

June 11, 2026

At the regular Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen/women of the Town of Canton held at 85 Summer Street, Canton NC, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm with Mayor-Pro-Tem Mull and Aldermen/women Hamlett, Shepherd and Proctor present The following proceedings were held.

A. Call to Order

Mayor-Pro-Tem Mull called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

B. Roll Call

Mayor-Pro-Tem Mull stated that Manager Stinnett, Assistant Manager Walker, Deputy Clerk Young, and Town Attorney Morgan were present. Mayor Smathers was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

C. Pledge

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

D. Approval of Minutes: May 28, 2026

Alderman Shepherd made a motion to approve the May 28, 2026, minutes as presented. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

E. Mayor Comments

Mayor-Pro-Tem Mull thanked everyone for coming.

F. Aldermen/women Comments

Alderwoman Proctor stated she attended Mill Around Town last week, there were a lot of people in attendance. Alderwoman Proctor stated it was great to see so many people out supporting our downtown businesses.

Alderman Shepherd stated he attended Mill Around Town a couple of weeks ago and it was a great atmosphere. Alderman Shepherd stated he feels like the changes made at the Farmer's Market have made things flow a little smoother.

G. Public Comments

None

H. Reports from the Manager

Assistant Manager Walker presented the cash report as stated.

Manager Stinnett presented two family night ideas on behalf of Sam Dunbar, Parks and Recreation Director. The first being a "Tiki Night" and the other a "Back to School Bash". For the Back to School Bash, Sam would like to partner with local churches to provide school supplies to children. The Board gave unanimous consensus to the family night ideas.

I. Old Business

None

J. New Business

1. 2026-2027 Budget Adoption

Assistant Manager Walker presented the 2026-2027 Budget highlights. Alderman Hamlett thanked Assistant Manager Walker for making sure employees received a 3% COLA and for working hard to make sure taxes did not go up this year. Alderman Shepherd complimented Assistant Manager Walker on no fee increases. Mayor-Pro-Tem Mull thanked Assistant Manager Walker for her work on the budget. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget. Alderman Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Budget Ordinance

Assistant Manager Walker presented the Budget Ordinance (see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the Budget Ordinance. Alderman Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Schedule of Fees

Assistant Manager Walker presented the Schedule of Fees as part of the 2026-2027 Budget with no increases to any fees. Alderman Shepherd made a motion to approve the Schedule of Fees. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Budget Amendments

Assistant Manager Walker presented the end of year (2025-2026) budget amendments (see attached). Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the Amendments. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. 225 Park Street Amendment

Manager Stinnett presented changes from Harper General Contractors (see attached) and asked for approval (see attached). The provided Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$746,366.00 represents current bidding and cost information received to deliver the “Phase One” repairs and improvements necessary to rehabilitate and activate the building. The current GMP is approximately 11% (\$74,163.00) over the initial target GMP of \$672,203.00 utilizing Department of Commerce grant funds. These additional costs (\$74,163.00) will be captured from the recently awarded “Phase Two” grant from PARTF. Alderman Shepherd made a motion to approve the changes. Alderman Hamlett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Manager Stinnett presented a sub agreement from NC State for their work on phase II of the project for a cost of \$10,095. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to approve the sub agreement. Alderman Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. WNC Rail Support Letter to General Assembly

Manager Stinnett presented a letter to the General Assembly in support of the passenger rail service (see attached). Alderman Hamlett stated the idea is a rail line from Asheville to Salisbury. Alderwoman Proctor stated rail lines are trending upward as they make traveling easier. While tourism is part of the picture, accessibility will be much better. Alderman Shepherd agreed that rail lines make great economic sense. Mayor-Pro-Tem Mull stated that when she was in college at UNCG her family always traveled by train from Asheville. The rail service made things much more accessible. Alderman Shepherd made a motion to approve the letter of support to the General Assembly. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Capital Project Budget Ordinance: Emergency Water Interconnect

Manager Stinnett presented the Capital Project Budget Ordinance: Emergency Water Interconnect. Assistant Manager Walker stated the cost is broken down in the ordinance (see attached). Alderman Sheperd asked what the timeline looked like for this project. Manager Stinnett stated it will take approximately 3 years to complete. Alderman Sheperd asked where the interconnect would be. Manager Stinnett stated there will be a pump at the Canton/Clyde line and then lines from Midway in Clyde to Filter Plant. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to approve the Emergency Water Interconnect. Alderman Sheperd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Mountaineer Ad Request for 250th Celebration Edition

Manager Stinnett presented a July 4th special edition promotion from the Mountaineer (see attached). Alderman Shepherd suggested the Town buy a quarter page ad for \$279. Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the promotional ad. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Surplus Property: Service Weapons

Manager Stinnett requested Chief Sluder to present information to the Board regarding surplus service weapons. Chief Sluder stated we have Glock model 22 .40 cal service weapons that we need

1. Authorization for the surplus and sale of the Glock model 22 .40 cal service weapons.
2. The money obtained would be re-appropriated to go toward the debt for the new service weapons.
3. With regard to all Glock handguns currently in service, each officer be given “the first right of refusal” ,to purchase their service weapon at the cost proposed for trade-in by a Glock dealer.

Alderman Hamlett made a motion to approve the surplus and sale of the service weapons. Alderwoman Proctor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. Notice to Proceed

Manager Stinnett presented Notices to Proceed on the following projects:

1. Clayton Construction on the Amory set to begin 6/15/26
2. Jorstead Construction, Lancaster Construction and Southeastern Environmental Group set to begin abatement 6/15/26 for the demolition of the old Town Hall and Fire Department.
3. Harper Construction on 225 Park St set to begin in about 1.5 weeks.

Aldermen Shepherd asked Manager Stinnett if the construction on 225 Park St would interfere with July 4th Plus One or Labor Day. Manager Stinnett said no, she has made them aware of the upcoming events, and they have agreed to move the fencing closer to the building during these events. Alderwoman Proctor made a motion to approve the Notice to Proceed for all three projects. Alderman Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

K. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 pm at 85 Summer Street, Canton NC 28716. There being no additional business. Alderwoman

Proctor made the motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm. Alderman Shepherd seconded the motion. The motion carried.