

Canton, Georgia

*110 Academy Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

3:30 PM

Ordinance Review Committee

Virtual Meeting

Public Call In: 1-662-685-2014 PIN: 504 578 435#

City Council

1. Call to Order*Present:*

*Councilmember Will Carlan
Mayor Pro Tempore JoEllen Wilson
Councilmember Nick Estes
Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager
Mr. Nathan Ingram, Assistant City Manager
Mr. Bobby Dyer, City Attorney
Ms. Annie Fortner, City Clerk*

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Carlan.

2. Public Comment

Mr. Thomas Weaver discussed his submitted request and possible exemptions for firearms dealers.

3. Approve Minutes

- A. Ordinance Review Committee Draft Minutes - November 10, 2021 - Attachment 3A

Attachments: [Minutes - Ordinance Review Committee - November 10, 2021](#)

Councilmember Estes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

4. Review Chapter 18 - Businesses and Business Regulations

City Attorney Bobby Dyer requested to review agenda item 5 first. Mr. Dyer reviewed the draft ordinance amendments he submitted to the Committee for Chapters 2, 6, and 10. These ordinance amendments were made based on comments and discussion from the Committee in previous meetings. The sections which are struck through are proposed to be deleted. Those highlighted are areas of new or added language. City Manager Billy Peppers suggested eliminating Section 2-239 completely as those boards are no longer functioning. Following the review of the draft ordinances, the Committee agreed to place a committee report and the draft ordinances on the first December Council agenda for discussion. The ordinances will be voted on during the second Council meeting in December.

Mr. Dyer addressed the comments made by Mr. Weaver. Mr. Dyer discussed that he did not agree with Mr. Weaver's position.

The Committee members and staff discussed Chapter 18. The following updates were recommended:

Article II – Occupation Taxes: Leave this section as is.

Article III – Peddlers: Delete bond requirement, objective criteria, and fingerprinting. Add language to allow property owners to choose to post their property to have no solicitation allowed. These owners can register with the City

and a list of those registered will be provided to anyone obtaining a peddler's license. This will be the same for Homeowner's Associations to declare entire subdivisions disallowing solicitation.

Article V – Yard Sales: Leave this section as is.

Article VII – Alarm Users: Leave this section as is.

Article VIII – Vehicle Storage Yards – Leave this section as is. The Committee and Mr. Dyer discussed the need to enforce this ordinance.

Article IX – Pawnshops – Leave this section as is. This ordinance matches that of Cherokee County and is enforced by the Sheriff.

Article X – Door-to-Door Salesmen: Delete this section

Article XI – Massage Establishments and Spas: This type of business is regulated by the state and the ordinance should be updated.

Article XII – Dealers in Precious Metals and Gems: Leave this section as is. This is also regulated by the Sheriff.

Article XIII – Fireworks Sales: Leave this section as is.

Article XIV – Pet Shops: Leave this section as is.

Councilmember Carlan asked about the language in Section 18-119 regarding Mayor and Council revoking peddler's licenses. Mr. Dyer suggested deleting that language and replacing it with the City Manager.

5. Discussion and Action on Ordinances to be Presented to Council

Discussed under agenda item 4.

6. Next Steps

The next meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on Wednesday, December 8th at 3:30 p.m. The Committee will discuss Chapter 19 – Cemeteries. Mayor Pro Tempore Wilson made a motion to recommend the proposed draft ordinance amendments for Chapters 2, 6, and 10 to Council. Councilmember Estes seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned.