

October 18, 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, October 18, 2023, at 12:00 (noon) with Mayor Smathers and Aldermen/women Mull, Hamlett, and Proctor present, the following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Smathers called the meeting to order at 12:00 (noon).

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge

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

D. Approval of Minutes:

N//A

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor Smathers reminded everyone about the UNC bus tour coming to Canton the next day at 12:30, meeting at the Grateful Table.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderman Hamlett thanked Natalie Walker in person for the passport campaign, stating that it has been a huge success. Alderman Hamlett thanked the Mayor and Board members for being them individually and being so easy to work with over the past terms.

Mayor Smathers also thanked Wanda Lurvey in person for her tax collection percentages.

G. Public Comments

N/A

H. Reports from the Manager

Manager Scheuer called on Chief Sluder to explain the NC Governors Highway Safety Grant change. Chief Sluder explained that they had been made aware that they would be

receiving \$11,200 of funding instead of \$10,000. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the NC Governors' Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$11,200.00 (see attached). Alderwoman Mull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Manager Scheuer asked the Board to set a public hearing for November 20, 2023, to have with the Town of Clyde regarding the petition for annexation of the Patton Farm Development. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to set a public hearing for November 20th at 5pm. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I. New Business

1. Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant

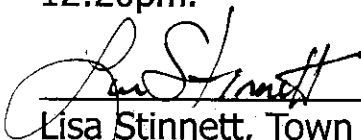
Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter a public hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at 12:11pm. Manager Scheuer presented the Board with the details of the grant (see attached). Manager Scheuer stated that this would allow Canton to prepare for smart growth and update the plans that would also be necessary for grant applications in the future. The grant would be applying for funding up to \$950,000 dollars. Finance Officer Walker asked if this grant would be reimbursable or direct allocations. Manager Scheuer stated with it being a federal grant it would be reimbursable. Alderwoman Proctor stated that should be looked at closed for cash flow issues. Alderwoman Mull made a motion to enter open session at 12:16pm. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Parade Route

Assistant Manager Stinnett asked for the Boards approval to have the same route as the prior year for the Christmas parade. Chief Sluder recommended starting on Blackwell Drive and ending at Depot Street with the parade disembarking in the huge parking lot that was now clear of all trucks, fencing, etc. The Board gave their consensus.

J. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 12:00p.m. at 85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716. There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20pm.


 Lisa Stinnett, Town Clerk