

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, September 1, 2016

6:10 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 JoEllen Wilson

Councilmember Sandy McGrew

Councilmember 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

Scott Hooper – Public Works Director

Tom Gilliam – Parks and Recreation Director

Lorrie Waters - Human Resources Director

Mark Crosby - Building Official

Angela Thompson - Communications and Outreach Director

Susan Stanton - City Clerk

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was made at the immediately proceeding public hearing.

3. Guests and Visitors

None.

4. Public Announcements**5. Consideration to Approve Agenda**

Mayor Hobgood amended the Agenda by moving the Fire Services matter (Item 11K) to 7B.

Councilmember Yawn made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended; Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes**A. Consideration to Approve Minutes - Attachment 6A**

Attachments: [August 18, 2016 Public Hearing.pdf](#)

[August 18, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

7. Acknowledgement of Financial Statements

A. Review of July Financials - Attachment 7A

Attachments: [FY 2016-July](#)

There were no questions or comments.

B. Recommendation of Fire Services Committee for Discussion & Possible Approval of Fire Services Consolidation with Cherokee County - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11K

Attachments: [Canton Fire Consolidation IGA \(final version\) 08.23.16](#)
[Fire Costs Analysis](#)
[IGA.FireConsolidation.8.23.2016.Exhibits](#)

This matter was moved up from Item 11K.

City Manager Peppers presented information on the matter and recommended that names of specific employees be removed from the proposed agreement and that Item 6(f) be amended to state that the City Manager and Fire Chief will handle all personnel decisions. The 10 Minute Public Input was then allowed followed by discussion by Council.

Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Agreement to merge the City's fire services with the County; Councilmember Grant seconded the motion.

Councilmember Goodwin made a motion to postpone this decision for one week; Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember Jack Goodwin	yes	
Councilmember Farris Yawn	no	
Councilmember JoEllen Wilson	yes	
Councilmember Sandy McGrew	no	
Councilmember Bill Grant	no	
Councilmember John Rust	no	Motion fails

Councilmember Wilson made a motion to call a special called meeting and postpone the decision until next Tuesday at 10 a.m.; Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Councilmember JoEllen Wilson	yes	
Councilmember Jack Goodwin	yes	
Councilmember John Rust	no	
Councilmember Sandy McGrew	no	
Councilmember Bill Grant	no	
Councilmember Farris Yawn	no	Motion fails

Councilmember McGrew made a motion to remove Section 3k as it relates to the Cherokee County Arts Center; Councilmember Grant seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Councilmember Rust amended his motion to approve the Agreement by removing language as it relates to the Cherokee County Arts Center (Paragraph 3k), as well as changes to remove specific names and correcting Item 6f to state City Manager and Fire Chief; Councilmember Grant seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Councilmember Bill Grant</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>Councilmember John Rust</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>Councilmember Sandy McGrew</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>Councilmember JoEllen Wilson</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>Councilmember Jack Goodwin</i>	<i>yes</i>	
<i>Councilmember Farris Yawn</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>So approved</i>

8. Ten Minute Public Input

Diane Minick asked Council to approve dedication of The Etowah River Park canoe launch.

Residents Thomas Weaver, Evan Huffman, and Pat Tanner spoke against the consolidation of the Fire Department.

Dennis Burnette supports Council doing what's right for all the taxpayers.

Lisa Marie Haygood, President of the State's PTA, spoke against Amendment 1 which will be on the November election ballot and authorizes the State of Georgia to "intervene" in management of underperforming schools.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review and Approval of the FY 2017 Annual Budget - City Manager Billy Peppers, CFO Narthan Ingram - Attachment

Attachments: [Proposed FY 2017 Budget](#)

Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2017 budget; Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- B. Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation on Case AX1604-001 and Z1604-001 Located at the Intersection of Knox Bridge Hwy. and Butterworth Rd. for Mountain Oil Express - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment

Attachments: [AX-Z Knox Bridge Comments 08-09-2016](#)

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

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion of Request for Dedication of Etowah River Park Canoe Launch to Parrie Jean Pinyan - Attachment

Attachments: [Dedication Flyer.pdf](#)

Council agreed that the Upper Etowah River Alliance may proceed with their ceremony of dedication. Council will address the issue of official dedication at another time.

- B. Discussion of Non-Exclusive Easement with State of Georgia Department of Defense (Canton Armory) - City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 11B

Attachments: [Canton Armory Easement.pdf](#)

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

- C. Discussion of Ordinance Amendment to Canton Development Code for CBD (Central Business District) to Allow Restaurant with Drive Through Facility - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11C

Attachments: [UDC Amendment for Drive Through.doc](#)

This is the first reading of the Ordinance amendment. The second reading and vote will be held on September 15, 2016.

- D. Discussion of Canton Place and Northside Hospital Master Sign Plan - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11D

Attachments: [canton place master sign plan](#)

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

- E. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Ordinance - Tom Gilliam - Attachment 11E

Attachments: [Parks and Rec Advisory Board Ordinance.docx](#)

This is the first reading of the Ordinance. The second reading and vote will be held on September 15, 2016.

- F. Consideration of Committee Appointments - Mayor Gene Hobgood - Attachment 11F

Attachments: [Committee Appointments.docx](#)

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

- G. Discussion of Business Travel and Special Events Expenditure Policy - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11G
Attachments: [Travel Policy Memo](#)
[Travel Policy rev 08012016](#)
This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.
- H. Update on Utility Billing Changes - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11H
Attachments: [Utility Billing](#)
Council was advised on changes to due dates to allow for better planning by both residents and the City.
- I. Discussion of the River Green Agreement to Settle Unused Tap Credits - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11I
Attachments: [RG Agreement RGL and Canton v5 08.23.16](#)
This matter will be placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.
- J. Discussion on the Enforcement of the Rental Property Registry in the Unified Development Code - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11J
Attachments: [Rental Registration Form](#)
[UDC 104.03.13.docx](#)
Council was advised that enforcement of the rental registry will begin.
- K. Recommendation of Fire Services Committee for Discussion & Possible Approval of Fire Services Consolidation with Cherokee County - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11K
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This Item was addressed as Item 7B.

12. City Manager's Report

City Manager Peppers asked that Council approve an emergency change order to allow boring beneath the Georgia Power power lines on Old Ball Ground Road in the amount of \$273,000.

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

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

Peppers also presented Council with a request for a sign fee waiver for the

Christian Athletes Fields of Faith and a waiver of permits for temporary power poles for Riverfest.

Councilmember Yawn a motion to approve the waiver of permits for temporary power poles for Riverfest; Councilmember McGrew seconded the motion.

Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved

13. Mayor's Report

None.

14. Adjourn

Councilmember Yawn 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

September 15, 2016
Date Minutes Approved by Council