

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, December 3, 2015

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 Hooky Huffman
Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember Farris Yawn
City Manager Billy Peppers
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Mark Mitchell – Police Chief
Stephen Merrifield - Asst. Police Chief
Dean Floyd - Fire Chief
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Merrick McClure - Public Works Operations Manager
Lorrie Waters - Director of Human Resources
David Hatabian – City Engineer
Melissa Forrester - Account Services Manager
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 Councilmember Rust.

3. Guests and Visitors

- A. Rivers Alive Canton Creek Monitoring Group Proclamation

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

- B. Introduction of New Police Department Officers - Police Chief Mark Mitchell - Attachment 3B

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

Police Chief Mark Mitchell introduced new Canton Police Officers Tiffanie Smithwick, Summer Curran, and Hunter Corse.

Also, Fire Chief Dean Floyd presented firefighters Joshua Thomas who was promoted to Sergeant, and Michael Williams who was promoted to Lieutenant.

4. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood announced that requests have been made that Item A under Guests and Visitors and Item 10 F under New Business be removed from the Agenda.

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended;

Councilmember Huffman seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

5. Consideration to Approve Minutes

A. Minutes - Attachment 5A

Attachments: [November 19, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Acknowledgement of Financial Statements

A. Acknowledgement of October 2015 Financial Statements - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [FY 2016-Oct.pdf](#)

There were no questions or comments.

7. Community Service Announcements

Councilmember McGrew announced the Wine and Art Walk happening on December 11th and 12th.

8. Ten Minute Public Input

None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Canton VFW Post 5262 and American Legion Post 45 Resources for Veterans - Kevin Wright

Kevin W. Wright - American Legion Post 45 and VFW Post 5262, George Moore - Commander of VFW Post 5262, and Jim Lindenmayer - American Legion Post 45, spoke to Council about services the VFW and American Legion provide to Veterans as well as areas of need that continue to exist.

B. Presentation of Citizen Survey Project - Finance Department

Accounting Services Manager Melissa Forrester introduced the concept of partnering with Reinhardt College to develop and implement a citizen survey

that would solicit opinions and suggestions from Canton residents as a way of gauging satisfaction and determining what residents would like the City to address. This matter will be placed on the January work session.

- C. Discussion of Investment into the Georgia Fund 1 Investment Pool - CFO Nathan Ingram - Attachment 10C

Attachments: [GF1 October 2015 Disclosure Statement.pdf](#)
[GF1 Resolution Revised Jan 2012.pdf](#)
[GF1 MonthlyYieldHistory 1015.pdf](#)
[POLICY OST Invest Policy Approved.2015.04.pdf](#)

Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram presented information regarding an opportunity for the City to realize a larger return on the City's cash assets. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- D. Discussion of Request by Audio Intersection to Create a Loading Zone on North Street - City Manager Peppers, Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 10D

Attachments: [loading zone north street audio intersection.pdf](#)

Michael Buckner presented his need of a ramp for deliveries on North Street. Community Development Director Ken Patton will prepare information regarding feasibility and cost. This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

- E. Proposed Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance Requiring Special Posting By Package Sales Outlets and Consumption on Premises Businesses to Discourage Driving While Intoxicated - Mayor Hobgood

Attachments: [Amendment to Canton Code Section 6-7.pdf](#)

Mayor Hobgood introduced an amendment that would remind people not to drink and drive, and inform them that the City would provide free rides home for residents who are too intoxicated to drive. This is the first reading of the Ordinance amendment. The second reading and vote will be held on December 17, 2015.

- F. Discussion of Resolution Regarding Downtown Revolving Loan Fund - City Manger Peppers, Economic Development Manager Matthew Thomas - Attachment 10F

Attachments: [Downtown Revolving Loan Fund Resolution.pdf](#)

This Item was removed from the Agenda.

11. City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported that allowing dogs in Etowah Park on a trial basis has resulted in no complaints or negative comments. He asked that allowing dogs in the park be made permanent. This matter will be placed on the next council agenda for a vote.

12. Mayor's Report

None.

13. Adjourn

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Gene Hobgood, Mayor

Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk

December 17, 2015
Date Minutes Approved by Council