

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, April 19, 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 Bill Bryan
Councilman Hooky Huffman
Councilman Jack Goodwin
Councilman Glen Cummins
Scott Wood – City Manager
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Mark Crosby - Building Official
David Hatabian – Reservoir Manager
Joby West – City Engineer
Camille Wehs – Director of Technology
Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk*

Councilman Rush was not present

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

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

These presentations will be made at the next meeting.

4. Consideration To Approve Agenda

Councilman Cummins made a motion to separate the minutes from the Consent Agenda and to add cemetery business as Old Business, Item F.

Councilman Beresford made a motion to remove Old Business, Items D and E, to be included on the next Agenda.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Ten Minute Public Input

Sarah Cool spoke in regard to bicycle lanes in downtown and the needs of the homeless in Canton.

Eric Schrader spoke in regard to the cost of business license renewal in Canton and asked that it reexamined. Mr. Schrader also asked that future impact fees at Prominence Point be used to create a park for residents.

Mike Gray spoke in regard to the problem of grease in the Great Sky pump

station and the need to educate residents about the problems and costs this creates. The Council asked that the City Manager submit a report with recommendations for notifying and educating residents.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of April 05, 2012 Minutes

Attachments: [April 05, 2012 Minutes](#)

*This Item was removed from the Consent Agenda.
Councilman Cummins made a motion to approve the April 05, 2012 Minutes;
Councilman Beresford seconded the motion.*

Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays So approved Councilman Huffman refrained from voting due his absence from the meeting.

- B. Adoption of Special Event Alcohol Permit Ordinance

Attachments: [Special Event Alcohol Permit Ordinance](#)

- C. Approval of Smithwick Creek Compensatory Mitigation Monitoring Contracts

Attachments: [Smithwick Creek Contract](#)

- D. Approval of Business Travel and Special Event Policy

Attachments: [Business Travel Expenditure Policy](#)

- E. Approval of Cell Phone Issuance and Usage Policy

Attachments: [Cell Phone Policy](#)

- F. Approval of Amendment to Easement Agreement for Cochran Creek

Attachments: [Cochran Creek Easement Amendment](#)

- G. Approval of Leak Adjustment Policy

Attachments: [Leak Adjustment Policy](#)

Councilman Beresford made a motion that the Consent Agenda, Items B through G, be approved; Councilman Cummins seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. OLD BUSINESS**A. Second Adoption of Charter Committee Revisions and Ordinance**

Attachments: [Revised Charter Ordinance](#)

This is the second adoption vote to adopt revisions to the City's Charter. Councilman Cummins made a motion that the revisions be adopted; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Councilman John Beresford **aye**
Councilman Bill Bryan **aye**
Councilman Hooky Huffman **aye**
Councilman Jack Goodwin **aye**
Councilman Glen Cummins **aye**

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

B. Approval of Waiver for Cherokee County School District Water and Sewer Tap Fees

Attachments: [Letter on Middle School E on Reservoir Dr.](#)

After brief discussion Councilman Beresford made a motion to approve the waiver of sewer and tap fees for Cherokee County's Middle School "E" (Teasley Middle School replacement); Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

C. Approval of Sole Source Equipment for SCADA System

Attachments: [Sole Source Memo](#)

Councilman Beresford made a motion to approve using a sole source for additional SCADA equipment; Councilman Cummins seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

D. Discussion of SCADA System Location

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

E. Discussion of Reservoir Office Building

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

Item F. Cemetery Business was added to the Agenda

Councilman Cummins made a motion that a resolution be adopted that would allow all revenues generated from the sale of cemetery spaces to be used for the beautification and maintenance of the cemetery; Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.

Councilman Cummins asked that the City Manager set a procedure for the management and authorization of expenditure and administration of the fund. Councilman Beresford asked that the City Manager to determine the cost of basic maintenance.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding City Property and Casualty Insurance

Attachments: [GIRMA Vendor File 2011](#)
[Canton Loss Runs 2011](#)
[Canton.GIRMA Quote 2012](#)
[OneBeacon Cover Letter - City of Canton 2012](#)
[OneBeacon Proposal - REVISED 2012](#)

After discussion Councilman Huffman made a motion to accept the insurance proposal from OneBeacon Insurance Group; Councilman Cummins seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Following the vote, Councilman Huffman made a motion to immediately hire two firefighters using the money that will be saved by accepting the OneBeacon proposal; Councilman Cummins seconded the motion.

After further discussion Councilman Huffman modified his motion to immediately hire two firefighters, appropriate the savings realized from accepting the OneBeacon insurance proposal toward the cost of hiring the firefighters, and to amend the budget to provide the additional needed funds to cover the cost of the hiring the firefighters, Councilman Cummins seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay So approved with Councilman Beresford having voted nay

9. City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported on the progress of several projects around the City.

10. Council Introduced Items

Councilman Beresford complimented those Department Heads who have provided short and concise quarterly reports. Council Beresford also spoke about the continuing loss at the City roll off collection site.

11. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reminded the Councilmembers that in order to prevent holding up the Waleska Streetscape project, it will be necessary to vote at the next meeting on a contract pertaining to the water main which was found to be in need of replacement.

12. Adjourn

Councilman Cummins made a motion to adjourn; Councilman Beresford seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved