

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, April 17, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

Mayor Gene Hobgood

Councilman Bill Grant

Councilman Hooky Huffman

Councilman Jack Goodwin

Councilman/Interim City Manager Glen Cummins

Councilman John Rust

Councilwoman Sandy McGrew

Bobby Dyer – City Attorney

Robert Merchant – Police Chief

Dean Floyd - Fire Chief

Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer

Ken Patton – Community Development Director

Joby West – Director of Streets and Parks

David Hatabian – City Engineer

Camille Wehs – Director of Technology

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 Rust.

3. Guests and Visitors**A. Proclamation of Parkinsons Awareness Month**

Mayor Hobgood presented a Parkinson's Awareness Month Proclamation to John Humphreys, Georgia Assistant State Director, Parkinson's Action Network.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood announced that an executive session is needed to discuss potential litigation.

Sandy McGrew made a motion to move Old Business Item H to before Item E; Councilman Cummins explained that Items E through H were in a certain order for discussion and objected to moving H; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.

Vote: 2 ayes from McGrew and Grant, 4 nays from Rust, Cummins, Huffman, and Goodwin Motion Denied

Councilman Rust made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Consideration to Approve Minutes

- A. Consideration of April 03, 2014 Council Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes - Attachment 01

Attachments: [April 03, 2014 Public Hearing Minutes](#)
 [April 03, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Ten Minute Public Input

None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Budget Amendment for Right of Way Tractor/Mower
- B. Approval of Purchase of Mobile Ticket Writers
- C. Approval of Allowing Tables and Chairs on Sidewalk at the Painted Pig
- D. Approval of Hotel/Motel Budget Amendment to Allow for Funding of Golf Course Debt
- E. Conditional Approval to Operate Church in Brown Industrial Park
- F. 2nd Reading and Approval of Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits Pouring License

Leslie Ratell has applied to the City of Canton for a beer, wine, and distilled spirits pouring license for Chipotle Mexican Grill located at Suite 100, 2026 Cumming Highway, Canton, Georgia 30114. The proposed outlet manager is Leslie Ratell who resides at 2714 Legislative Lane, Buford, Georgia 30519.

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Action on Use of Financial Advisor - Interim City Manager Cummins

Councilman Cummins made a motion that the City of Canton engage Davenport and Company as the City's financial advisor with their first task to review and analyze our bond and other financial debt bringing back an

immediate recommendation on possible direct placement for the refinancing of the 2009 bond issue; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- B. Discussion and Action on Stage and Sound System Rental Policy - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 02

Attachments: [Stage and Sound System Policy- April 2014](#)

Councilman Cummins made a motion to approve the Stage Rental Policy; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- C. Discussion of Postponement of Decision on Payment of Bluffs Property Common Area Fees - Interim City Manager Cummins

Following discussion Councilman Cummins made a motion to postpone payment of Bluffs Common Area Fees; Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- D. Canton Connected Update - Councilwoman McGrew

Attachments: [Canton Connected Report](#)

Councilwoman McGrew reported on the progress of Canton Connected and its efforts to provide more information and a public forum for residents.

- E. Action to Affirm that Private Streets Identified by Stantec Study retain Designation as Private Streets - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 03

Attachments: [2012-04 private street resolution](#)

Councilman Cummins made a motion that all streets designated private by the Stantec study within subdivisions adhere to the current established policy prior to being accepted for maintenance by the City of Canton; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- F. Action to Affirm that 1) Wooded Mountain Trail, 2) Morning Breeze Lane, 3) Mountain Laurel Walk, and 4) River Birch Court, Designated as Private Streets, are not Accepted by the City of Canton as Public Streets - Interim City Manager Cummins

Councilman Huffman made a motion to postpone the vote; Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 4 ayes, 2 nays from Councilmen Rust and Cummins So approved

- G. Action to Apply Add On Permit Fees to Building Permits for Lots in

Subdivisions with Unfinished Streets - Interim City Manager Cummins

Councilman Cummins made a motion that an add on permit fee be added to every developed lot within the subdivisions and that all such funds collected be escrowed for each subdivision to fund the completion of streets within the subdivision according to this: Park Village \$1,256. per lot; Great Sky \$2,387. per lot; River Green \$2,752 per lot; Town Mill \$1,455 per lot; Iris Park \$1,551 per lot; Laurel Canyon \$1,231 per lot; Franklin Park \$1,298 per lot. Those add on permit fees will be collected and escrowed to complete the streets; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Following extensive discussion, Councilman Cummins withdrew his motion.

Councilman Rust made a motion to apply add on permit fees to building permits for lots in subdivisions with unfinished streets without specifying the amounts to be collected; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Following discussion, Councilman Rust amended his motion to apply add on permit fees in the amounts that Mr. Cummins has provided to building permits for lots in subdivisions with unfinished streets; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- H. Action to Instruct Building Department and City Attorney to Pursue Collection of Bonds on Unfinished Streets - Interim City Manager Cummins - Attachment 04

Attachments: [Unfinished Street Costs](#)

Councilman Rust made a motion that Council instruct the building department of the City of Canton and City Attorney to pursue collection of bonds on unfinished streets; Councilwoman McGrew seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- I. Action on City Staff Recommendations Based on Rich & Associates Parking Study - Interim City Manager Cummins

Councilman Cummins made a motion that the staff recommendations relative to the downtown parking analysis be approved and implemented as soon as possible; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- J. Action on Budget Amendment for Striping and Marking of Parking Spaces and Signage as Recommended by Rich & Associates - Attachment 05

Attachments: [Proposed BA # Striping Downtown](#)

Councilman Cummins made to a motion that the budget amendment to allocate funds from contingency to street markings of the parking spaces in the amount of \$8,950 be approved; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- K. Action to Move Forward with NW Area Fire Station Through Directive to City Manager to Locate Site, Select Architect, and Design Fire Station in Accordance with Schedule Presented at April 03, 2014 City Council Work Session - Mayor Hobgood

Councilman Grant made a motion to move forward with NW fire station through directive to city manager to locate site, select architect, and design fire station reasonably in accordance with schedule presented April 03, 2014; Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- L. Discussion Possible Action - Buy American Federal Government Requirements - Impact on WWTP Construction & GEFA Loan - Interim City Manager Cummins

Councilman Cummins made a motion to approve a change order in the amount of \$352,170.20 to the contract for the wastewater treatment plant; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Councilman Cummins also made a motion to amend the loan agreement with GEFA by adding \$400,000 since the change order will deplete the wastewater treatment plant construction contingency budget by 50%; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. City Manager's Report

None.

11. Council Introduced Items

Councilman Goodwin asked Council to consider waiving the sign fee for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

12. Mayor's Report

- A. Action on Planning Commission Nomination

Mayor Hobgood nominated Dwight Pullen to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission; Councilmember Goodwin seconded the nomination.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- B. Process for Expenses Oversight

Mayor Hobgood expressed the need for transparency regarding Councilmembers expenses. Councilmembers Grant, Huffman, and Rust will meet to determine how to present the information.

13. Adjourn

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Gene Hobgood, Mayor

Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved by Council