

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, September 3, 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
Dean Floyd - Fire Chief
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Mark Crosby - Building Official
Richard Poag – Public Works Director
Merrick McClure Operations Manager
David Hatabian – City Engineer
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

Police Chief Mark Mitchell conducted the Attention to Orders and promotion of Sergeant John Lummus to Lieutenant.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood removed Item 9B as requested by Residential Group and Councilman Goodwin asked that an executive session be added to discuss possible litigation.

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Consideration to Approve Minutes**A. Consideration to Approve Minutes - Attachment 5A**

Attachments: [August 20, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Acknowledgement of Financial Statements

- A. July 2015 Financial Statement - Attachment 6A

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

There were no questions or comments.

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Andy Bonner requested that the City Fire Department provide the service of replacing smoke alarm batteries for the elderly and disabled.

Pat Gold asked that candidates be informed of the City's campaign sign ordinance.

Brian Martin questioned the need for the middle of the night and early morning construction work at the Northside Hospital site and requested that the City review the situation regularly.

Mel Feldman asked that the City accept Hidden Valley Drive for maintenance and asked that efforts be made to encourage the State Legislature to revise the fireworks laws regarding their use in late evening hours. The City Manager was asked to look into the Hidden Valley Drive matter.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of "After Hours" Northside Hospital Construction Noise - City Manager Peppers

Don Hausfeld, a representative of Northside Hospital, explained the need for early morning concrete pouring and the measures that will be taken for noise reduction. He also reported on the remaining pouring schedule.

- B. Update on Prominence Pointe Request for City Acceptance of Streets - Councilmembers Yawn and Rust

Councilman Rust reported that the Streets at Prominence Pointe are not in compliance with City standards, therefore accepting the streets for maintenance is not recommended at this time. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- C. Discussion of Roll-Off Site Administration - Councilmembers Rust and Goodwin- Attachment 8C

Attachments: [New Roll-off site terms effective October 1, 2015.docx](#)

Councilman Rust presented a proposal that use of the City roll off site be made free to City residents. Mayor Hobgood asked that the City Manager look into the financial feasibility of providing the service at no cost.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Alcohol Beverage Excise Tax Compliance Audit by Georgia Municipal Association - City Manager Peppers, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 9A

Attachments: [Excise Tax Audit Contract 2015.pdf](#)

Lou Comer, from GMA (Georgia Municipal Association) explained the reasons for and possible results of an alcohol excise tax study. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- B. Discussion of Request by Residential Group LLC to Work After Hours and Weekends on Laurel Canyon Apartments - Kyle Lesser

This Item was removed and will be placed on the October 01 agenda.

- C. Discussion of Funding for Remodeling of Utility Department Offices - City Manager Peppers

City Manager Peppers explained the need of improvements for both the customer's and employee's benefit.

- D. Presentation of Intergovernmental Disaster Debris Management Plan - City Manager Peppers, Fire Chief Dean Floyd

Fire Chief Floyd explained the need for an updated intergovernmental agreement in case of disaster/emergency. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- E. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to the Hotel Motel Tax Fund's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget - City Manager Peppers, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 9E

Attachments: [Proposed BA # Theater Debt & Main St.docx](#)

Due to an unexpected increase in revenue from the hotel-motel tax the amendment is recommended to pay off Canton Theatre debt and reimburse Main Street for July 4th expenditures. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- F. Discussion of Proposed Amendment to the Water and Sewer Fund's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget - City Manager Peppers, CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 9F

Attachments: [Proposed BA # W&S Staff.docx](#)

Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram provided Council with statistics which support additional personnel in the Water/Sewer/Utility Billing Department. Councilman Huffman asked that the City Manager look into possibly charging a fee for telephone credit card payments. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- G. Discussion of City Records Management Policy - City Clerk Susan

Stanton - Attachment 9G

Attachments: [Canton Records Management Policy draft.doc](#)

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

- H. Discussion of Bartow Paving Change Order in Amount of \$56,521.25 -
City Manager Peppers, Stormwater Manager Merrick McClure -
Attachment 9H

Attachments: [LMIG AGENDA REPORT September 2015.docx](#)
[PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER, REVISED 2.pdf](#)

City Manager Peppers explained the need for the additional work to ensure an effective long term repair to Oakdale Road.

*Councilwoman McGrew made a motion to approve the Change Order;
Councilman Rust seconded the motion.*

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- I. Discussion of City of Canton/GDOT Mowing and Maintenance Agreement
- City Manager Peppers, Stormwater Manager Merrick McClure -
Attachment 9I

Attachments: [LMIG AGENDA REPORT GDOT AGREEMENT September 2015.docx](#)
[City of Canton Mowing and Maintenance Agreement.docx](#)
[ARTICLE XI City of Canton Work Plan.docx](#)

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

- J. Discussion of Request to Waiver Sign Fees for Fields of Faith Event
October 08, 2015 - Mayor Hobgood

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

10. City Manager's Report

City Manager Peppers reiterated that the new Ordinance regarding umbrellas at businesses only effects merchants with umbrellas on public property such as the sidewalks downtown.

11. Council Introduced Items

None.

12. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hobgood announced recognition given to the City by the Chamber of Commerce for its recycling efforts.

13. Adjourn

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Council did not return to open session.

Gene Hobgood, Mayor

Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk

Spetember 17, 2015
Date Minutes Approved by Council