

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, February 4, 2016

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 Jack Goodwin
Councilmember JoEllen Wilson
Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Farris Yawn
City Manager Billy Peppers
Jekk Rusbridge – City Attorney
City Manager Billy Peppers
Mark Mitchell – Police Chief
Dean Floyd - Fire Chief
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Steve Green - Planning and Zoning Administrator
Merrick McClure - Public Works Operations Manager
Tom Gilliam – Parks and Recreation Director
David Hatabian – City Engineer
Camille Wehs – Chief Information Officer
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 Councilmember Goodwin.

3. Guests and Visitors

- A. State Certification Renewal and Presentation - Police Chief Mark Mitchell - Attachment 3A

Attachments: [State Certification Presentation](#)

Police Chief Mitchell reported that the City of Canton has received its 4th renewal of State Certification from the GA Association of Police Chiefs which sets standards and policies for agencies to adhere to. This Certification ensures that the City receives professional police services.

Chief Mitchell also recognized Officer Mark Gavala, the Department's State Certification Manager, for his extraordinary efforts in ensuring the Certification.

4. Public Announcements

Councilmember McGrew announced ice skating in Brown Park the weekend of the 13th and 14th from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.; Randy Richards and the Brothers Band will be playing at the Arts Center Saturday the 13th at 7:00 p.m.; and The Historical Society has extended its exhibit on the history of Cherokee County.

Councilmember Wilson commended Chief Mitchell for completing the Cherokee Leadership Program; and announced that the Gospel Festival will

be this Saturday at the Arts Center.

5. Consideration To Approve Agenda

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

A. Minutes - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [January 21, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. Acknowledgement of Financial Statements

A. Acknowledgment of December Financials - Attachment 7A

Attachments: [FY 2016-Dec.pdf](#)

There were no comments or questions.

8. Ten Minute Public Input

Resident Peter Sagesse commented that he wondered whether his neighborhood concerns are being taken seriously. There does not appear to be active code enforcement and stormwater issues around McLain and Cartersville Streets are not being addressed.

Mayor Hobgood asked that the City Manager take a look at Mr. Segasse's issues and prepare a report for Council.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Action on Contract with Wanna Play Baseball, Inc. for Management of Concessions at Etowah River Park - City Manager Billy Peppers, Parks and Recreation Director Tom Gilliam - Attachment 10A

Attachments: [Wanna Play Baseball, Inc. Proposed Contract.docx](#)

Councilmember McGrew made a motion to approve the Contract with Wanna Play Baseball, Inc; Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- B. Discussion of Styrene Odor - Mayor Hobgood

Mayor Hobgood appointed Councilmembers Goodwin and Rust to assist the City Manager with looking into this matter.

- C. Discussion of Phase 2 of the Inflow/Infiltration Study - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 10C

Attachments: [I & I Study Phase 2.pdf](#)

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Appeal of Oversight Committee Denial to Allow Green Line Brewery to Paint Exterior Brick at 192 East Main Street - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11A

Attachments: [Green Line Brewery Oversight Committee Appeal of Decision.pdf](#)

Council had questions regarding design options for Kandace Bunda-Walker. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- B. Council Review and Consideration to Pay Bluff's Annual Property Owner's Assessment - City Manager Billy Peppers, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 11B

Attachments: [Bluffs Common Area Assessment 01.16.pdf](#)

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

- C. Discussion of Housing Overcrowding and Excessive Number of Cars Parked at Residences - Mayor Hobgood

City Manager Billy Peppers informed Council of current City ordinances on single family housing zoning and limits placed on the number of cars is such zoning. The Police Department is currently short one Code Enforcement Officer. Mayor Hobgood asked that personnel be in place by July 01 of this year so that these issues can start being addressed.

- D. Discussion of Youth Programs - Councilmember Sandy McGrew

Councilmember McGrew reported that developing a youth program is a long process and a budget will be necessary. McGrew will be ready to give a report during the budget process.

12. City Manager's Report

City Manager Billy Peppers reported that the City's Capital Improvement Element has been approved making the City eligible for assistance from the State. Also, the City will need to make a few changes to its 457 retirement plan

in order to remain in compliance with IRS changes. These changes will need to be approved by Council.

13. Mayor's Report

14. Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of Real Estate Disposition

Councilmember Yawn made a motion to adjourn to executive session; Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Council did not return to open session.