

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, October 6, 2016

6:10 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

*Mayor Gene Hobgood
Councilmember John Rust
Councilmember Bill Grant
Councilmember Jack Goodwin
Councilmember JoEllen Wilson
Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Farris Yawn
City Manager Billy Peppers
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Mark Mitchell – Police Chief
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Scott Hooper – Public Works Director
David Hatabian – City Engineer
Camille Wehs – Chief Information Officer*

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hobgood and the invocation was given by Councilmember Rust.

3. Guests and Visitors

- A. Employee Recognition FBI LEEDA - Police Chief Mark Mitchell - Attachment 3A

Attachments: [Employee Recognition FBILEEDA](#)

Police Chief Mark Mitchell recognized Assistant Police Chief Steve Merrifield, Capt. Wendell Turner, and Sgt. Rodney Campbell for completion of the FBI program. Sgt. Ben Gilleland also completed the program and was unable to be present.

- B. Fields of Faith Proclamation

Mayor Hobgood announced Fields of Faith Day on October 12, 2016.

4. Public Announcements

Councilmember McGrew reminded the public of tomorrow's First Friday and the Farmer's Market on Saturday.

5. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Agenda; Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

- A. September 15, 2016 Minutes - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [September 15, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the Minutes; Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. Acknowledgement of Financial Reports

- A. Review of August Financials - Attachment 7A

Attachments: [FY 2016-Aug](#)

There were no questions or comments.

8. Ten Minute Public Input

None.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda**10. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Dumpster Day Update and Employee Recognition - Police Chief Mark Mitchell - Attachment 10A

Attachments: [Dumpster Day update and Employee Recognition](#)

Chief Mitchell recognized the hard work of the volunteers as well as Public Works Director Scott Hooper, Officer Mike Sweat, Officer Estan Holloway, and Zip Cain from Revolution Church.

- B. Report on Youth Program "My Own Book" - Councilmembers McGrew and Wilson

Councilmembers McGrew and Wilson announced a book drive for the 950 students at Hasty Elementary with the goal of providing each child at least one book by spring break.

Councilmember McGrew also spoke of Amendment 1 which will be on the November 08 ballot.

- C. Discussion of Prohibition of Back Lighted Signs in Central Business District - Mayor Gene Hobgood - Attachment 10C

Attachments: [2016-21 CBD drive thrus.pdf](#)

Council discussed and clarified the need for the back lighted sign ordinance.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Policy for Honorary Dedication or Naming of Public Facilities - Mayor Gene Hobgood

Mayor Hobgood would like for any request for the honorary naming of a public facility come before Council. Councilmembers Grant, Yawn, and Rust were asked to develop guidelines for honorary naming.

- B. Discussion of Annual Update to Capital Improvement Plan (CIE) and 5 Year Short Term Work Plan for Impact Fee Program - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment -11B

Attachments: [CIE and 5 Year Short Term Work Projects Memo.pdf](#)

Community Development Director Ken Patton briefed Council on the Plan and Program and answered Council's questions regarding outlined expenditures. Council will consider updating and changing the Improvement Plan at its next retreat.

This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- C. Discussion to Award Design Contract for the HLC Bridge Repainting Project to Hazen & Sawyer in the Amount of \$35,000.00 - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 11C

Attachments: [HLC Pedestrian Bridge Painting Proposal](#)

This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- D. Discussion of Authorization for the Mayor to Sign GEFA Loan Modification Documents to Extend the Completion Date of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Loan Agreement - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 11D

Attachments: [GEFA Second Loan Agreement Modification.pdf](#)

This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- E. Discussion of Proposed FY 2016 Budget Amendment - Salary Adjustments Due to Compensation Study - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11E

Attachments: [Proposed BA Year End Salary](#)

This amendment makes an adjustment that appropriately allocates funds in the 2016 budget.

- F. Discussion of Possible IGA Between the City of Canton and Cherokee County to Bill and Collect Property Taxes - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11F

Attachments: [Memo IGA Sep 2016](#)
[IGA Tax Collection 20160921](#)

City Manager Peppers addressed Council's questions regarding a consolidation of tax billing.

12. City Manager's Report

City Manager Peppers spoke about streetlights to be installed by Northside and dedicated to the City once completed. Councilmember McGrew asked about the rental property registry; Peppers reported that procedure for reporting/registration is being worked out.

Also, Councilmember Goodwin reminded the public of Zombie Fest on October 15.

13. Mayor's Report

None.

14. Adjourn

Councilmember Grant made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved