

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, February 19, 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 – City Attorney
Mark Mitchell – Police Chief
Dean Floyd - Fire Chief
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Matthew Thomas - Economic Development Coordinator
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. State of the City Address - Mayor Gene Hibgood

Mayor Hobgood presented his State of the City Address accompanied by a power point presentation.

4. Guests and Visitors

- A.** Presentation of Life Saving Awards - Mark Mitchell, Chief of Police - Attachment 4A

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

Life Saving awards were presented to Canton Police Department Corporal Joel Parker, K-9 Officer Ryan Campbell, and Officer Matthew Godfrey by Police Chief Mark Mitchell., and to Canton Fire Department Lt. Wes Dixon, Fire Fighter Chad Wigington, and Fire Fighter Dustin Long by Fire Chief Dean Floyd.

5. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood requested that Item B under Old Business be amended to "2nd Reading, Discussion, and Action on Historical Preservation Ordinance to Establish the Historical Preservation Commission" only.

Councilman Huffman requested that Item D under Old Business be amended to include action and that Item G be added to Old Business to discuss the City's next steps in regard to the letter recently sent to the Board of Education.

Councilman Goodwin made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended;

Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

A. Consideration to Approve Minutes - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [February 04, 2015 Special Called Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
 [February 05, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Residents Robert Swanson and Lori Ann Brogdon spoke of their concerns about the odor coming from International Marble.

Resident Bill Kent spoke against the use of LED lighting by Canton businesses.

Resident John Fincher supported Cherokee County running the NW Canton fire station.

8. CONSENT ORDER

A. Approval of Payment of \$7,835.75 for 2015 Bluffs Common Area Assessment Fees

B. Approval to Amend Budget to Reallocate Personnel Resources

C. Approval of Employee Health Insurance Renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Change of Dental Insurance Coverage to Guardian

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of NW Canton Fire Station Construction Bids - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 9A

Attachments: [Addendum 1.pdf](#)
 [Addendum 2.pdf](#)
 [Addendum 3.pdf](#)
 [POND.pdf](#)
 [Casteel Const..pdf](#)

Councilman Rust made a motion to approve the lowest bid from Casteel

Construction Company; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Councilman John Rust</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilman Bill Grant</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Councilman Hooky Huffman</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilman Jack Goodwin</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilwoman Sandy McGrew</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Councilman Farris Yawn</i>	<i>no</i>

The Mayor broke the tie with a vote of no. The motion fails.

Councilman Grant made a motion that the City hire an architect and proceed with a design/build option; Councilman Yawn seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Councilman John Rust</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Councilman Bill Grant</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilman Hooky Huffman</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Councilman Jack Goodwin</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Councilwoman Sandy McGrew</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilman Farris Yawn</i>	<i>yes</i>

The Mayor broke the tie with a vote of yes. The motion passes.

City Manager Cummins asked that the term "design and then build" be used since design/build has been rejected by Council. The term "design and then build" was agreed upon. Cummins also asked for clarification whether a process of requesting quotes for architectural services should be followed or should a particular architect be recommended by staff.

Councilman Rust made a motion that the staff bring back a minimum of two or three quotes from architects with fire station construction experience for Council to consider; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- B.** 2nd Reading, Discussion, and Action on 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

This Item was amended to "2nd Reading, Discussion, and Action on Historical Preservation Ordinance to Establish the Historical Preservation Commission" only.

Councilman Huffman made a motion to postpone the vote until the second meeting in March; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Councilman John Rust</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilman Bill Grant</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Councilman Hooky Huffman</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilman Jack Goodwin</i>	<i>yes</i>
<i>Councilwoman Sandy McGrew</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>Councilman Farris Yawn</i>	<i>no</i>

The Mayor broke the tie with a vote of no. The motion fails.

Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the establishment of a Historical Preservation Commission only; Councilman McGrew seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman John Rust	yes	
Councilman Bill Grant	yes	
Councilman Hooky Huffman	no	
Councilman Jack Goodwin	no	
Councilwoman Sandy McGrew	yes	
Councilman Farris Yawn	yes	So approved

- C. Discussion and Possible Action on City of Canton and Cherokee County NW Canton Fire Station Agreement - Councilman Grant - Attachment 9C

Attachments: [Canton and Cherokee Cty Proposed IGA-3.docx](#)

Councilman Grant made a motion to accept the general terms of the revised intergovernmental agreement; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- D. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Director Job Description - Councilman Huffman - Attachment 9D

Attachments: [Parks and Recreation Director - Draft 12-15-2014\(1\).doc](#)

This Item was amended to include Action.

Councilman Huffman made a motion that the City Manager move forward with the hiring process for a Parks and Recreation Director; Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilman John Rust	no	
Councilman Bill Grant	yes	
Councilman Hooky Huffman	yes	
Councilman Jack Goodwin	yes	
Councilwoman Sandy McGrew	yes	
Councilman Farris Yawn	yes	So Approved

- E. Discussion of New Council Chambers Necessary Repairs - City Manager Cummins - Attachment 9E

Attachments: [Chambers Repair Memo.docx](#)

City Manager Cummins addressed the acoustical issues which will begin to be resolved with placement of acoustical panels on the walls. The microphones and speakers will also be reconsidered.

- F. Approval of Modification of Great Sky Streets Add On Fees from \$2,387. to \$673.16.

Councilman Rust made a motion to approve the modification of add on fees

from \$2,387. to \$673.16; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay from Councilwoman McGrew So approved

G. Discussion of the City's Next Steps in Regard to the Letter Recently Sent to the Board of Education.

Councilman Huffman expressed that he wants to ensure that enough property be kept for a fire station and park at the Bluffs. He questioned who will represent the City in discussion with the Board of Education. No decision was made.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of International Marble, Inc. aka Thermocast Release of Styrene which Effects Canton's Air Quality and Odor - Resident Ronald Townsend - Attachment 10A

Attachments: [Styrene Information 1.pdf](#)
[Agency for Toxic Substances ToxFAQs on Styrene Info.pdf](#)
[Agency for Toxic Substances Public Health Stmt on Styrene.pdf](#)
[EPD and International Marble aka Thermocast Consent Order 11.17.14.pdf](#)
[International Marble aka Thermocast Initial Air Permit App 05.22.12.pdf](#)

Mr. Townsend and Council, as well as a few residents, discussed the odors and other problems caused by International Marble aka Thermocast. Council decided it would be appropriate to write a letter to local State Officials.

- B. Discussion of Threshold Requirements for Mandatory 2nd Subdivision Entrance - Mayor Hobgood

Mayor Hobgood asked Council to consider the matter of a second entrance for Laurel Canyon/Soliel.

- C. Discussion of Street Maintenance and Repair Priority List - Mayor Hobgood

City Manager Cummins has determined that a new list, with objective standards, needs to be developed; that project will be started.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution of Support for Georgia Department of Community Affairs Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund Application of Green Line Brewery Company - Mayor Hobgood - Attachment 10D

Attachments: [DCA letter.pdf](#)
[DCA Resolution.doc](#)

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- E. Presentation of Downtown Development Authority 2015 Work Plan - DDA

Chairperson Wanda Roach, Economic Development Manager Matthew Thomas - Attachment 10E

Attachments: [2015 Downtown Development Authority Work Plan APPROVED 02122015.p](#)

Downtown Development president Wanda Roach and Economic Development Coordinator Matthew Thomas presented the DDA's goals for 2015.

11. City Manager's Report

None.

12. Council Introduced Items

Councilwoman recognized the Canton Fire Department for its extreme efforts to resuscitate 2 family dogs that had been injured in a fire.

Councilman Rust informed Council that there will be a showing of the film "8 Days" which addresses sex trafficking on Monday, February 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Theatre. The showing is free of charge and the public is welcome to attend.

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hobgood announced that Arbor Day had been postponed until Friday, February 27.

14. Adjourn

Councilman Goodwin made a motion to adjourn; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved