

# **Canton, Georgia**

*151 Elizabeth Street  
Canton, Georgia 30114*



## **Minutes - Final - Draft**

**Thursday, April 2, 2015**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

*Present for the meeting were:*

*Mayor Gene Hobgood*

*Councilman John Rust*

*Councilman Bill Grant*

*Councilman Hooky Huffman*

*Councilman Jack Goodwin*

*Councilwoman Sandy McGrew*

*Councilman Farris Yawn*

*City Manager Glen Cummins*

*Bobby Dyer – Jeff Rusbridge*

*Mark Mitchell – Police Chief*

*Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer*

*Ken Patton – Community Development Director*

*Matthew Thomas – Economic Development Manager*

*David Hatabian – City Engineer*

*Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk*

**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. Proclamation for Parkinson's Awareness Month

B. Presentation of Life Saving Award to Police Officer Matthew Godfrey -  
Police Chief Mark Mitchell - Attachment 3B

*Attachments:*     [Life Saving Award.pdf](#)

*Police Chief Mark Mitchell presented the award to Officer Godfrey.*

**4. Consideration To Approve Agenda**

*Mayor Hobgood amended the Agenda by adding an Executive Session following the Council meeting to address possible litigation. City Manager Cummins asked that Item 10F be removed from the Agenda.*

*Councilman Goodwin made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

**5. Consideration to Approve Minutes**

A. Consideration to Approve Minutes for March 11, 2015 Special Called Council Meeting - Attachment 5A

**Attachments:** [March 11, 2015 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

- B. Consideration to Approve Minutes for March 17, 2015 Special Called Council Meeting - Attachment 5B

**Attachments:** [March 17, 2015 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes .pdf](#)

- C. Consideration to Approve Minutes for March 19, 2015 Council Meeting - Attachment 5C

**Attachments:** [March 19, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

*Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the Minutes; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

## 6. Acknowledgement of Financials

- A. Acknowledgement of February 2015 Financials - CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 6A

**Attachments:** [FY 2015-Feb.pdf](#)

*There were no questions or comments.*

## 7. Ten Minute Public Input

*Laura Tuttle thanked the City for its excellent Code Enforcement response to issues on Brown Street with special thanks to Officer Randy Johnson and Officer Parker.*

*Stephanie Joyner, Director of the Cherokee County Historical Society, thanked the City for the steps taken in helping to save buildings A and B.*

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

*None.*

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on City Goals:  
Master Plan for Downtown/Entire City - Councilmembers McGrew and Grant  
Economic Development - Mayor Hobgood, Councilmembers Goodwin and Huffman  
Improved Management of Parks and Recreation - Councilman Huffman  
Debt Reduction - City Manager Cummins

*Councilmember Grant announced that \$104,000 grant to assist in the development a Master Plan for downtown has been awarded to the City. Councilmember McGrew reported on a visit to Rome, Ga. Matthew Thomas, Economic Development Manager, gave an update on business activity in Canton. Councilman Huffman reported on efforts to hire a Parks and Recreation Director who is expected to be on board in May. City Manager Cummins reported that debt continues to decrease.*

- B. Discussion of Requirements for 2nd Entrance to Subdivisions - Mayor Hobgood - Attachment 9B

**Attachments:** [UDC 9.03.12 Subdivision Entrances.docx](#)

*Mayor Hobgood asked that Council review the City's requirements in regard to second entrances. Councilman Rust expressed concern about the lack of entrance requirements for developments with much more than 200 residences.*

- C. Nomination for Canton Tree Commission - Mayor Hobgood

*Mayor Hobgood announced that he will be nominating Rejayne Cordery to the Tree Commission. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*

- D. Discussion of Fire Station 9 Design and Construction Management Services - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 9D

**Attachments:** [Canton Fire Station 9 Bid Tabulations.pdf](#)

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

- E. Discussion of Wooded Mountain Trail Street Damage - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 9E

**Attachments:** [pothole.jpg](#)  
[Wooded MTN TL 2 \(2\) \(1\).jpg](#)  
[517 Wooded MTN TL 1 \(1\).jpg](#)

*The damage has been repaired and Council discussed how further damage to the road by the residents can be prevented.*

- F. Nominations for Canton Historic Preservation Commission - Mayor Hobgood

*Mayor Hobgood asked for member recommendations for the Historic Preservation Commission. Nominations will be made at the next Council meeting.*

- G. Discussion of LED Lighting Ordinance - Mayor Hobgood - Attachment 9G

**Attachments:** [Nuisance LED Lighting Ordinance.docx](#)

*This is the first reading of the ordinance. This matter will be placed on the next*

*City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*

- H. Discussion on Downtown Parking Enforcement - Councilman Yawn
- Councilman Yawn explained recommended changes and will ask for a decision as to how to proceed.*

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of Mid-Year Budget Amendment - City Manager Cummins, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 10A
- Attachments:** [Mid Year Bld Perm Muni Ct.pdf](#)
- CFO Nathan Ingram explained the request for the budget amendment which is needed due to the City's growth. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*
- B. Discussion of SPLOST VI Budget Amendment - City Manager Cummins, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 10B
- Attachments:** [Proposed BA # SPLOST VI Reimbursement.docx](#)
- CFO Nathan Ingram explained the request for the budget amendment which would reposition funds for allowable expenditures. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*
- C. Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation on Case CUP 1502-001, Condition Use Approval, Jacob's Ladder, 210 East Main Street - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10C
- Attachments:** [CUP 1502-001 Planning Commission Recommendation.pdf](#)
- This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*
- D. Discussion of Appeal of Canton Oversight Decision for CASA, 1083 Marietta Highway - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10D
- Attachments:** [Appeal of Oversight Committee.pdf](#)
- Deidre Hollands, Director of CASA, explained why the building would be more appealing if painted. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*
- E. Discussion of City of Canton/Cherokee County Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 10E
- Attachments:** [Animal Control Intergovernmental Agreement.pdf](#)
- This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*

- F. Discussion of City of Canton/Cherokee County Water and Sewer Authority Purchasing Intergovernmental Agreement - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 10F
- Attachments:** [IGA Purchasing.docx](#)
- This Item was removed from the agenda.*
- G. Discussion of Inflow/Infiltration Study Proposal - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 10G
- Attachments:** [Brown and Caldwell Inflow Infiltration Proposal.pdf](#)
- Dave Hatabian, City Engineer, explained that this will be a "find and fix" study which will include the repair of the most wasteful problems. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*
- H. Discussion of Recommendation to Increase Wholesale Water and Sewer Rates - City Manager Cummins, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 10H
- Attachments:** [Memo- Wholesale Water & Sewer Rates.docx](#)  
[Rates Effective October 2014.pdf](#)
- This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*
- I. Discussion of Resolution to Accept Northside-Cherokee Boulevard - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 10I
- Attachments:** [Resolution to Accept Northside-Cherokee Blvd.pdf](#)
- This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*
- J. Discussion of Fee Waiver Request from Northside - Cherokee Hospital - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 10J
- Attachments:** [Northside-Cherokee Hospital Fee Waiver Request.pdf](#)
- Misti Martin, President of Cherokee Office of Economical Development and Dan Hausfeld representing Northside Hospitals explained the reasons for the request. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*
- K. Discussion and Authorization for Mayor to Sign Termination of Declaration of Reciprocal Easements for Canton Mill - City Attorney Bobby Dyer - Attachment 10K
- Attachments:** [Termination of Declaration of Reciprocal Easements\\_Canton Mill Lofts.pdf](#)
- This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*

## 11. City Manager's Report

*None.*

## **12. Council Introduced Items**

- A.** Discussion of City Participation in Chick-fil-A Sponsored 5K Run to Benefit Cherokee County Education Fund and Special Olympics - Councilman Goodwin
- Councilman Goodwin requested that the City partner with Chick-fil-a on the 5K race. Economic Development Manager Matthew Thomas is looking into the matter and will make a report.*

## **13. Mayor's Report**

*Mayor Hobgood reported that the City's and BOE's attorneys are making progress on the land swap details.*

## **14. Adjourn**

*Councilman Rust made a motion to adjourn to executive session; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

*Council did not return to open session.*