

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, February 5, 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 Jack Goodwin

Councilwoman Sandy McGrew

Councilman Farris Yawn

City Manager Glen Cummins

Bobby Dyer – City Attorney

Dean Floyd - Fire Chief

Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer

Lorrie Waters - Human Resource Director

Richard Poag – Public Works Director

David Hatabian – City Engineer

Mark Crosby - Building Official

Matthew Thomas - Economic Development Manager

Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk

Councilman Hooky Huffman 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

- A. Proclamation for Arbor Day February 20, 2015

Mayor Hobgood read the Proclamation.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

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

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Consideration to Approve Minutes

- A. January 22, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes - Attachment 5A

Attachments: [January 22, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Acknowledgement of December 2014 Financial Statements

- A. December 2014 Financials - Attachment 6A

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

Councilmember Grant asked about the status of unpaid rental car taxes. A Code Enforcement Officer will be sent out with a friendly reminder of the tax.

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Jim and Irene Stout, owners of Stout's Growlers, explained their request at New Business, Item A.

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

Councilwoman McGrew intends to speak with other cities to learn of their challenges and resolutions.

City Manager Cummins announced that Etowah River Park is now open from sunrise to sunset, no sports are allowed at this time.

- B. 1st Reading of Historical Preservation Ordinance to Establish a Historic Preservation Commission and Historic District, and Facilitate the Historic Preservation of Included Properties - City Manager Cummins - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 9B

Attachments: [Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance.pdf](#)

Ken Patton will present a workshop to assist Council in understanding the effects of the Ordinance.

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

- C. Review and Discussion of New Council Chambers Renovation - City

Manager Cummins

Efforts continue to resolve the issues. The LED lights will be replaced by the manufacturer; the benches are splitting, and the acoustics need improvement. A report will be made at the next Council meeting as to recommendations to correct those issues.

- D. Update and Discussion of Signage on Old Ball Ground Highway - Councilmen Goodwin and Grant

Councilman Grant reported that clearing the pines, that are on DOT right of way, would be very expensive due to DOT fees. Talks with the DOT are progressing regarding the possible waiver of those fees.

- E. Discussion of Water Deposit Refunds - Mayor Hobgood

Mayor Hobgood asked City staff to develop a procedure that would allow for the refunding of water deposits.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Stout's Growlers Request to Amend Current Ordinance to Increase Maximum Amount of Tastes From 8 oz. to 16 oz. per Day, Allow Charging Fees for Tastes, and Allowing Larger Growler Size - Mayor Hobgood - Attachment 10A

Attachments: [Stout's Growlers Email.pdf](#)
 [The Code of Ordinances of Canton Georgia Chapter 6.docx](#)

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

- B. Discussion of Payment of Annual 2015 Bluffs Common Area Assessment in the Amount of \$7,835.75 - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 10B

Attachments: [Bluffs Common Area Assessment 01.15.pdf](#)

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

- C. Discussion of Elimination of Base Charge on Irrigation Meters - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 10C

Attachments: [Rates Effective October 2014.pdf](#)

Councilman Grant asked that the City Manager provide some figures as to the City's related costs to be presented at the next Council meeting.

- D. Discussion of Options for Canton NW Fire Station - City Manager Cummins

The City Manager presented 5 options for the construction of the fire station and will have more specific information and a recommendation to present at the next Council meeting.

- E. Discussion of Great Sky Add On Permit Fees - City Manager Cummins -

Attachment 10E

Attachments: [April 17, 2014 City Council Minutes - Add on Permit Fees.docx](#)

The City Manager will recommend at the next Council meeting that the current add on fee be reduced from \$2,387. to \$673.16. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- F. Discussion to Amend Budget to Reallocate Personnel Resources - City Manager Cummins, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 10F

Attachments: [Proposed BA # Engineering & PW.docx](#)

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

- G. Discussion of Employee Health Insurance Renewal - City Manager Cummins, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 10G

Attachments: [Renewal and Plan Recommendations v01292015.pdf](#)

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

11. City Manager's Report

The job description for a Parks and Recreation Director will be presented by Councilman Huffman at the next Council meeting.

12. Council Introduced Items

Councilman Goodwin announced that Gone with the Wind will be shown at the Canton Theatre next weekend.

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hobgood announced that Gospelfest is this Saturday, at the Arts Center at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor also announced that the City has made a land swap offer to the Cherokee County Board of Education.

14. Adjourn

Councilman Goodwin made a motion to adjourn; Councilwoman McGrew seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved