

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, May 3, 2012

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

*Mayor Gene Hobgood
Councilman John Beresford
Councilman Hooky Huffman
Councilman Jack Goodwin
Councilman Glen Cummins
Councilman Bob Rush
Scott Wood – City Manager
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
David Hatabian – Reservoir Manager
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Joby West – City Engineer
Mark Crosby - Building Chief
Donnie Arp - Assistant Fire Chief
Todd Vandezande – Interim Police Chief
Camille Wehs – Director of Technology
Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk*

Councilman Bill Bryan was absent

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hobgood and the invocation was given by Councilman Goodwin.

3. Guests and Visitors

Life Saving Award Proclamation for Corporal Denise Barry, Officer Chris Harris, and Officer Dwight Tipton

Life Saving Award Proclamations were presented to Corporal Denise Berry, Officer Chris Harris, and Officer Dwight Tipton for their actions in saving the lives of a father and child following an automobile accident.

4. Consideration To Approve Agenda

Councilman Cummins made a motion to approve the Agenda with amendments to remove Old Business Item A and New Business Item E and place both items on the agenda for the June work session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rush.

Vote: all ayes So approved

5. Consideration To Approve April 19, 2012 Minutes

A. April 19, 2012 Minutes

Attachments: [April 19, 2012 Minutes](#)

Councilman Goodwin made a motion to approve the April 19, 2012 minutes; Councilman Cummins seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 ayes So approved with Councilman Rush abstaining due to his absence from the meeting.

6. Acknowledgement of March 2012 Financials

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Attachments: [March 2012 Financials](#)

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Resident Nell Magruder, Richard Wright, and Susan Ramage spoke in opposition to the rezoning application made by Wes Latimer due to the historic value of the Galt house and negative impact on the neighborhood.

Melissa Casteel spoke in support of the Wes Latimer rezoning application.

8. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Procedure for Cemetery Management and Fund Dispersal

This Item was removed from the Agenda until the June work session.

- B. Discussion of SCADA System Location

Councilman Cummins requested that Item B be removed from the Agenda until such time that a response to the City's August 2011 Memorandum of Understanding is provided by the Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority.

- C. Discussion of Reservoir Office Building

Councilman Cummins requested that Item C be removed from the Agenda until other issues are resolved. There was, however, a brief discussion regarding trimming the cost of the reservoir office building.

- D. Approval of Waleska Street Water Line Replacement Contract

Councilman Beresford made a motion that the Waleska Street contract with Georgia Development Partners in the amount of \$98,984.25 be approved; the motion was seconded by Councilman Cummins.

Vote: all ayes So approved

- E. Approval of North Street Water Line Replacement Contract

Councilman Beresford made a motion that the North Street contract with Georgia Development Partners in the amount of \$75,808.18 be approved; the motion was seconded by Councilman Cummins.

Vote: all ayes So approved

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Downtown Bike Lanes

The Council discussed this Item and determined that having bicycle lanes in the downtown area was not possible and will no longer be considered.

B. Discussion of Open Record Request Policy and Procedure

Attachments: [City of Canton Open Record Request Policy and Procedure](#)

The Council discussed the City's open record request policy and procedure.

C. Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation - Case Z1203-001 - Wes Latimer - 1st Reading

Attachments: [Z1203-001, Wes Latimer](#)
[Z1203-001 Location Map](#)
[PC Approval Letter](#)
[Ordinance Z1203-001 Wes Latimer](#)

Ken Patton presented the first reading of the rezoning request of Wes Latimer and the conditions upon approval.

Councilman Rush made a motion to allow Mr. Latimer to speak in regard to his plans for the Galt house; the motion was seconded by Councilman Cummins.

Vote: all ayes So approved

Mr. Latimer spoke of his intentions to maintain the historical integrity of the house.

D. Discussion of Council Meeting Policy Relating to Discussion and Action

The Council discussed proper procedure in regard to introducing new items, meeting notices, and preparation of the agenda.

E. Discussion in Regard to Request for Prepayment of Water and Sewer Taps for Northside Hospital Project

This Item was removed from the Agenda until the June work session.

F. Discussion of Budget Amendment to Fund Hiring of Canton Theater Personnel

Attachments: [Budget Amendment #2 FY 2012](#)

The Council discussed the hiring of a Canton Theater manager.

- G. Discussion of Walking and Bicycle Paths in Heritage Park - Councilman Cummins

The Council discussed safety concerns regarding bicyclists and walkers at Heritage Park and agreed that changes need to be made to accommodate both interests.

11. City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported that the water and sewer contract was put out for bids and interested contractors met with City representatives today; also, the City's audit report has been received and will be distributed for next meeting.

12. Council Introduced Items

- A. Discussion of Fire Protection Referendum - Councilman Rush

Councilman Rush reports that planning for a referendum to build fire stations is premature at this time due to ongoing examination of the City's fire services and possible options to achieve identified objectives.

- B. Discussion of Senior Benefits and Services - Councilman Rush

Councilman Rush spoke in regard to the services that seniors citizens receive while making little to no payment for them. The Councilman suggests that a committee be appointed to examine the facts and make recommendations regarding this information.

13. Mayor's Report

The Mayor dissolved the Water Billing and Charter Review Committees as they are no longer needed. The Mayor also appointed Councilman Cummins to represent the City at the Annual Business Meeting and Councilman Rush to represent the City in the Parade of Flags at the Georgia Municipal Association Conference in June.

14. Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel

Councilman Cummins made a motion to adjourn to executive session; Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: all ayes So approved