

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, November 19, 2015

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

*Mayor Gene Hobgood
Councilmember John Rust
Councilmember Bill Grant
Councilmember Hooky Huffman
Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Farris Yawn
City Manager Billy Peppers
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Dean Floyd - Fire Chief
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Richard Poag – Public Works Director
David Hatabian – City Engineer
Mark Crosby - Building Official
Lorrie Waters - Human Resource Director
Camille Wehs – Chief Information Officer
Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk*

Councilmember Jack Goodwin was not present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hobgood and the invocation was given by Councilmember Rust.

3. Guests and Visitors

- A. Presentation to Jeff Long for His Support of the ALS community

Mayor Hobgood presented the plaque to Jeff Long; Mr. Long said a few words about his efforts to support and educate the public about ALS.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Agenda; Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Public Service Announcements

Councilmember McGrew provided information regarding the Art and Wine Walk on December 11th and 12th, Shop Small Saturday, November 28th, "Home for the Holidays" at the Arts Center on December 19th, and Canton Theatre's "The Foreigner" December 3rd through the 13th.

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes**A. Consideration to Approve Minutes - Attachment**

Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the Minutes; Councilmember Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Residents Leon Gramling and Laura Tuttle spoke about the dire need for improvements to Brown Street.

Resident Marguerite Oliver spoke of Canton's need of affordable housing and assistance for veterans, and encouraged the City to educate children about City government.

8. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Resolution in Support of Application to Georgia Recreational Trails Program
- B. Approval to Award the Etowah River Park to Heritage Park Trail Contract in the Amount of \$373,665.00 to Curb Tech, Inc and Approval for Mayor to Sign Contract Following Review by the City Attorney
- C. Approval of Proposed Change Order with Atkins for Construction Management Services for Etowah Park to Heritage Park Trail in the Amount of \$10,000 and Approval for Mayor to Sign Following Review by the City Attorney

Attachments: [Tablet Command information.pdf](#)

- D. Approval of Ethics Ordinance
- E. Approval of Placement of Little Free Library in City Hall Vestibule
- F. Approval of Appointment of Ann Fincher to Canton's Board of Zoning Appeals

Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Councilmember Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Appointment of Personnel Policy Committee - Mayor Hobgood

Mayor Hobgood appointed Councilmembers Grant, McGrew, and Rust to serve on a committee to review the proposed policy and make recommendations to Council.

- B. Discussion and Action on Proposed Streets for 2016 LMIG and Application - City Manager Billy Peppers, Public Works Director Richard Poag

Attachments: [2015 LMIG Streets Recommendations.pdf](#)

Councilmember McGrew made a motion to approve the recommended LMIG streets list; Councilmember Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- C. Discussion and Action on Authorization to Join Other Cherokee County Public Safety Agencies in Application for Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for "Tablet Command" - City Manager Billy Peppers, Fire Chief Dean Floyd

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve application to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for "Tablet Command"; Councilmember Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- D. Discussion and Action on Amendment to Utility Partners Contract in the Amount of \$131,768.00 to Allow for Additional Staff - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the amendment; Councilmember Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- E. Discussion and Action on Fireworks Sales Ordinance - City Attorney Bobby Dyer

Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the Fireworks Sales ordinance; Councilmember Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- F. Discussion and Action on Fireworks Ordinance Amendment with Exception to Noise and Use Prohibition - City Attorney Bobby Dyer

Mayor Hobgood appointed Councilmembers Grant, Yawn, and Goodwin to determine permit requirements for the use of fireworks on public property. This ordinance will be brought back for a vote following that determination.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. City Manager's Report

City Manager Billy Peppers asked Council for a vote to approve the replacement of a length of Old Ballground sewer pipe which is scheduled to be replaced in the future, but should be replaced now while Quiktrip already has the area under construction. The cost will be \$110,000.

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the sewer pipe replacement; Councilmember Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Also, Peppers asked that Council approve the repair of a berm at the reservoir that should be done before water is pumped back in. The cost for the repair will be \$38,000.

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the berm repair; Councilmember Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

12. Mayor's Report

A. Approval of Appointments to the Canton Housing Authority Board

Mayor Hobgood, having pointed out that these appointments do not require the approval of Council, reappointed Delores Heard and George Moore, and appointed Holly Queen, to the Canton Housing Authority Board.

13. Adjourn

Councilmember Rust made a motion to adjourn; Councilmember Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved