Canton, Georgia

151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114

Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, April 20, 2017

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:
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Mayor Gene Hobgood
Mayor Pro-Tempore Bill Grant
Councilmember Sandy McGrew
Councilmember JoEllen Wilson
Councilmember Jack Goodwin
Councilmember John Rust
Councilmember Farris Yawn
City Manager Billy Peppers
City Clerk Susan Stanton
City Attorney Bobby Dyer
Ken Patton—Community Development Director
Scott Hooper—Public Works Director
Lorrie Waters—Human Resources
Nathan Ingram—Chief Financial Officer
Merrick McClure—Public Works
David Hatabian—Utilities Engineer
Angela Thompson—Communications Director
Pat Gold—Public Outreach Coordinator

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

Mayor Hobgood welcomed representatives from Boy Scout Troop 241 to the meeting.

A. Earth Day Proclamation

Mayor Hobgood presented an Earth Day Proclamation for April 22, 2017 as "Earth Day throughout Canton."

4. Public Service Announcements

Councilmember McGrew read a list of upcoming events and activities occurring in Canton.
Councilmember Wilson commented on the Arthritis Foundation walk from the current Northside Hospital Cherokee to the new facility.

5. Consideration To Approve Agenda

Mayor Hobgood added to Executive Session the discussion of Personnel. Additionally, Mayor Hobgood requested moving item 9F (Discussion and Possible Action on Extension of Audit Contract with Rushton and Company) up on the agenda to just after item 9A (Presentation of Canton's 2016 CAFR). Councilmember Rust requested to add item 9H (Discussion and Possible Action of $100 Monthly Communications Stipend for City Council and Mayor).

Councilmember Rust moved to approve the agenda as amended with Councilmember Goodwin seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

A. April 06, 2017 Minutes - New Attachment 6A

Attachments: April 06, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.pdf

Councilmember Wilson requested amending the minutes to reflect that under item 10A, the sentence "The second reading and vote will be held on November 19, 2015," be replaced with "The second reading and vote will be held on April 20, 2017." Councilmember Rust moved to approve the April 6, 2017 Minutes as amended. Councilmember Grant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Under the ten-minute public input, the following individuals spoke on the noted subjects:
Lexie Lenyszyn—Requesting Council Consideration to move the gate in Soleil
Lynda Best—Requesting Council Consideration to move the gate in Soleil
Karen Randall—Requesting Council Consideration to move the gate in Soleil
Grace Roberts—Requesting Council Consideration to move the gate in Soleil
Karen Domb—Requesting Council Consideration to move the gate in Soleil
Gail McKoy—Requesting Council Consideration to move the gate in Soleil
Ray DeLuca—Requesting Council Consideration of improving the back gate at Soleil
Julie Sellers—counsel representing SEC in requesting Council Action on Soleil

Mayor Hobgood asked the City Attorney if Council had approved a plan to allow SEC to build a temporary gate along Laurel Overlook, which would have allowed the developer to place the newest lots behind a security gate. The City Attorney and City Manager agreed that this was indeed correct and approved.

Councilmember Wilson asked if Shoal Creek road was City or County maintained and the City Attorney noted that only a very small stretch was City maintained. Wilson also asked Ms. Sellers if SEC had committed to build a second entrance and Ms. Sellers noted that they are currently upgrading amenities.

Mayor Hobgood reminded the audience that there is pending litigation on the matter.

8. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

Councilmember Rust moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

a. Approval of Street Closure for Reinhardt September 16 5K
b. Approval of Rental Car Tax Budget Amendment
c. Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment
d. Approval of Proposed Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control

Ordinance
Councilmember Wilson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A. Approval of Street Closure for Reinhart September 16 5K - Attachment

Attachments: September 16 Reinhardt 5k.pdf

B. Approval of Rental Car Tax Budget Amendment - Attachment

Attachments: RCT Amend.pdf

C. Approval of General Fund Budget Amendment - Attachment

Attachments: GF Amend for Building Services.pdf

D. Approval of Proposed Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance - New Attachment 8D

Attachments: Soil erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance - no markup.doc

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Canton's 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report - Clay Pilgrim Audit Partner with Rushton & Co. - New Attachment 9A

Attachments: Audit Presentation
Canton 2016 CAFR

Clay Pilgrim of Rushton & Company presented the City of Canton's FY2016 CAFR.

F. Discussion and Possible Action on Extention of Audit Contract with Rushton and Company - Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment

Attachments: Proposed Audit Extension.pdf

Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram presented a proposal from Rushton and Company to provide Auditing services at a flat rate for three years. The City would be presented a letter of engagement each year and could opt out. Councilmember Wilson moved to approve the Audit Contract as presented with Councilmember Grant seconding the motion. It passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on 2017 LMIG Contract with Bartow Paving - Operations Manager Merrick McClure - New Attachment 9B

Attachments: Bartow Paving Company, Inc. Contract.pdf

Merrick McClure of Public Works requested approval of the contract at $542,143.36 ($.70 less than shown in the agenda package on the Bid Form due to a calculation error). Councilmember Grant moved to approve the Contract

at $542,143.36. Councilmember McGrew seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Council Compensation - Councilmember John Rust - Attachment

Attachments: Council Compensation Survey 04.17.pdf
Canton Compensation Legislation.docx
36-35-4 Municipal Employee and Elective Official Compensation.docx

Mayor Hobgood recommended the creation of a Committee to discuss the item and Councilmember Rust concurred. The Committee named included Councilmembers Rust, Goodwin and Yawn along with citizen representatives Dennis Burnett and Sean Furilla. Councilmember Wilson asked that the salary not rise to a level that becomes steady part time employment.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Contract for Hickory Log Creek Bridge Painting - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian

Engineer David Hatabian recommended the awarding of the contract to paint the bridge, on top of the dam at HLC, to DACA Specialty Services for $78,100. Councilmember Grant moved to approve the contract for $78,100 to DACA. Councilmember Rust seconded the motion. Councilmember Grant asked and verified that the City would only be responsible under the Reservoir Management Agreement to pay one-quarter of the total cost of the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion and Possible Action on Towne Mill Master Plan Amendment - Community Development Director Ken Patton - Attachment

Attachments: Towne Mill Master Plan Amendment.pdf

Ken Patton presented the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the Master Plan MP0405-001 as conditioned in Ordinance #MP1701-001 with nine conditions of approval notated. Councilmember Wilson moved to approve the Master Plan Amendment for Towne Mill as presented and with the conditions notated in Ordinance #MP1701-001. Councilmember Rust seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

G. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Financial Management Policy - Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment

Attachments: Proposed Financial Management Policy.pdf

Nathan Ingram presented the policy. Mayor Hobgood stated that he opposed any investments that could create the risk of losing money. Councilmember Grant moved to approve the proposed policy as presented with Councilmember Rust seconding the motion. It passed unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action of $100 Monthly Communications Stipend for City Council and Mayor

Councilmember Rust requested to table the item based upon a potential solution utilizing jetPak technologies for the new iPads. He requested to revisit the item in 30 days.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

11. City Manager's Report

Mr. Peppers reported that the City had received a request from Paddle Georgia for 400 campers for 4 nights at Heritage Park for a June event. He noted that the ordinance does not allow camping in the park. Council suggested asking the organizers to consider the option next year with more notice.

Councilmember McGrew asked about the new gravel area at Etowah River Park. Mr. Peppers noted that the lot was for overflow parking and staging for larger events and eventually for construction of the trail extension. Councilmember Goodwin asked about the layout of the area and Mr. Peppers noted that the area was designed to maximize the un-used space and connect to an existing gravel drive behind the green of the amphitheater. Mayor Hobgood asked for an update on the trail extension. Mr. Peppers noted that he was working with several firms to bring cost proposals back to Council in May.

Councilmember Grant asked about the Jones Building progress. Mr. Peppers noted that staff had just received the Request for Qualifications for a Construction Manager at Risk. Those would go out this month with a selection in May.

12. Mayor's Report

Mayor Hobgood had nothing else to report.

13. Adjourn to Executive Session for Discussion of Litigation

Councilmember Rust moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel. Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Council adjourned to Executive Session and did not return to open session.