

June 28, 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 28, 2023, at 5:30 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 5:30 pm.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Smathers stated that the Manager, Assistant Manager, Finance Officer, and Town Attorney were present.

C. Pledge

Alderman Hamlett led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Minutes:

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to approve the May 25, June 5, June 8, and June 23rd minutes as presented. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers commented on how good the Recreation and Sorrells Street Park looked. Mayor Smathers asked if the Manager would be introducing the new Recreation Director later in the agenda. Manager Scheuer stated that he would.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Hamlett thanked Carl Cortright for joining the zoom meeting for the Colonial Theatre and Armory and by taking his time to be involved.

Alderman Shepard stated that staff was doing a great job with the recreation facilities and the park.

Alderwoman Mull stated that the TDA had awarded some monies for Chestnut Mountain Bike Park that will be announced in the coming days.

Alderwoman Proctor had no comments at this time.

G. Public Comments

Chief Kevin Wheeler reminded everyone that the Bike Ride sponsored by Pigeon River Outfitters and Safe Kids NC would be on July 15th.

Mayor Smathers inquired if the mill whistles had been delivered? Manager Scheuer stated that we did have possession of the whistles.

Carl Cortright asked about the construction of the Charters of Freedom. Manager Scheuer stated that the structures were in the process of being made and would be delivered to the site once they were finished.

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the Cash report and the Tax Report. Manager Scheuer stated that Wanda Lurvey never ceased to amaze with the collection rate for taxes which was the highest in the County!

Manager Scheuer introduced the new Recreation Director, Sam Dunbar. Manager Scheuer stated that Sam was going and already is a great asset for the Town of Canton.

Manager Scheuer stated that the Back Country Bash would be rescheduled to a mini bash on July 5 from 4 to 6pm due to the forecast of inclement weather.

I. Old Business

Assistant Manager Stinnett reported to the Board that she and Finance Officer Natalie Walker proposed Natalie's idea of the passport book to the downtown business partnership, and they were thrilled to partner with the Town for this project. The Town will roll this project out soon.

J. New Business

1. Budget Amendments

Finance Officer, Natalie Walker presented the Board with the year end budget amendments. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the amendments as presented. Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Pool Pass Request

Assistant Manager Stinnett presented the Board a request for some pool passes to utilize for Blue Ridge Mental Health for the

kids that are affected. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to provide 5 pool passes to Blueridge Heath. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Amended Schedule of Fees

Finance Officer Walker presented the Board with an amended version of the schedule of fees that reflected the recently passed water rates on page 3. Alderman Proctor made a motion to approve the amended schedule of fees as presented. Alderman Shepard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter Closed Session at 5:46pm pursuant to NC.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (4). Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried. After a length discussion Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter open session at 6:15pm. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting meeting will be on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at 85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716. There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned the Meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Lisa Stinnett, Town Clerk