

May 12, 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, May 12, 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 6:42 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: April 14 and April 28, 2022

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the April 14 and April 28, 2022, minutes as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers commented that it was good to be in the temporary/semi-permanent Town Hall building.

Mayor Smathers stated that with all the housing projects being discussed throughout the county, that it was important when considering these projects for water and sewer availability to make sure that we utilize smart growth that allows us to grow and how it was best for the Canton Community.

Mayor Smathers reminded everyone the National Fallen Police Officer event at the County courthouse was at 5:30 and that was why a few members were running a few minutes late. Mayor Smathers stated that it was an honor to attend and a very touching ceremony.

Mayor Smathers reminded everyone of the Farm Bureau Breakfast event as well as the speaker would be Mayor Pro-Tem Mull in his absence.

Mayor Smathers reported that he had been contacted by Mrs. Paxton, resident behind IP Sports Complex, regarding parking

in no parking zones making ingress and egress difficult for the property owners.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending.

Alderman Hamlett reiterated Alderwoman Mulls statement thanking attendees for coming.

Alderwoman Proctor commented that the Blue Moon Bookstore was a great addition to the downtown area and encouraged all to stop in to check it out.

Alderman Shepard stated that it was good to see the fence up at the ballfield at the recreation park, water stations at the dog park and families enjoying the recreation park. Manager Scheuer stated that the fence at the ballfield would soon be painted black to match all other fencing sponsored by Cruso Endowment.

Mayor Smathers commented that he had driven by Chestnut Park on a Tuesday at 9:30am and 15 cars were utilizing the park and it was exciting to see.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer presented the cash report and the tax report.

Manager Scheuer updated the Board that Withers Ravanel held a public input session and would have a presentation for them in the following weeks.

Manager Scheuer reported that hopefully with no issues the pool would be ready to open by June 18, 2022.

Manager Scheuer asked Chief Sluder to present the Board with a exchange request between the Town of Canton and the Haywood County Sheriff's Department regarding ammunition (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the exchange as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Attorney Morgan stated that he would like to check the Statue to see if this needed to be done by resolution, if so it will be brought to the next meeting. All members voted in favor of the motion.

I. New Business

1. Renovation Dedication: Rec Park Basketball Court

Mayor Smathers suggested that the basketball court at the renovated recreation park be named after Hubert Thomas. Mayor Smathers stated that there wasn't many fathers, brothers, friends, or foe that had not been made better by the impact of Hubert Thomas. Mayor Smathers stated that Hubert had invested so much time and caring into the youth of Canton for no accolades or money but the love of his community and the game of basketball and made so many better for it. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to name the basketball court at the recreation park after Mr. Hubert Thomas. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Alderman Hamlett stated that life is important and people for years will come to see Mr. Thomas's name and hopefully be inspired to do something maybe that they would not have normally done. Alderman Hamlett thanked Mr. Thomas for his involvement in the community which made Canton a better place. Alderwoman Mull stated that even though she was not sports oriented that everyone knew that Hubert was always in the community playing, coaching, and teaching the youth of the community and she thanked him for that. Alderwoman Proctor thanked Mr. Thomas stating she had only heard of the great things that he had been a part of over the years and congratulated him on this honor. Alderman Shepard stated that Hubert's, unwavering support for the kids of the community was evident but the kids loved him back and they always looked for him at the sporting events! All members voted in favor of the motion.

2. Wayfinding Project Update

Manager Scheuer presented a packet of the proposed wayfinding signage that was funded by TDA (see attached).

3. PartF contract with Chestnut Mountain

Manager Scheuer presented a contract with North Carolina Parks and Recreation (Partf) for the construction of more trails at the Chestnut Mountain Bike Park. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Folkmoot Sponsorship Request

Manager Scheuer presented a request for sponsorship from the Folkmoot Organization. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$500 dollar sponsorship for the event. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Pisgah High Football Program Sponsorship Request

Manager Scheuer presented a request from the Pisgah High Boosters Club for a sponsorship for the football program. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve \$200. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

6. Set a Public Hearing for the Proposed 2022-2023 Budget

Manager Scheuer asked the Board to set the public hearing on the 2022-2023 proposed budget for May 26, 2022, at 6:30pm in the new town hall location at 85 Summer Street. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to set the public hearing for May 26, 2022, at 6:30 pm. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

J. Adjournment

The next Special Called meeting will be on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the new temporary Town Hall. located at 85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk