

October 13, 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, October 13, 2022, at 6:30pm with Mayor Smathers, 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 6:35 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers stated that the Manager, Assistant Manager/Clerk, and Town Attorney were present

C. Pledge

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

D. Approval of Minutes: September 22, 2022

Alderswoman Mull made a motion to approve the September 22, 2022, minutes as presented. Alderswoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers made a comment regarding the Labor Day festival. Mayor Smathers stated that he wanted to first thank all the employees that stood and worked in the rain for two days trying to provide the community a quality event. The second issue is that we tweak the event yearly and would change up some things this coming year, however, before you complain or criticize the event, please at least say thank you for even trying to have the event, then a discussion can be had on any issues that you feel strongly about.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Hamlett thanked staff for trying to have Labor Day despite the weather. Also, Alderman Hamlett thanked fellow Board members and staff for helping him through very difficult times.

G. Public Comments

Carl Cortright of Allen Street inquired when the speeding measure would be installed at the Southern Porch crossing?

Manager Scheuer stated that unfortunately the traffic slowing equipment was damaged in the flood and would have to be re-ordered. The Manager thanked Mr. Cortright for reminding staff to order this equipment for this area.

Mr. Dickey King (Annual Toy Run) reported to the Board that the annual toy run would be held November 12th starting in the downtown area of Canton with the Boards approval. Mr. King stated that the toy run was in its 31st year and each year provided toys and money to local groups such as the community kitchen, K.A.R.E. and other deserving groups to help feed and provide some comfort with toys etc. to the kids of Haywood County. The Board welcomed the event and agreed to provide trash cans and lane closures, parking area at Park Street for the event to start on November 12th, 2022. The Board thanked Mr. King and the group for all they did to help those less fortunate of Haywood County.

Mr. King also thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for their speedy response time to accident and illnesses in the Canton area.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer started that he would present the cash report at the next meeting.

Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that the Town should be receiving the unmet needs funding in the next couple of weeks.

Manager Scheuer updated the Board on the tree removal on Pisgah Drive and updating them on the tree planting of Dogwoods earlier in the day.

Manager Scheuer reported to the Board that counters had been installed at Chestnut Mountain that would allow a measure for economic impact.

Manager Scheuer stated that Recreation Director Ben Williams met with a steering committee for the All-Abilities Playground doing a great job recognizing the major factors that would be important to this project. Manager Scheuer stated that to date approximately \$300,000 dollars had been raised for this project.

Manager Scheuer reported that he had contracted with two consultants one for Stormwater and the other for the Planning and Zoning.

Mayor Smathers reminded the Board members of the ROTC inspection on November 8th at 10am at Pisgah High School.

Manager Scheuer lastly reported that he had confirmed that the Haywood Waterways Polar Plunge would be held at the Champion credit Union Aquatics Center on February 11, 2023.

I. New Business

1. K.A.R.E. Presentation

Manager Scheuer introduced Savannah Anders, Executive Director of K.A.R.E. Mrs. Anders explained everything that the organization did for the community and kids that did not have a voice. Mrs. Anders explained that the process that a child would go through after an event and the care they would receive from the organization at length. Mrs. Anders explained to the Board that this was a non-profit organization that depended on donations and fund-raising events. Mrs. Anders invited the Board to the Festival of Trees that would be held at Reflections on the Pond on November 10th to participate. The Board asked staff to reschedule the November 10th meeting to another day that week so they would be free to attend this event. The mayor thanked the K.A.R.E. staff for all they do to help the kids of Haywood County. Alderwoman Proctor thanked Savannah for the effort that the group did to provide mental health for all those affected. Alderwoman Mull thanked them for coming to the meeting sharing this information and that the Festival of Trees was a great event. Alderman Hamlett stated that all children grow into adults and children were our future and they paved the way to make things better. Alderman Shepard thanked Mrs. Anders and staff for what they did every day for the kids and the community, also stating that the kids are our future.

2. Halloween Schedule

Manager Scheuer stated that the Town would be hosting the movie Hotel Transylvania was set to start at 7pm in Sorrells Street Park along with a food truck and church trick or treating in the park on Saturday, October 29th.

3. HUB Policy Adoption

Manager Scheuer made the Board aware that an addition would be added to the procurement policy for minority owned business at the next meeting.

4. Champion Credit Union Request

Manager Scheuer presented a request for a letter that approved a water and sewer extension to their new facility across from Food Lion. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to

provide the letter of support for the water and sewer extension to the administrative facility being built by Champion Credit Union off New Clyde Highway. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. 10 Year Tax Releases

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the 10-year tax releases (see attached). Alderman Shepard made a motion to approve the tax releases as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Order to Collect Taxes

Manager Scheuer presented the Board a copy of the order to collect 2022 taxes. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to approve the order to collect taxes presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Tax Settlement

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the Tax Settlement (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve of the tax settlement as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. CIP Update

Manager Scheuer explained to the Board that the CIP needed to be amended to include the All-Abilities Playground and the Division of Water Quality Kim's Cove Project. This would allow for the Town to apply for grant funding for these projects. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the addition to the CIP. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion passed.

10. Holiday Schedule

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the Holiday schedule as well as a proposed change to the holiday schedule. Manager Scheuer stated that the Town would be closed on November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday, December 23rd, 26th and 27th for the Christmas Holiday. Also, cancelling the employee meal and granting the \$1,000 bonus to all full-time employees. Manager Scheuer also asked the Board to approve November 14th as a day off being the employees had to work Labor Day and moving forward changing the Labor Day holiday to the following Friday so that employees would be allowed to enjoy a day off. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the schedule and bonus as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Recreation Director, Ben Williams inquired if the Board wanted to do the yule log screen for the Christmas Parade again this year? Consensus was to have the yule tide screen and music again this year in Sorrells Street Park.

J. Closed Session: Pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3)(5)

No closed session at this time.

K. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 27, 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 7:38 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk