

# **Canton, Georgia**

*151 Elizabeth Street  
Canton, Georgia 30114*



## **Minutes - Final - Final**

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

**6:05 PM**

**Council Chambers**

**City Council**

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

*Present for the meeting were:*

*Mayor Gene Hobgood*

*Councilman John Rust*

*Councilman Bill Grant*

*Councilman Hooky Huffman*

*Councilman Jack Goodwin*

*Councilwoman Sandy McGrew*

*Councilman Farris Yawn*

*City Manager Glen Cummins*

*Bobby Dyer – City Attorney*

*Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer*

*Dean Floyd - Fire Chief*

*Ken Patton – Community Development Director*

*Richard Poag – Public Works Director*

*Matthew Thomas – Economic Development Coordinator*

*Tom Gilliam - Parks and Recreation Director*

*Camille Wehs - Chief Information officer*

**2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hobgood and the invocation was given by Councilman Goodwin.*

**3. Guests and Visitors****A. Proclamation for Building Safety Month**

*Mayor Hobgood presented the Proclamation.*

*City Manager Cummins introduced Tom Gilliam as the City's new Parks and Recreation Director.*

**4. Consideration to Approve Agenda**

*Councilwoman McGrew asked that Wooded Mountain Trail be added to Old Business as Item E. The City Manager asked that Item 9A be removed and placed on the June agenda.*

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

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

**5. Consideration to Approve Minutes****A. Approval of April 16, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes - Attachment 5A**

**Attachments:** [April 16, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

*Councilman Yawn asked that the second roll call vote on Old Business Item A*

*be corrected. The votes are the opposite of what they should be.*

*Councilman Grant pointed out that on Consent Agenda Item A the name is misspelled, it should be Rajayne.*

*Councilman Grant made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended;  
Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

## **6. Acknowledgement of Financials**

- A. Acknowledgment of March Financials - City Manager Cummins, CFO  
Nathan Ingram - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [FY 2015-March.pdf](#)

- B. Presentation of 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report - CFO  
Nathan Ingram, Rushton & Company - Attachment 6B

Attachments: [2014 City of Canton CAFR.pdf](#)

*Clay Pilgrim with Rushton and Company presented a summary of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2014.*

## **7. Ten Minute Public Input**

*Mark Preetorius, Massage Envy franchise owner, asked that he be allowed a variance to the temporary sign ordinance to allow a small hot air balloon sign on the roof of his shop to announce the grand opening.*

*Councilman Huffman made a motion to approve a variance to the sign ordinance to allow for the sign as requested; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.*

*Vote 6 yeas, 0 nays So approved*

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of LED Lighting Ordinance - Amor Kahlil, Cloud Nine Smoke Company, 180 Riverstone Parkway - Attachment 8A

Attachments: [2015-09 LED lighting.pdf](#)

*Kahlil Amor, owner of Cloud Nine Smoke Company, spoke regarding the LED lighting ordinance and states that he has received a warning ticket for having the lights. Mr. Kahlil has \$3,000 invested in the lights.*

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

- B. Discussion of Amendment to Ordinance to Create an Historic Preservation Commission - Mayor Hobgood, Community Development Director Ken

Patton - Attachment 8B

Attachments:     [HPC Amendment Memo.doc](#)  
                              [HPC Amendment.pdf](#)

*The Mayor announced that he will nominate Sharron Brooks Hunt, Nell Magruder, Jeff Brown, Susan Buice, Glen Bliss, Jack Fincher, and Stacy Yawn to the committee. Susan Buice and Glen Bliss would remain on the committee for 2 years, and Jack Fincher and Stacy Yawn would remain on the committee for 1 year.*

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

- C.                      Discussion of Parking Enforcement Ordinance Amendment - Farris Yawn

*This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote on when parking enforcement will begin.*

- D.                      Discussion of Architect Selection for NW Fire Station - Mayor Hobgood

*Mayor Hobgood asked that the Fire Chief work with the Fire Services Committee to consider Wylie Wilson for architectural for the new fire station.*

- E.                      Update on City Goals:  
Master Plan for Downtown/Entire City - Councilmembers McGrew and Grant  
Economic Development - Mayor Hobgood, Councilmembers Goodwin and Huffman  
Improved Management of Parks and Recreation - Councilman Huffman  
Debt Reduction - City Manager Cummins

*Councilman Grant reported that the RFQ has been posted for the master plan.*

*Mayor Hobgood reported that two new businesses opened up in downtown Canton last week and there has been some interest in the two Board of Education Buildings that the City recently attained.*

*Tom Gilliam has been hired as Parks and Recreation Director.*

*Debt reduction continues as evidenced by the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.*

***F. Discussion of Wooded Mountain Trail***

*City Manager Cummins reported that there are numerous problems on Wooded Mountain Trail. The immediate problem is drainage which needs to be examined by an engineer. An RFP is being prepared.*

**9.        NEW BUSINESS**

- A.                      Update on Downtown Development Authority Strategic Workplan and Activities - Economic Development Manager Matthew Thomas, Wanda Roach DDA President

*This Item was removed from the Agenda.*

- B. Discussion and Possible Emergency Action on Approval of Funds for Repair of Fire Department Engine - City Manager Cummins, Fire Chief Dean Floyd - Attachment 9B

Attachments: [Ferrara Quote April 2015.pdf](#)

*City Manager Cummins asked that Council approve expenditure of \$25,182. for the repair of a fire truck front axle.*

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

*Vote: 6 ayes 0 nays So approved*

- C. Discussion of Contract with ARC for LCI Master Plan Update - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 9C

Attachments: [LCI Master Plan Update Memo.doc](#)  
[ARC Contract, LCI Master Plan Update.pdf](#)

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

- D. Discussion of Case ZCA1503-001 - Prominence Senior Village, LP - City Manager Cummins, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 9D

Attachments: [ZCA1503-001 Prominence Senior Apartments.pdf](#)

*Peachtree Housing Communities presented information on their plans.*

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

- E. Discussion of Akins Proposal to Evaluate Options for Heritage Park to Boling Parking Walking Trail - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 9E

Attachments: [City of Canton Etowah River Trail Proposal 4 8 15\(1\).pdf](#)

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

- F. Discussion of Contract with Casey Custom Docks, LLC for Construction of Reservoir Floating Boat House - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 9F

Attachments: [Casey Custom Docks Contract Agreement.docx](#)  
[HickoryLog 4-7-15 CustQuote CG\(1\).pdf](#)  
[HickoryLog4-7-15 DrawingCG\(1\).pdf](#)

*City Manager Cummins reported that the City's financial obligation towards the cost of the dock will be \$20,172. This matter will be placed on the next City*

*Council meeting agenda for a vote.*

- G. Discussion of Canton Market Place Lift Station Reimbursement Agreement Amendment - City Manager Cummins, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 9G

Attachments: [Sembler Reimbursement Agreement 2nd Amendment - Rev1.pdf](#)  
[Canton Market Place LS Flows & Costs.pdf](#)

*City Manager Cummins explained the reimbursement conditions of the current contract that are proposed to be changed. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*

## **10. City Manager's Report**

*The City's financial staff was recognized for their expertise and assistance with the City's audit.*

## **11. Council Introduced Items**

## **12. Mayor's Report**

*The Mayor brought up the idea of changing the start time of Council meetings to 7:00 p.m. rather than 6:00 p.m. so more residents could attend. There was no decision made.*

## **13. Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Litigation**

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

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

*Council returned from executive session.*

*Councilman Rust made a motion that we honor Mr. Cummins' original contract with the City when he signed on in July 2014 that the termination be without cause and he would be paid according to the terms of that original agreement; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

*Councilman Goodwin made a motion to adjourn; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

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*Gene Hobgood, Mayor*

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*Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk*

May 21, 2015  
*Date Minutes Approved by Council*