

June 8, 2023

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 8, 2023, 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, Finance Officer, and Town Attorney were present.

C. Pledge/Invocation

Alderwoman Mull led those in attendance in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes:

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the May 25, 2023, minutes as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mayor Smathers stated that the last employees coming out of the mill for the last time was very moving for a lot of families and thanked staff for a great job.

Mayor Smathers reminded the Board that Senator Edwards and North Carolina Attorney General Stein would be visiting Canton in the coming days.

G. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Mull thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Alderman Hamlett also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Alderwoman Proctor commented that Chestnut Mountain looked great and staff had done a great job.

Alderman Shepard had no additional comments.

H. Public Comments:

N/A

I. Managers Reports

Manager Scheuer presented cash and tax reports.

Manager Scheuer reminded everyone that the Back Country Bash would be on June 24th from 11am to 3pm for the opening of the new trails at Chestnut Mountain Park.

J. Old Business

N/A

K. New Business

1. Caroline Ponton: Presentation

Mrs. Ponton recognized Mrs. Edie Burnette of the Friends of the Museum as well as Roland Osborne. Ms. Burnette commented that Mrs. Ponton had done a tremendous amount of work putting the historical calendar together and everyone seemed to really enjoy it. Ms. Burnette handed the Board a copy of the calendar. Mayor Smathers stated that everyone needed this bit of history now more than ever regarding the mill and thanked Mrs. Ponton for all her efforts. Mrs. Ponton stated that the calendars would be for sale for a \$10.00 donation.

2. 2023-2024 Budget Adoption

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the proposed 2023-2024 budget for their approval. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the 23-24 budget as presented.

Alderman Mull seconded the motion. Alderman Hamlett thanked Finance Officer Walker for all her work and a job well done on the presented budget. The Board echoed Alderman Hamlett's comments. Motion carried.

3. Schedule of Fees

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the proposed schedule of fees for the 23-24 budget year. Alderman Mull made a motion to approve the schedule of fees as presented. Alderman Proctor seconded the motion. Alderman Mull asked for the minimum bill for inside customers with the new fee change. Finance Officer Walker stated that the new minimum inside bill would be \$52.50. Motion carried.

4. Budget Ordinance

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the 2023-2024 budget ordinance for adoption. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the budget ordinance as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Resolution Police Fleet

Manager Scheuer presented the Board the Resolution approving the financing for the police fleet that has been ordered for a year but just now is being fulfilled and financed as of June 1, 2023. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the resolution presented and retroactively signed June 1, 2023. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. Resolution: Accepting ARPA funding for water project SRP-D-ARP-0090 and wastewater project SRP-W-ARP-0091 in the combines amount of \$9,212,041. dollars.

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with a resolution accepting funding for the water project SRP-D-ARP-0090 and wastewater project SRP-W-ARP-0091 in the combines amount of \$9,212,041. Dollars (see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. Police Policy for Extra Duty work

Police Chief Sluder presented the Board with a copy of the policy for extra duty work (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Budget Amendments

Finance Officer Walker presented the Board with some year end budget amendments (see attached). Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

9. Cancelling the June 22, 2023, meeting and changing to a Special Called meeting on June 28, 2023, at 5:30pm

Manager Scheuer asked the Board's pleasure on cancelling the regular meeting on June 22, 2023, and having a special called meeting on June 28, 23 to be able to get all the year end budget amendments approved for year end. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to cancel the June 22 meeting and

change to June 28th for the next special called meeting.
Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(6) personnel at 6:52pm. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After a brief discussion, Alderman Hamlett made a motion to enter open session at 7:25pm. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Assistant Manager Stinnett stated that she and Finance Officer Natalie Walker had been searching for ways that the Town could help/give back to the businesses during the announcement of the mill closure. Assistant Stinnett then turned over the meeting to Finance Officer Walker for her idea regarding a passport book that would require businesses to create their own signature stamp and when the passport book was full the book holder would bring to the Town for a free t-shirt to help introduce people to the downtown businesses. The Board agreed that this was a good idea and ask Ms. Walker to take to the business partnership and then report back to the Board.

L. Adjournment

The next virtual meeting will be on June 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall located at 85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716. There being no additional business, Mayor Smathers adjourned the Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Melisa Stinnett, Town Clerk