

June 23, 2022

At the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held at the Town Hall at 85 Summer Street, June 23, 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/Clerk, Town Attorney and Finance Officer were present.

C. Pledge

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

D. Approval of Minutes: June 9, 2022

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the June 9, 2022, minutes as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers stated inquired about the pool opening schedule. Manager Scheuer stated the pool opening was to be determined based on parts and inspections.

Mayor Smathers inquired about the Splash Pad. Manager Scheuer stated that the splash pad would be open on Saturday for a soft opening and the Ribbon Cutting and official opening would be on July 5th at 6:00.

Mayor Smathers stated that he had been in Washington DC and had the opportunity to speak with representatives regarding the FEMA reimbursement process for the flood victims.

Mayor Smathers stated that during the entire process that the Baptist and Methodist organizations had worked tirelessly to help flood victims and should be recognized for their efforts.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Alderman Hamlett commented that with the heat wave to keep check on your neighbors as so many do not have air conditioning and encourage people to let others know if they need help.

Alderwoman Proctor thanked everyone for attending and commented that it had been one hell of a year and she appreciated how staff worked together during this horrific event.

Alderman Shepard thanked everyone for attending and thanked staff for working hard every day.

G. Public Comments

Mr. Tommy Hendrix resident of Willis Road inquired what NCDOT was doing near and on his property. Mayor Smathers thanked Mr. Hendrix for coming and stated that he wished he could help him, but this property was outside the corporate limits and the Town had no control or knowledge of what NCDOT was doing or planning for that area.

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 that Equinox was applying to the Dogwood Trust for funding on behalf of the Town for help with grant writing.

Manager Scheuer reminded the Board the Kids Cycle Club would be in the recreation park and Chestnut Mountain area throughout the summer with camps for kids.

I. New Business

1. Public Hearing: Future Land Use Subdivision Ordinance

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter the public hearing to discuss the Future Land Use Subdivision Ordinance at 6:48pm. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Daniel Rauh and Karen Marlo from Withers Ravenel gave a presentation to the Board (see attached). With no public comments, Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Karen Mallo presented the Text Amendment for Single Family dwelling (see attached). Alderman Shepard asked if the 20 x 24 feet minimum lot width was large enough? Ms. Mallo stated that this was standard for town homes. Mayor Smathers inquired if this would be applied to current zoning? Manager Scheuer stated that it would amend the current zoning to allow this type of structure and requirements. With no public questions Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter open session at 7:11pm Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance: Labor Day Road Closure

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the yearly request to NCDOT to close portions of Blackwell Drive, Park Street and Main Street during the Labor Day Festival (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Budget Amendments

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with year end budget amendments. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

4. Schedule of Fees Amendment

Manager Scheuer presented a new schedule of fees to add meter fees that were omitted in error. Manager Scheuer stated that his would only affect new taps not existing customers. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to approve the schedule of fees as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. 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 7:15pm. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried. After a lengthy discussion Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter open session at 7:42 pm. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

J. Adjournment

The next Special Called meeting will be on Thursday, June 30, 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 7:43 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk