

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:00 PM

151 Elizabeth Street

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bill Grant

Councilmember John Rust

Councilmember Jack Goodwin

Councilmember JoEllen Wilson

Councilmember Sandy McGrew

Councilmember Farris Yawn

City Manager Billy Peppers

Donna Bell - Admin. Asst. to the City Manager

Dave Hatabian, City Engineer

Chief Mark Mitchell, Police Chief

Angela Thompson - Communications and Outreach Director

Nathan Ingram - Chief Financial Officer

Pat Gold - Public Outreach Manager

Mayor Hobgood was not present

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tempore Bill Grant and the invocation was given by Councilmember Wilson.

3. Guests and Visitors

- A. Employee Accomplishments - Police Chief Mark Mitchell - New Attachment 3A

Attachments: [Employee Accomplishments](#)

Chief Mitchell recognizes officers for their accomplishments. Lt. Matt Baldwin for his years of service. He has 24 years of service and 20 of those years has been with the City of Canton Police Department. Sgt. Jesse Ray was promoted to the rank of Sargent and will be assigned as supervisor over the Criminal Investigation Division. Cpl. Summer Curran was promoted to this rank and will be serving in the Uniform Patrol Division as an Asst. Shift Commander. Tiffanie Cromer was promoted to Cpl. and will be Asst. Commander for one of the Patrol Teams.

4. Public Service Announcements

Councilmember McGrew read a list of upcoming events and activities occurring in Canton. Councilmember Jack Goodwin mentioned a film "Champion" that was filmed here in Cherokee County and when/where it will be showing.

5. Consideration to Approve Agenda

Councilmember McGrew moved to approve the agenda with Councilmember Farris seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration to Approve Minutes

- A. April 25, 2017 Special Called Meeting Minutes - New Attachment 6A

Attachments: [April 25, 2017 Draft Minutes](#)

- B. May 4, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes - New Attachment 6B

Attachments: [May 04, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Councilmember Rust moved to approve the April 25th. Special Called and May 4th. Council meeting minutes. Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Ten Minute Public Input

Linda Mancini, the Snug, requesting two parking spaces on North Street for company truck and the restaurant manager, and converting two parking spaces on East Main Street to handicapped designated spaces. Mayor Pro-Tempore Grant asked to have this on the June Work Session agenda for discussion.

8. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

No items for Consent Agenda.

9. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Possible Action of City's 457(b) Plans - Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram - Attachment 9A

Attachments: [457 Plan Memo](#)
 [GMA Summary](#)
 [Hancock Summary](#)
 [ICMA-RC Summary](#)

Chief Financial Officer Nathan Ingram requesting council to make a motion to consider consolidating and moving the city's 457 pension plans into one ICMA that will be administered by ICMA. City Manager Billy Peppers requested council to make a motion to consolidate the existing 457 and transfer all of those assets after closing them to ICMA for one 457 plan. CFO Nathan Ingram said this could take up to 3 to 4 months to process.

Councilmember McGrew motioned to consolidate all existing 457 (b) plans, closing them and moving to ICMA RC. Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Discussion and Possible Action of an Amendment to Utility Partners Contract to Extend Their Contract Until September 30, 2018 - City Manager Billy Peppers, City Engineer Dave Hatabian - Attachment 9B

Attachments: [Canton Contract Letter and Addendum 2 040717](#)

City Manager Billy Peppers reminds council that we are adding another year to the existing contract to get us through the period with all the consultants work on the Water/Wasterwater Master Plan. The contract additional year is exactly as the contract terms are now.

Councilmember Wilson makes a motion to approve the contract for one year. Councilmember Rust seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action of Speed Study on Reservoir Drive - Police Chief Mark Mitchell

Chief recommends after meeting with GDOT to raise speed limits on Reservoir Drive from Reinhardt College Parkway to the roundabout by 10 mph. This change would bump the entire stretch to 45 mph, with 35 mph in the school zone during posted hours. The Mayor and Chief Mitchell would need to send a letter with the speed change to GDOT for state approval before it could be implemented. City Manager Billy Peppers asking council for approval to adjust both the speed limits up by 10 miles per hour and authorization for the Mayor to send a letter to GDOT so we could adjust the speed zones from a radar standpoint.

Councilmember Rust makes the motion to approve. Councilmember Yawn seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No items for Consent Agenda.

11. City Manager's Report

Mr. Peppers stated from the last meeting he was working on fee schedules with various firms to continue the conceptual design work for the extension of the Etowah River Trail. An Authorization for Professional Services was signed with Hayes, James and Associates, LLC for under \$10,000.00 to complete the project.

Mr. Peppers mentioned an application from Crown Castle that was presented to council a few months ago. Crown Castle acquired a company called Sunesys. Sunesys has fiber already in the ground within the City of Canton. Crown Castle realized after acquiring Sunesys they had not been paying the r.o.w. franchise fees. Crown Castle back paid the fees to the City of Canton in the amount of \$44,000. Mr. Peppers and the City Attorney sent a letter to Crown Castle accepting their registration because they are already in our r.o.w. and have customers. They will have to pay the city 3% of their charges to their customers. Mr. Peppers suggest staff go back and review any existing franchise fees agreements we currently have and provide a summary to all councilmembers. Mayor ProTempore Grant has requested council to receive a copy of all Franchise Fees, starting with the cable company. Might consider auditing all Franchise Fees agreements. Mr. Peppers said we could provide

something by the June 1st. Work Session.

Mr. Peppers announces our current items out for Request For Proposals. 1. Inclusive Playground Equipment at Etowah River Park. Proposals should be in the first full week in June. 2. Request for Proposals for Sanitation Services should be in the first part of June. 3. Request for Qualifications by Lord Aeck Sargant to hire our construction manager at risk. More information will be provided.

Mr. Peppers mentions on June 1st, City Hall will be delayed opening for one hour to have a staff-wide meeting.

Mr. Peppers mentions the city has rece'd a request from Tom Dixon, who is in charge of the North Georgia SkyRebels Model Club, to hold a model airplane event at Etowah River Park on September 29 - 30th. The model airplanes are on tethered lines. Per our ordinance, it does not allow unmanned flying devices in our parks. Mr. Peppers asked council about moving this forward through a Special Event permit process, that will take away from our Park ordinances as it relates to unmanned devices. Mayor Pro-Tempore Grant asked if Mr. Dixon would be able to attend the June 1st Work Session to present the event details before going through the Special Events process.

12. Council Introduced Items

13. Mayor's Report

14. Adjourn

Councilmember Rust moved to adjourn. Councilmember Goodwin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.