

# **Canton, Georgia**

*151 Elizabeth Street  
Canton, Georgia 30114*



## **Minutes - Final - Final**

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

**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 JoEllen Wilson*

*Councilmember Sandy McGrew*

*Councilmember Farris Yawn*

*City Manager Billy Peppers*

*Bobby Dyer – City Attorney*

*Mark Mitchell – Police Chief*

*Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer*

*Ken Patton – Community Development Director*

*Scott Hooper – Public Works Director*

*Matthew Thomas – Economic Development Manager*

*David Hatabian – City Engineer*

*Lorrie Waters - Human Resource Director*

*Mark Crosby - Building Official*

*Angela Thompson - Communications and Outreach Director*

*Camille Wehs – Chief Information Officer*

*Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk*

*Councilmember Jack Goodwin was not present*

**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**

*None.*

**4. State of the City Address**

*Mayor Hobgood gave his State of the City Address.*

*The Mayor also presented Mr. Byron Dobbs with a deskbar and a proclamation in honor of his being declared First Citizen of Cherokee County for 2017.*

**5. Swearing In of New Committee Members**

*Members of the following were sworn in by Mayor Hobgood: Canton Main Street Board, Canton Tourism, Inc.; Canton Tree Commission; Impact Fee Advisory Committee; Planning Commission; Stormwater Advisory Board, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.*

*Public Service Announcements - Councilmember McGrew made the following announcements: Governor Deal recognized 4 Cherokee County Schools for outstanding performance. ET Booth and Woodstock Middle Schools and Sequoyah High School received Silver Awards for "Greatest Gains", and Bascomb Elementary School received a Bronze Award for "Highest*

*Performing"; Cherokee County Historical Society is presenting "Doughboys and the Home Front" through April at the Cherokee History Museum; classes are being offered at the Cherokee Arts Center; the City's book drive for Hasty Elementary School continues; and Hamilton Bank continues to collect coats at their Canton location.*

## **6. Consideration to Approve Agenda**

*Mayor Hobgood added an executive session for discussion of personnel matters and possible litigation.  
Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended;  
Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

## **7. Consideration to Approve Minutes**

### **A. Minutes - New Attachment 7A**

**Attachments:** [January 05, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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

*Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

## **8. Ten Minute Public Input**

*None.*

## **9. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of 2017 Election Resolution Setting Qualifying Fees - Attachment**

**Attachments:** [qualifying fees resolution.docx](#)

### **B. Approval of Resolution to Adopt Capital Improvements Element and 5 Year Short Term Work Plan for Canton's Impact Fee Program - Attachment**

**Attachments:** [CIE Transmittal Resolution 2017-2021.doc](#)

### **C. Approval of Granicus Website Contract in the Amount of \$40,000 for Design and Implementation, and \$560 a Month for Maintenance - Attachment**

**Attachments:** [Granicus with Memo\(1\).pdf](#)

*Councilmember McGrew made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda;  
Councilmember Grant seconded the motion.*

**Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved**

## **10. OLD BUSINESS**

- A.** Discussion and Possible Action on Special Events Ordinance - Communications and Outreach Director Angela Thompson - New Attachment 10A

**Attachments:** [Revised Proposed Special Events Ordinance.pdf](#)

***See Item B on Special Events Policy.***

- B.** Discussion and Possible Action on Special Events Policy - Communications and Outreach Director Angela Thompson - Attachment

**Attachments:** [Special Events Policy 01.17.pdf](#)

***Councilmember Grant made a motion to approve the Special Events Ordinance and the Special Events Policy; Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion.***

**Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved**

- C.** Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Ordinance for Annexation and Zoning for Mountain Oil Express at 8260, 8268, & 8274 Knox Bridge Hwy. - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment

**Attachments:** [Ordinance Z1604-001 - Mountain Express Oil v2 01-19-2017.doc](#)

***This matter was removed from the Agenda at the request of Mountain Oil Express.***

***Councilmember Grant made a motion that this matter be required to return to the Planning Commission, without any further fee, for recommendation to Council; Councilmember Rust seconded the motion.***

**Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved**

- D.** Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Black & Veatch for the Water and Wastewater Master Planning Project in the Amount of \$499,908.00. - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - New Attachment 10D

**Attachments:** [Master Plan Recommendation Memo](#)  
[Black & Veatch Proposed Contract 01.17.pdf](#)

***Councilmember Rust made a motion to approve the contract with Black & Veatch; Councilmember Grant seconded the motion.***

**Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved**

- E.** Discussion and Clarification on the Requirements Related to Soleil and Southeast Capital Gate Relocation and Turn-around Plan - City Manager

Billy Peppers

Attachments: [Soliel Turnaround Maps.pdf](#)

*After extensive discussion all Council members generally agreed that they would like to see a turnaround between the intersection of Forrest View Court and Laurel Canyon Pkwy and the guardhouse.*

*Councilmember Grant made a motion to direct the City's Attorney to begin the process for the abandonment of Laurel Canyon Pkwy east to the intersection of Forrest View Court and Laurel Canyon Pkwy.; Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on 2-Year Lease with Cherokee County for Downtown Fire Station - City Manager Billy Peppers
- City Manager Peppers reported that the County may request a two year lease to build out the bay of the downtown fire station where it would place a modular building and base fire services from that location.*

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

*Peppers reported that the renewal proposal from Blue Cross/Blue Shield has no increase. The prescription drug deductible will be removed. There will be an 9% increase in dental insurance. The City would also like to consider increasing its life insurance from \$25,000 to \$50,000.*

*The City is receiving calls from developers in regard to building apartments in the City. The City Manager suggests that the City consider a moratorium on apartment building until it has had the opportunity to review its current zoning.*

## **13. Mayor's Report**

*Mayor Hobgood asked that a special session be scheduled for a review of the City's signage ordinances. The Mayor would also like to revisit Council's meeting policy. In order to assure transparency, he objects to action being taken at work session meetings unless an emergency is declared as to the matter.*

## **14. Adjourn**

*Councilmember Rust made a motion to adjourn to executive session; Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Gene Hobgood, Mayor*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*February 02, 2017*  
*Date Minutes Approved by Council*