

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, July 16, 2015

6:00 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 - Billy Peppers
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Mark Mitchell – Police Chief
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Mark Crosby - Building Official
Tom Gilliam – Parks and Recreation Director
Matthew Thomas – Economic Development Coordinator
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 Councilman Rust.

3. Guests and Visitors**A. Proclamation for Purple Heart Day, August 07, 2015**

Mayor Hobgood presented the Proclamation to Marvin Garner, Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Councilman Rust added Old Business, Item B moving all other Items down to C, D, and E, related to Laurel Canyon; Mayor Hobgood added to the Consent Agenda, Item J, Approval of QCD from 1987 Community Block Grant Program.

Councilman Rust made a motion to approve the Revised Agenda as amended; Councilman Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Ten Minute Public Input

Thomas Weaver again asked that Council address the issues as previously requested by him.

Don Snell reserved his remarks until Council addresses Item 7A.

Attorney Jill Arnold, attorney with Pursley, Friese, Torggrimson LLP also

reserved remarks until item 7A is addressed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Election Call Resolution
 - B. Approval of Expenditure of Police Department Funds for Body Cameras for Patrol Officers
 - C. Approval of Expenditure of Police Department Funds for Service and Maintenance with New Police Radio Communication
 - D. Approval of LMIG Contract with Bartow Paving in the Amount of \$182,290.72
 - E. 2nd Reading and Approval of Request for Alcohol License for Green Line Brewery, 192 East Main Street, Outlet Manager Brent St, Vrain
 - F. Approval of Bid for Stephen Postell Tree Service for Removal of Trees on Riverstone Parkway
- Attachments:** [Riverstone Parkway ROW Bids](#)
- G. Approval of Contract with TSW in the Amount of \$125,000 for LCI RiverMill Master Plan Update
 - H. Approval of Old Ball Ground Road Sewer Design Task Order
- Attachments:** [Old Ball Ground Road Sewer Design Task Order](#)
- I. Approval of Georgia Development Partners bid for Stormwater Pipe Replacement Project

Attachments: [Storm Pipe Replacement Recommendation Memo](#)

Item J. Approval of Quit Claim Deed for 1987 Community Development Block Grant Program

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Action on Planning Commission Recommendation for Case MP1505-001, Laurel Canyon, Jay Clark - City Manager Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton

Community Development Director Ken Patton introduced the Planning Commission recommendation. Don Snell and Al Kenyon, Laurel Canyon residents, and Jill Arnold, attorney with Pursley, Friese, Torgrimson LLP for Jay Clark with South East Capital, made comments regarding the request.

Councilman Rust made a motion to deny the Planning Commission recommendation; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Item B. Presentation of Offer of Property for Laurel Canyon Access Road - Councilman Rust

Kevin Echols, speaking on behalf of Michael Buckner, presented an offer to the City of 6 to 10 acres free of charge for the construction of a road from Laurel Canyon to Sam Nelson Road. Buckner would ask that utilities be provided and a fence be erected along the west side of the road if built.

- C. Update on Prominence Point Request for City Acceptance of Streets - Councilmembers Rust and Yawn

Councilman Rust reported on progress being made and will hopefully have a complete report ready for Council's September work session.

- D. Update on Roll Off Site - Councilmembers Goodwin and Rust

Councilman Rust reported on his progress and needs to review and summarize the information provided by numerous sources. He expects to have a report ready for Council's August work session.

- E. Appointment of Appeals Board For International Property Maintenance Code

Mayor Hobgood nominated his three appointments to the International Property Maintenance Code Board: Glenn Bliss, Jeremy Sexton, and Linda Breeden with Bill Kent and Barbara Manous as alternates; Councilman Rust seconded the motion.

Councilman Huffman expressed concern regarding possible conflicts of interest.

Vote: 5 ayes 1 nay from Councilman Huffman So approved

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of City of Canton Parks Programming: Fee Schedules, Field Uses and Providers.

Attachments: [Parks Programming: Fee Schedules, Field Uses and Providers](#)

City Manager Peppers and Parks and Recreation Director Tom Gilliam spoke regarding plans for the use of City parks. Peppers asked Council for approval to use Etowah Park as a test park for athletic purposes and allowing pets during the next 4 months. Peppers also recommended that Council establish a

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to assist in the development of use plans and policies for the Parks. An ordinance amendment as to allowing pets in the parks will be presented to Council in August.

Councilman Huffman made a motion to approve the proposed policies and allow use of Etowah Park as a "test" park for use for athletic purposes and allowing pets during the next 4 months; Councilman Grant seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved Councilman Goodwin had left the meeting

9. City Manager's Report

A. Fireworks Discussion - City Manager, Billy Peppers

City Manager Peppers reported that evaluation of the new fireworks laws continues and he expects to have a presentation for Council at the September work session.

The City Manager also announced the Grand Opening of Etowah Park on August 01.

10. Council Introduced Items

Councilman Huffman asked that Canton be recognized as not being a sanctuary city.

11. Mayor's Report

None.

12. Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Real Estate and Litigation

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

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Council did not return to open session.

Gene Hobgood, Mayor

Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk

August 06, 2015
Date Minutes Approved by Council