

# **Canton, Georgia**

*151 Elizabeth Street  
Canton, Georgia 30114*



## **Minutes - Final - Draft**

**Thursday, March 20, 2014**

**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*

*Councilman Glen Cummins*

*Councilwoman Sandy McGrew*

*Bobby Dyer – City Attorney*

*Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer*

*Bob Merchant - Chief of Police*

*Ken Patton - Community Development Director*

*Joby West – Director of Streets and Parks*

*David Hatabian – Utilities Engineer*

*Matthew Thomas - Economic Development Coordinator*

*Meghan Griffin - Main Street Director*

*Donnie Arp - Assistant Fire Chief*

*Camille Wehs – Director of Technology*

*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 Rust.*

**3. Guests and Visitors**

- A. Proclamation for Red Cross Month - Andi Swan

*Andi Swann accepted the Mayor's Red Cross Month proclamation.*

**4. Consideration to Approve Agenda**

*Councilman Grant requested that the Agenda be amended by adding under Council Introduced Items "Recognition of a Local Business"; Councilwoman McGrew requested that Item E under Old Business be moved to the top of Old Business.*

*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. Action on March 06, 2014 City Council Meeting Minutes - Attachment 01

**Attachments:** [March 06, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

- B. Action on March 06, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes - Attachment 02

Attachments: [March 06, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes](#)

*Councilman Huffman made a motion to approve the Minutes; Councilwoman McGrew seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved*

## **6. Ten Minute Public Input**

*Spencer Nix and Jim Stout supported the City's Ordinance to allow Growler Shops in Canton.*

*Laine Wood requested that the City forgive an extraordinarily high water bill at Victory Garden East that was caused by a water leak.*

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda**

- A. Action on City Auction List

- B. Action on Urban Redevelopment Plan Resolution of Need

- C. Action to Change Workers Compensation Agent of Record to Insurance Office of America

*Councilman Rust made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved*

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

*Item E was moved to the top of the Old Business Agenda.*

*E. 2nd Reading and Action on Ordinance to Allow Retail Sales of Growlers, Provide for Wine Shops, Eliminate Floor Space Requirements and Provide for Ancillary Tasting Licenses for Beer and Wine Tasting - Interim City Manager Cummins*

*Councilwoman McGrew made a motion to approve the Ordinance; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.*

*Council discussed and agreed that the Ordinance will be revisited if, within a period of 6 months, there has not been a business license issued for a growler shop.*

*Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved*

- A. 2nd Reading and Action on Alarm User Ordinance - Interim City Manager Cummins

***Councilman Cummins made a motion that the Ordinance be approved with the modification that the time frame for measuring violations be stated as a calendar year rather than a rolling year; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.***

***Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved***

**B. 2nd Reading and Action on Rental Car Tax Ordinance - Mayor Hobgood**

***Mayor Hobgood suggested that the Ordinance be amended to have an effective date of October 01, 2014 in order to allow time for businesses to prepare for collection of the tax.***

***Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the Ordinance with the effective date of October 01; Councilman Cummins seconded the motion.***

***Vote: 5 yeas, 1 nay from Councilman Huffman So approved***

**C. Action on Quality Assurance/Quality Control Review on Waster Water Treatment Plant Design Plan - Interim City Manager Cummins**

***Councilman Cummins made a motion to engage ESI to conduct a quality control /quality assurance review of the construction documents for the wastewater facility improvement project; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.***

***Councilman Rust asked for a roll call vote:***

<b><i>Councilman John Rust</i></b>	<b><i>Y</i></b>
<b><i>Councilman Bill Grant</i></b>	<b><i>Y</i></b>
<b><i>Councilman Hooky Huffman</i></b>	<b><i>Y</i></b>
<b><i>Councilman Jack Goodwin</i></b>	<b><i>Y</i></b>
<b><i>Councilwoman McGrew</i></b>	<b><i>Y</i></b>
<b><i>Councilman Glen Cummins</i></b>	<b><i>Y</i></b>

***Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved***

**D. Action on Establishment of Fire Suppression Tap Fees - Interim City Manager Cummins**

***Councilman Cummins made a motion to establish separate fire suppression tap fees; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.***

***Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved***

**E. 2nd Reading and Action on Ordinance to Allow Retail Sales of Growlers, Provide for Wine Shops, Eliminate Floor Space Requirements and Provide for Ancillary Tasting Licenses for Beer and Wine Tasting - Interim City Manager Cummins**

***This Item was moved to the top of Old Business.***

**F. 2nd Reading and Action on Ordinance to Provide for License for Farm Wineries to Sell by the Package and for Consumption on the Premises - Interim City Manager Cummins**

*Councilman Cummins made a motion to adopt the Ordinance; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved*

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

*None.*

**10. City Manager's Report**

*None.*

**11. Council Introduced Items**

*Councilman Grant recognized the R & M Sandwich Shop for its 42 year presence in Canton, as well as its recent renovation.*

**12. Mayor's Report**

**A. Discussion and Action on Victory Garden East Water Bill Forgiveness**

*Mayor Hobgood asked Council to forgive the unusually high water bill for the Victory Garden East.*

*Councilman Cummins a motion to credit the garden's water bill; Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved*

*The Council agreed to forgive \$200. of the Garden's water bill.*

**13. Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Personnel**

*Councilman Goodwin made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved*

*Council adjourned to Executive Session and returned to open session.*

*Council Rust announced that the City Clerk would be given a raise of \$6,000.*

*Councilman Rust made a motion that the City commit to keeping Councilman Cummins as city manager until June 30, 2014; Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion. Council discussed whether there was need for a more extensive search for a city manager.*

*Vote: 3 yeas, 2 nays from Councilmembers McGrew and Grant, 1 abstention by Councilman Cummins So approved*