

## **June 5, 2023**

At the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held at 85 Summer Street, Canton NC, June 5, 2023, at 4:00 pm 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 4:00 pm.

### **B. Roll Call**

Mayor Smathers stated that the Manager and Assistant Manager were present.

### **C. Pledge**

N/A

### **D. Approval of Minutes:**

N/A

### **E. Mayor Comments**

N/A

### **F. Aldermen/women Comments**

N/A

### **G. Public Comments**

N/A

### **H. Reports from the Manager**

Manager Scheuer introduced Mr. John Hansen of Craig, Gaulden, and Davis to the Board. Mr. Hansen will be conducting the charrette for the Colonial Theatre and Armory.

### **I. New Business**

#### **1. Charrette for Colonial Theatre and Armory**

Mr. Hansen introduced his team and began the work session with asking the Board of the past uses for the buildings and what worked and did not work in these facilities. Manager Scheuer stated that all the flood

mitigation components would need to be implemented to meet the FEMA guidelines. Mayor Smathers stated that it typically sat empty except for concerts from Balsam Range, Miss Asheville pageants, or a dance recital on the theater side and the annex side was mostly utilized for showers or birthday parties. Mayor Smathers felt that the history should be preserved but make it useable space. Alderwoman Mull stated that she would like to see it used as a movie theatre. Mayor Smathers stated that all the technology needed to be upgraded for today's standards as well as the movie screen etc. Alderman Shepard stated that the school system did utilize it for movies. Alderman Hamlett stated that he would like it to be able to have old or classic movies stating that a lot of people enjoyed the ambience of the theatre. Alderwoman Proctor stated that it would be nice to be able to use for non-profit events as well. Mr. Hansen stated that the stage had been extended to cover the orchestra pit at some point and this created a sight issue for a lot of the balcony seating, and this would be one issue to look at moving forward. Alderman Hamlett stated that he would like for the space to be able to host small plays, stand up comedy and things of this nature. Alderman Shepard stated that he would like for it to become multi use for the community.

Mr. Hanson asked for input for the Armory. Mayor Smathers stated that the Armory was used mostly on weekend for quinceanera or wedding receptions. Mayor Smathers stated that the attached space needed to be used for a commercial kitchen to allow for catering of events or community events such as showers or other programming opportunities. Manager Scheuer stated that a community center with the options for multi-use would be an option to look at for this space as well. The upstairs has a lot of space but is not ADA accessible at this time and would be too costly at this time for the Town to install an elevator.

## **J. Adjournment**

The next Regularly Scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at 85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 5:56 p.m.

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Lisa Stinnett, Town Clerk