

# **Canton, Georgia**

*151 Elizabeth Street  
Canton, Georgia 30114*



## **Minutes - Final - Final**

**Thursday, February 2, 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 Jack Goodwin*

*Councilmember JoEllen Wilson*

*Councilmember Sandy McGrew*

*Councilmember Farris Yawn*

*City Manager Billy Peppers*

*Jeff Rusbridge for Bobby Dyer – City Attorney*

*Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer*

*Steve Green - Building Administrator*

*Scott Hooper – Public Works Director*

*Matthew Thomas – Economic Development Manager*

*Lorrie Waters - Human Resources Director*

*Angela Thompson - Communications and Outreach Director*

*Pat Gold - Public Outreach Manager*

*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. Presentation of Arbor Day Proclamation**

*Mayor Hobgood proclaimed February 17, 2017 as Arbor Day.*

**4. Public Service Announcements**

*Councilmember McGrew announced that the City's book drive has been very successful and the goal has been reached. Councilmember Wilson announced that Reinhardt University will make promotion videos as part of their Video Editing class, contact the school for details. Also, Fire Chief Prather has been recognized for 30 years of fire service. The Tree Commission Arbor Day plant sale and seedling give away will be on February 17 at Cannon Park, Gospel Fest will be held at the Arts Center this Saturday, the 4th, 6:00 p.m.*

**5. Consideration to Approve Agenda**

*Mayor Hobgood added an Executive session at the end of the meeting; Councilmember McGrew asked that Item 11F be moved to immediately follow Item 10A.*

*Councilmember Rust 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. Minutes - Attachment 6A

Attachments: [January 19, 2017 Minutes.pdf](#)

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

*Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

*Councilmember Goodwin abstained from voting due to his absence from the meeting January 19th meeting.*

**7. Acknowledgement of Financials**

- A. December Financials, Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 7A

Attachments: [FY 2017-Dec](#)

*There were no questions or comments.*

**8. Ten Minute Public Input**

*August E. Cuocio, Chairman of Soliel Advisory Board, spoke in support of a turnaround lane near the guard house on Laurel Canyon Parkway and proposed a design.*

*Jill Arnold, attorney, spoke in opposition to Council's consideration of a moratorium on apartment construction.*

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

*None.*

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of Abandonment of Portion of Laurel Canyon Parkway West of Intersection of Forrest View Court and Laurel Canyon Parkway to Current Private Road - Mayor Hobgood.

*Everyone agrees that a turnaround is preferred. A design of the turnaround will be presented and the matter placed on the next City Council meeting agenda for a vote.*

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion of Cherokee County Hazard Mitigation Plan - Katy Wesbrook, Lux Mitigation and Planning Corporation - Attachment 11A

**Attachments:** [Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution 01.2017.docx](#)

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

- B. Discussion of Requested Revision to Canton Code Section 18-274 to Replace "Firearms" with "Weapons" in Accordance with O.C.G.A. 16-11-173(f) - Thomas Weaver - Attachment 11B

**Attachments:** [Memo Sec. 18-274.pdf](#)  
[Canton Code 18-274.docx](#)  
[16-11-173 Weapon Regulation.docx](#)

***This matter will be placed on the March work session agenda for a first reading of the revised ordinance.***

- C. Discussion of Requested Revision to Canton Code Sections 42-80 Through 42-83 in Accordance with O.C.G.A 17-5-50 Through 17-5-54 - City Attorney Bobby Dyer - Attachment 11C

**Attachments:** [Memo Sec. 42-80 Through 42-83.pdf](#)  
[Canton Code 42-80 thru 42-83.docx](#)  
[17-5-52 weapons disposal.docx](#)  
[17-5-54 dispo of weapons.docx](#)

***This matter will be placed on the March work session agenda for a first reading of the revised ordinance.***

- D. Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation for Case(s) AX1612-001 and Z1612-001 for Latimer Properties Located Along Old Ball Ground Hwy., Recommended Zoning of GC (General Commercial) - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11D

**Attachments:** [Latimer Construction Annexation-Zoning](#)  
[Latimer Properties Annexation-Zoning](#)

***This is the first reading of the Ordinance. The second reading and vote will be held on February 16, 2017.***

- E. Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation for Case(s) AX1612-002 and Z1612-002 for City of Canton and Cobb-Marietta Water Located Along Old Ball Ground Road. Recommended SU (Special Use) Zoning. - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11E

**Attachments:** [Canton-Cobb Marietta Annexation-Zoning](#)

***This is the first reading of the Ordinance. The second reading and vote will be held on Febraury 16, 2017.***

- F. Discussion of Planning Commission Recommendation for Case ZCA 1612-001 for St Clair Funding, LLC Located Along Laurel Canyon

Parkway. Recommended Lot Width Reduction and Front Yard Setback Reduction - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11F

**Attachments:**     [Zoning Condition Amendment](#)

***This is the first reading of the Ordinance. The second reading and vote will be held on February 16, 2017.***

- G. Discussion of HB 1004, Recording of Plats, Effective January 1, 2017  
Creating New Clerk of Court Authority and City Registration - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment 11G

**Attachments:**     [HB 1004 Enacted 01.01.2017](#)

***The City will proceed with obtaining a license to file plats through the State.***

- H. Presentation of Report from Commission on Canton's Future 2050 - Ben Key

***There was no report.***

- I. Discussion of Contract with Cherokee County to Conduct City Elections - City Clerk Susan Stanton - Attachment 11I

**Attachments:**     [Proposed Cherokee-Canton Election IGA 01.2017.pdf](#)  
                              [Cherokee-Canton Elections IGA 09.2014.pdf](#)  
                              [01.26.17 Election Memo.odt](#)

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

- J. Discussion of Meeting Procedure Policy Approved January 2014 - Mayor Gene Hobgood - Attachment 11J

**Attachments:**     [Mtg. Procedure Adopted 01.2014.pdf](#)

***There were no suggested changes to the policy.***

- K. Discussion and Review of Bluffs Common Area Assessment for 2017 - Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 11K

**Attachments:**     [Bluffs Common Area Assessment 20170103](#)

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

- L. Discussion and Possible Action on a Lease with Cherokee County for the Downtown Fire Station - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11L

**Attachments:**     [2017-01-25 - Canton Downtown Fire Station - Lease Agreement](#)

***Councilmember Rust made a motion to declare this matter an emergency due to it being a City safety issue with regard to fire and approve the lease with the***

*condition that any modular unit be placed inside a bay; Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

- M. Discussion and Possible Action on a Moratorium on New Apartment Construction - City Manager Billy Peppers - Attachment 11M

Attachments: [Resolution for Moratorium on Apartments Pursley, Friese, Torgrimson Ltr. 02.02.17.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Grant made a motion to declare the moratorium an emergency due to possible financial impact on the City and approve a 60 day moratorium; Councilmember McGrew seconded the motion.*

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

## 12. City Manager's Report

*City Manager Peppers announced a demolition order has been issued for 430 Hospital Drive and an offer has been made for the purchase of the building. The contractor on the Wooded Mountain Trail project suggested soliciting proposals for the paving of the road. A proposal has been received from Bartow Paving that would reduce the current cost by \$30,000 to \$45,000. A change order will be presented to Council.*

## 13. Mayor's Report

*None.*

## 14. Adjourn

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

*Vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays So approved*

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*Gene Hobgood, Mayor*

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*Susan C. Stanton, City Clerk*

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*February 16, 2017*  
*Date Minutes Approved by Council*