor of the motion.

7. Pisgah Cheerleader Sponsorship Request

Manager Scheuer presented a request to sponsor t-shirts for the cheerleader to throw at varsity football and basketball games (see attached). Alderman Shepard made a motion to approve the sponsorship as requested. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Ordinance: Amending Part 8 (Offenses) by establishing Control Access to Town-Owned, Controlled, and Leased Property and Establishing Restrictions on Photographing, Videoing, and/or Recording within Non-Public Forums.

Manager Scheuer presented an ordinance to establish rules to control access to town-owned, controlled, and leased property and establishing restrictions on photographing, videoing, and/or recording within non-public forums. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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

Manager Scheuer reported that he did not foresee any action being taken by the Board. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter closed session at 7:34pm. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried. After a lengthy discussion Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to enter open session at

8:32 pm. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

J. Adjournment

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall located at 85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk