

August 25, 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, August 25, 2022, at 6:30pm with Mayor Pro-Tem Mull, Aldermen/women Hamlett, Proctor, and Shepard present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull stated that the Manager, Assistant Manager/Clerk, and Town Attorney were present. Mayor Pro-Tem Mull stated that Mayor Smathers was on vacation with his family.

C. Pledge

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

D. Approval of Minutes: July 28, 2022

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the August 11, 2022, minutes as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Hamlett stated that he was at a medical clinic and a nurse commented that she lived in Canton, and she use to be ashamed to tell anyone that is where she lived, however, she is now very proud to be from Canton. The nurse commented the shops downtown were great and that it was awesome to see young children in the park enjoying the splash pad. Alderman Hamlett stated it was great to be a part of this team.

Alderman Shepard stated that school was back in session and please be mindful of the buses and the children getting on and off the buses for school.

Alderwoman Proctor thanked everyone for attending.
Alderwoman Proctor stated that it was great to attend the

ribbon cutting for Substrate Custom Printing business downtown. Alderwoman Proctor also asked for an update on Labor Day.

G. Public Comments

Mr. Bill Gardner approached the Board regarding a code violation letter that was received for the rv's hooked to the Town water and sewer system. Mr. Gardner stated that this was the Baptist men association that was providing flood relief for the victims that lost their homes and that some were living in the church as well. Mr. Gardner stated he wanted to settle the issue tonight so this organization could continue their work. Town Manager Scheuer stated that the Town supported the efforts and help the organization was providing, however these hook-ups were made illegally without any permits from the Town or County. Mr. Gardner stated that he understood that but wanted to work with the Town to allow them to stay hooked to the system until they finished their projects. Manager Scheuer asked Mr. Gardner to formally request to hook to the Town's water and sewer system to begin the proper process.

Mr. Jason Aytes of Trammell Avenue stated he was attending the meetings to about the Town and was happy to see the progress that the Town was making.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer presented the cash report and the tax report.

Manager Scheuer called on Assistant Manager Stinnett to update the Board on the Labor Day Festival. Assistant Manager Stinnett stated that the marketing campaign had already begun and that the schedule of events that was planned in 2019 was still slated for this year. Assistant Manager Stinnett stated that this would be the last attempt to host Diamond Rio so pray for good weather.

Manager Scheuer reported that the Rotary Club was hosted at Chestnut Mountain Park and given tours of the area. Manager Scheuer stated that the Rotary Club expressed interest in doing future projects with the Town.

Manager Scheuer stated that Cruso Endowment had provided new street signs for some of the streets in Canton that would be erected soon and that this was a great project.

I. New Business

1. Proclamation: Granny Gert 102 Birthday

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull asked the Manager to read aloud a proclamation to honor Ms. Claudia Gertrude Parrish Logan, fondly known as Granny Gert 102 birthday. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to pass the proclamation as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Surplus Property

Manager Scheuer called on Chief Sluder to present the request to dispose of surplus property to the Board (see attached). After a brief discussion, Alderman Shepard made a motion to approve of the disposing of the surplus property. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. All Abilities Playground

Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that the Town and Kiwanis had raised around \$250,000 dollars for the all abilities playground construction. Manager Scheuer stated that an application to the Dogwood Trust would be submitted to help reach the goal to make this playground the best one in our area. Manager Scheuer stated that the Kiwanis Club had been a great partner, and everyone was looking forward to the tentative construction in the Spring. Manager Scheuer asked the Board to bring back some recommendations to serve on a steering committee for this project.

4. Fire Relief Fund Appointment

Chief Wheeler presented a request to replace former employee Kenneth Paxton with Mr. Joseph Sellars. Chief Wheeler stated that Mr. Sellars had served on this fund in the past. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to appoint Joseph Sellars to the Fire Relief Fund replacing Mr. Kenneth Paxton. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Ordinance: Amending Part 3 (Public Safety), Chapter 3 to add Section 3-3007 Emergency and Rescue

Manager Scheuer presented an ordinance to the Board that would allow the Town Manager with input from the Mayor and Board to allow short term housing associated with utility hook-ups for first responders, non-profits, and other groups associated with emergency response during emergencies whether a State of Emergency had been issued at his or her discretion for locations and numbers or until direction from the Mayor and Board. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion regarding the addition of a caveat that allowed the Manager to approve the

temporary hook-up with the parameters of permits being met. With no consent motion failed. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented with the exception to the ordinance that read to allow temporary emergency hook-up to the Town's utility system with the Town inspected the connections. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mull presented the Board with a request to name September Big Brothers Big Sisters Month (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the request as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Manager Scheuer reported that he did not foresee any action being taken by the Board. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter closed session at 7:14pm. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried. After a lengthy discussion on section (a)(5)(6) Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter open session at 7:31 pm. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

J. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall located at 85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716. There being no additional business, Mayor Pro-Tem Mull adjourned the Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk