

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, April 3, 2014

6:10 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

Mayor Gene Hobgood

Councilman Bill Grant

Councilman Hooky Huffman

Councilman Jack Goodwin

Councilman Glen Cummins

Councilwoman Sandy McGrew

Bobby Dyer – City Attorney

Robert Merchant – Police Chief

Dean Floyd - Fire Chief

Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer

Donnie Arp – Assistant Fire Chief

Ken Patton – Community Development Director

Joby West – Director of Streets and Parks

David Hatabian – City Engineer

Meghan Griffin – Main Street Director

Camille Wehs – Director of Technology

Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk

Councilman John Rust was not present

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hobgood and the invocation was given by Councilman Cummins.

3. Guests and Visitors

None.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Councilman Huffman made a motion to approve the Agenda; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Consideration to Approve Minutes**A. March 20, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes - Attachment 01**

Attachments: [March 20, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Acknowledgement of Financials

- A. Acknowledgement of February Financials - Attachment 02

Attachments: [FY 2014-Feb](#)

There were no comments.

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Resident Bob Swanson spoke to Council regarding an unpleasant odor that is apparently emitted by International Thermocast.

8. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Portable Stage Policy - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 03

Attachments: [Proposal for Stage Policy-1](#)

Meghan Griffin, Main Street Director, reviewed a proposed Stage and Sound System Rental Policy. This matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- B. Discussion of Downtown Parking Study - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 04

Attachments: [Downtown Parking Analysis Memo](#)

Interim City Manager Cummins reviewed City staff's suggestions for parking improvements based upon the recommendations of Rich and Associates. The cost of the suggested improvements is about \$8,500. This matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- C. Discussion of Street Repair/Finishing Issues and Questions, and Project Update - Interim City Manager Cummins

Interim City Manager Cummins reviewed aspects of the Stantec Street Study. Mr. Cummins recommended that an add-on permit fee be charged to developers to go towards the finishing of streets in particular subdivisions and that funds from available bonds be collected. The Council also needs to decide what responsibility to accept in regard to four private streets that need finishing or repairs. This matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Canton Paw Park Management - Mayor Hobgood -

Attachment 05

Attachments: [Paw Park Memo](#)

Mayor Hobgood requested that the City Manager develop a cost estimate for the maintenance of the Canton Paw Park. This matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- B. Discussion of Council Retreat and Strategic Planning Session - Councilman Grant

Councilmember Bill Grant suggested that Council use a retreat for the purpose of developing the City's priorities. Council agreed and Mayor Hobgood appointed Councilmembers Bill Grant and Hooky Huffman to organize a retreat.

- C. 1st Reading and Request for a Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits Pouring License - Interim City Manager Cummins

Leslie Ratell has applied to the City of Canton for a beer, wine, and distilled spirits pouring license for Chipolte Mexican Grill located at Suite 100, 2026 Cumming Highway, Canton, Georgia 30114. The proposed outlet manager is Leslie Ratell who resides at 2714 Legislative Lane, Buford, Georgia 30519.

This was the first reading of this Pouring License Request. The matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a second reading and a vote.

- D. Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation - Case CUP 1402-001, Life Church Requesting Conditional Approval to Operate a Church in LI (Light Industrial) Zoning at 224 Brown Industrial Park, Suite 103A - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 06

Attachments: [Conditional Use, Life Church](#)

The matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- E. Discussion of Waiver of Zoning Condition for Northside Fire Station - Interim City Manager Cummins

Interim City Manager Cummins introduced discussion regarding a property agreement with Northside Hospital. This matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- F. Discussion of Painted Pig Request to Allow Tables, Chairs, and Umbrellas on Sidewalk - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 07

Attachments: [City Sidewalk at Painted Pig](#)

The matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- G. Discussion of Mobile Ticket Writers Recommendation - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 08

Attachments: [Mobile Ticket Writers Recommendation Memo](#)

The matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- H. Discussion of Bluffs Property Common Areas Fees - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 09

Attachments: [Bluffs Property Common Area Fees Invoice](#)

Council discussed it's liability to pay common area fees for property owned on Bluffs Parkway. This matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- I. Discussion of Possible Use of Financial Advisors - Interim City Manager Cummins

Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram spoke to Council about the City's need for a financial advisor and recommended that Davenport and Company LLC be retained for that purpose.

- J. Discussion of Hotel/Motel Budget Amendment - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 10

Attachments: [HotelMotel Tax Fund Amendment Memo](#)

Interim City Manager Cummins explained the reasoning behind the budget amendment. The matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

- K. Discussion of Budget Amendment for Purchase of Right of Way Tractor Mower - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 11

Attachments: [Proposed BA # Streets Mower](#)

The matter will be placed on the April 17, 2014 agenda for a vote.

11. City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Cummins announced that some City funds are being moved from Renasant bank due to lack of proper collateralization; and announced Police Department commendations for Officers Hansen, Hamilton, Cruz and Duncan. Officer Ryan Campbell was recognized by MADD for the number of his arrests of drunk drivers.

12. Council Introduced Items

13. Mayor's Report

The Mayor announced a meeting of the Commission on Canton's Future; the City Manager Search Committee will meet again in the near future and he would encourage more Council participation and welcomes any ideas on how to achieve that; there is a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Board and recommendations for the replacement are welcome. The Mayor encouraged forward movement in regard to obtaining a northwest area fire station and appointed an oversight committee of Councilmembers Grant, Huffman, and Rust to design a method for oversight of the expenditures of the Mayor, Council, City Manager, and City Clerk.

14. Adjourn

Councilman Grant made a motion to adjourn; Councilman McGrew seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved