

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, April 21, 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

Bobby Dyer – City Attorney

Mark Mitchell – Police Chief

Matthew Thomas – Economic Development Coordinator

Steve Green - Planning and Zoning Administrator

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 the Cherokee County High School Student Council and the invocation was given by Councilmember Rust.

3. Guests and Visitors

- A.** Proclamation for National Small Business Week May 1st - May 7th - Attachment 3A

Attachments: [National Small Business Week Proclamation](#)

Mayor Hobgood also presented the Cherokee High School Student Council with a proclamation making Friday, April 22, 2016 Cherokee High School Government Day.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hobgood announced Recycling Day on May 07, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilmember Sandy McGrew announced the High School Art Show April 28, 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Cherokee Arts Center; the April 30 BBQ and Brews fundraiser for Action Church which provides services to the homeless and needy; the May 06 First Friday 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.; the May 07 Derby Party 3:30 p.m.; and Council's first Town Hall Meeting, May 12th in Ward 1 at Sidelines Grill, 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember JoEllen Wilson announced the Annual Rotary Club Fundraiser on April 30th at the Cherokee County Conference Center, all proceeds will benefit Cherokee County nonprofits.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood added an executive session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation and City Manager Billy Peppers asked that an Item for discussion of the northwest fire station 90% plan be added. The fire station

discussion was added as Item H under Old Business.

*Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended;
Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.*

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Consideration to Approve Minutes

A. Minutes - Attachment 5A

Attachments: [April 07, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes.pdf](#)
 [April 07, 2016 Special Called Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)
 [April 07, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

Councilmember Yawn asked that the Public Hearing Minutes be corrected to remove the statement that Roy Taylor is a member of the Historical Preservation Commission.

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Ten Minute Public Input

Resident Andy Bonner spoke in favor of the battery replacement program.

Mark Robillard, a local architect, suggested Council spend more time speaking with business owners before approving an historic district and questioned the need for approval of minor maintenance.

7. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Request to Terminate Valic 457(b) Plan - City Manager Billy Peppers, Human Resource Director Lorrie Waters - Attachment 7A

Attachments: [457\(b\) Government Specimen Document 4-08-2016.pdf](#)

B. Approval of Resolution to Endorse Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund Application

C. Approval of Police Department Budget Amendment for Payment of Body Cameras - Attachment 7C

Attachments: [Proposed Budget Amendment PD](#)

D. Approval of Georgia Power LED Lighting for Downtown

*Councilmember Wilson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda;
Councilmember McGrew seconded the motion.*

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance Adopting the Proposed Canton Historic District - City Manager Billy Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton
- See Item 8B**
- B.** Action on Amendment to Historic Preservation Ordinance - City Manager Billy Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 8B
- Attachments:** [Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendment.docx](#)
- This was the second reading of the Ordinances. Following discussion addressing public concerns, Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the Historic District Ordinance and Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendment; Councilmember McGrew seconded the motion.***
- Vote: 5 ayes, 1 nay from Councilmember Goodwin So approved**
- C.** Discussion and Possible Action on Smoke Detector/Battery Replacement Program - City Manager Billy Peppers, Fire Chief Dean Floyd
- Attachments:** [Battery Replacement forms.pdf](#)
- Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Program; Councilmember McGrew seconded the motion.***
- Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved**
- D.** Action on Intergovernmental Agreement Between Cherokee County and the City of Canton Regarding Paramedic Training Program Participation - City Manager Billy Peppers, Fire Chief Dean Floyd - Attachment 8D
- Attachments:** [Paramedic Training Program](#)
- Council considered minor revisions to the agreement. Councilmember Grant made a motion to postpone further discussion until the next Council meeting; Councilmember Rust seconded the motion.***
- Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved**
- E.** Action on Planning Commission Recommendation on Case MP1601-001, Riverstone MP, The Grand Reserve on Reservoir Drive - City Manager Billy Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton
- Council had multiple questions regarding the request. Council will be provided with additional information to aid in its decision. Councilmember McGrew made a motion to postpone further discussion until the next Council meeting; Councilmember Grant seconded the motion.***
- Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved**

- F. Discussion and Possible Action on Hotel/Motel Budget Amendment - City Manager Billy Peppers, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 8F

Attachments: [Budget Amendment for City-Wide Branding Communications Program](#)
[Memo-Hotel Motel Tax Fund Budget Amendment](#)

Councilmember Wilson made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment; Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- G. Discussion and Possible Action to Award Contract for the Preparation of Wastewater Treatment Plant DDR to ESI . Fiscal Impact of \$34,894.00 is Budgeted in the 2016 Water & Sewer Fund - City Manager Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 8G

Attachments: [DDR Recommendation Memo](#)

Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the contract award to ESI; Councilmember Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

***H. Review of Site Plans for Northwest Fire Station
Council was presented with the 90% Plan. The 100% Plan will be completed by May 19 with construction to begin July/August. The facility should be completed by December 2016 weather permitting.***

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. City Manager's Report

City Manager Billy Peppers spoke to Council regarding the approved 25 mph speed limit on East Main Street. A speed study required by GA Department of Transportation shows that 85% of drivers drove about 42 mph on East Main which means that the speed limit can only be adjusted incrementally 5 miles an hour up or down from Brown Industrial to Shipp Street. Those adjustments were made and new speed limit signs will be put up.

Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the speed limit changes as outlined; Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

A report was made on the roll off site and Council was informed that revision of permitting and fees for special events is being discussed with the City's attorney.

11. Mayor's Report

None.

12. Adjourn

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved