

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Draft

Thursday, April 6, 2017

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

Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer

Ken Patton – Community Development Director

Merrick McClure - Public Works Operations Manager

David Hatabian – City Engineer

Angela Thompson - Communications and Outreach Director

Pat Gold - Public Outreach Manager

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 Rust.

3. Guests and Visitors**A. Employee Recognition - Police Chief Mark Mitchell - Attachment 3A**

Attachments: [Employee Recognition Memo.pdf](#)

Police Chief Mark Mitchell introduced newly hired officers Kyle Harahus and Estan Holloway, thanked and congratulated Lt. John Lummus for his 20 years service to the City of Canton, and awarded Officer Lou Louzader for being selected as Officer of the Quarter.

Mayor Hobgood swore in members of the City's various Boards, Committees, and Commissions.

4. Public Service Announcements

Announcements Attached

Attachments: [Upcoming Events for April 6th Council Meeting.docx](#)

5. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood added an executive session to discuss litigation and personnel to the agenda. Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended; Councilmember Grant seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

- A. March 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [March 16, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes.pdf](#)
[March 16, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. Acknowledgement of Financial Statements

- A. February Financials, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 7A

Attachments: [FY 2017-Feb](#)

There were no questions or comments.

8. Ten Minute Public Input

None.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Ordinance to Amend Canton's Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Regulations in the Development Code - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10A

Attachments: [Soil erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance - red lined with e](#)

This is the first reading of the Ordinance. The second reading and vote will be held on November 19, 2015.

- B. Discussion of Ordinance to Amend Numerous Sections of the Unified Development Code - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10B

Attachments: [UDC_working existing-proposed updated March 3, 2017](#)
[Ordinance for Code of Ordinance & UDC amendments_v2_Updated after Ma](#)

Mayor Hobgood appointed Councilmembers JoEllen Wilson and Bill Grant to serve with him on a committee to review the proposed UDC amendments.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Discussion of City Ordinances Sec. 6-388 and 6-389 Relating to On Premise Consumption of Alcohol at Growler Stores - Nick Estes - Attachment 11A
- Attachments:** [CANTON CODE SEC. 6-388 and 6-389.docx](#)
[Stouts Growlers v3.pptx](#)
- Nick Estes, part owner of Stout's Growlers, addressed Council with his requests. Following discussion it was suggested that the City's Code may need to be amended for several reasons.**
- This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for further discussion and possible vote.**
- B.** Discussion of 2017 LMIG Street Repairs - Public Works Operations Manager Merrick McClure - Attachment 11B
- Attachments:** [2017 LMIG STREET REPAIRS BID TABS 3.14](#)
[2017 LMIG RD PDF](#)
[2017 LMIG Agenda 4.6.17](#)
- This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.**
- C.** Discussion of the Hickory Log Creek Bridge Painting Contract - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian
- City Engineer Dave Hatabian reported that bids have been opened and a recommendation will be made. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.**
- D.** Discussion of Special Event Application Requesting Street Closure - Public Outreach Manager Pat Gold - Attachment 11D
- Attachments:** [September 16 Reinhardt 5k](#)
- This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.**
- E.** Discussion of 10 Year Update for Horizon 2030, Canton's Comprehensive Plan - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11E
- Attachments:** [Canton Comprehensive Plan](#)
[current comp. plan issues&opportunities_5 swtp](#)
[Citizen Survey 3](#)
- Community Development Director Ken Patton explained the lengthy process for updating the City's Comprehensive Plan and offered that he and Brittany Chambers will be available to answer any questions as the task progresses.**
- F.** Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation for Towne Mill

Master Plan amendment, Case MP1701-001 - Community Development
Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11F

Attachments: [towne mill mp amendment city council](#)

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

- G. Consideration to Extend Audit Contract with Rushton & Company, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 11G

Attachments: [Proposed Audit Extension](#)

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

- H. Consideration of Rental Car Tax Fund FY 2017 Budget Amendment, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 11H

Attachments: [RCT Amend](#)

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

- I. Consideration of General Fund FY 2017 Budget Amendment, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 11I

Attachments: [GF Amend for Building Services](#)

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

- J. Review of Proposed Financial Management Policy, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 11J

Attachments: [Proposed Financial Management Policy](#)
[Financial Policy Differences.pdf](#)

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

- K. Review of Mayor and Councilmembers' Compensation - Councilmember John Rust - Attachment 11K

Attachments: [Canton Compensation Legislation.docx](#)
[O.C.G.A. 36-35-4 Municipal Employee and Elective Official Compensation.doc](#)
[Council Compensation Survey.pdf](#)

Councilmember Rust recommended that the mayor's compensation be increased to \$30,000 and councilmembers compensation be increased to \$20,000.

Councilmember Rust also recommended that councilmembers be reimbursed \$100.00 a month for wifi service since they will now be expected to use iPads for agenda and meeting purposes.

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

- L. Discussion of the City and County Costs of Stray Cats and Dogs - Councilmember John Rust

Councilmember Rust encouraged the City to help ensure that the Cherokee County Animal Shelter has the funding it needs to continue its mission.

12. City Manager's Report

City Manager Billy Peppers suggested that Council consider the use of a construction manager for the renovation of the Jones Building and informed Council that bid documents for the City's residential waste collection will be going out soon, that the downtown fire station now is open full time with a 2 man fire truck and an ambulance during the daytime, and that the wastewater treatment plant construction is winding down which should reduce complaints about odor in the area.

The City Manager asked for Councilmembers to work with him in regard to renewal of the City's partnership agreement with the Cherokee County Board of Education. Mayor Hobgood asked that Councilmembers JoEllen Wilson, Farris Yawn, and Jack Goodwin assist him.

13. Mayor's Report

None.

14. Adjourn

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Council did not return to open session.