

Canton, Georgia

*151 Elizabeth Street
Canton, Georgia 30114*



Minutes - Final - Final

Thursday, April 5, 2012

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

City Council

1. Meeting Called to Order

Present for the meeting were:

*Mayor Gene Hobgood
Councilman John Beresford
Councilman Bill Bryan
Councilman Jack Goodwin
Councilman Glen Cummins
Councilman Bob Rush
Scott Wood – City Manager
Bobby Dyer – City Attorney
Nathan Ingram – Chief Financial Officer
David Cangemi – Director of Streets and Parks
Ken Patton – Community Development Director
Joby West – City Engineer
Mark Crosby - Building Official
Camille Wehs – Director of Technology
Susan C. Stanton – City Clerk*

Councilman Huffman was absent

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hobgood and the invocation was given by Councilman Goodwin.

3. Guests and Visitors

- A. Proclamation for Trayletaah Garden Club Yard of the Month

4. Consideration To Approve Agenda

Councilman Cummins made a motion to approve the Agenda with the exception of Item 7C regarding a partnership with Forum Municipal Development Services. Councilman Cummins recommends that the matter be postponed for a period of ninety (90) to one hundred and twenty (120) days for an independent appraisal and further inquiry and discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Goodwin.

Roll Call Vote:

*Councilman John Beresford: Aye
Councilman Bill Bryan: Aye
Councilman Jack Goodwin: Aye
Councilman Glen Cummins: Aye
Councilman Bob Rush: No*

Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay So approved

5. Ten Minute Public Input

Resident John Rust expressed appreciation to the Council for allowing the lengthy public input as well as having thoughtful discussions at the March 15 meeting despite it resulting in an extraordinarily long meeting.

Resident Sarah Cool asked that the City consider providing bike paths through downtown.

Angie Wiggins, area manager of the local Enterprise Rent-A-Car, expressed that an excise tax would be harmful to employees, city residents, local body shops, and businesses.

John Croyle, regional controller for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, expressed that the business would consider moving out of the city if an excise tax is levied.

6. CONSENT AGENDA - Items to Consider for Consent Agenda

A. Approval of March 15, 2012 Minutes

Attachments: [March 15, 2012 Minutes](#)

Councilman Rush made a motion to approve the March 15, 2012 minutes which was seconded by Councilman Cummins. Councilman Beresford noted that in Old Business, Item C the speaker's name is Don Hausfeld, not Don Chandler, and Councilman Cummins noted that New Business, Item D should read 5 ayes, not 6 ayes, with the nay being from Councilman Rush.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

B. Acknowledgement of February 2012 Financials

Attachments: [FY 2012-Feb](#)

A copy of the February financials was provided for the Council.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Charter Committee Revisions and Ordinance

Attachments: [Charter Revision Ordinance 3.13](#)

This was the second reading will be on April 19, 2012. There was no discussion as to the revisions. The second adoption will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

B. Discussion of Rental Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Councilman Cummins stated that the Main Street Board is working on a strategic initiative and more detail in regard to its proposal as requested by Council and requests that this matter be postponed until the May work session. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Beresford.

Following discussion the Council voted.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved

- C. Discussion Regarding Private/Public Partnership with Forum Municipal Development Services

This matter was postponed for ninety (90) to one hundred and twenty (120) days for further evaluation.

- D. Discussion Regarding Proposal for Cherokee County Tax Commissioner to Bill and Collect City Property Taxes

Following discussion the Council determined that the concept was not appropriate for the City at this time.

- E. Discussion of Leak Adjustment Policy -Councilman Cummins

Attachments: [Leak Adjustment Policy Rev 4](#)

Councilman Cummins explained the reasoning behind the revised leak adjustment policy. The matter will be voted on at the next meeting.

- F. Discussion of Reservoir Office Building

Cole Blackwell answered questions from the Council in regard to various aspects of reservoir matters.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Announcement of National Transparency "Sunny Award" from the Sunshine Review

Attachments: [Sunny Review Letter](#)

Camille Wehs spoke as to the City's Sunshine Award which made Canton the first Georgia City to be given an A+.

- B. Discussion of Sale of City's Surplus Items

Attachments: [Surplus Items](#)

There were no matters to be discussed.

- C. Discussion and Possible Action on Cherokee County School District's Request for Waiver of Water and Sewer Tap Fees

Attachments: [Letter on Middle School E on Reservoir Dr.docx](#)

The Mayor encouraged the waiver. The matter will be voted on at the next meeting.

- D. Discussion and Possible Action of Waleska Street Water Line

Replacement

Attachments: [Revised Etowah Park Plan](#)
[Waterlines to be Replaced](#)
[Relocation of Funding Report](#)

The Council discussed the benefits of redirecting monies in order to facilitate the replacement of a water main beneath Main Street which needs to be replaced.

Councilman Rush made a motion to approve the redirection of monies towards the replacement of the water main, Councilman Beresford seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 aye, 0 nays So approved

E. Discussion of Cemetery Lot Pricing and Resolution

Attachments: [Burial Lot Cost Comparables](#)
[Cemetery Resolution](#)

The Council discussed possibly providing a budget to beautify the cemetery.

F. Discussion of Smithwick Creek Compensatory Mitigation Monitoring Contracts

Attachments: [Smithwick Creek Compensatory Mitigation Monitoring Contract](#)

No discussion. To be voted on at the next meeting.

G. Discussion of Business Travel and Special Events Policy - Councilman Cummins

Attachments: [Business Travel Expenditure Policy Revision 3](#)

The Council discussed the policy and a minor revision will be made before the vote at the next meeting.

H. Discussion of Cell Phone Issuance and Usage Policy - Councilman Cummins

Attachments: [Cell phone policy draft - rev 2](#)

There was a brief discussion of the policy. The policy will be voted on at the next meeting.

I. Approval of Amendment to Easement Agreement for Cochran Creek

Attachments: [Cochran Creek Easement Agreement Amendment](#)

The City Attorney explained the necessity for an amendment of the current easement; a vote on the easement will be at the next meeting.

J. Approval of Sole Source Equipment for SCADA Project

Attachments: [Sole Source Memo Rev 1](#)

Cole Blackwell explained different aspects of the reservoir project that would be effected by the location of the SCADA system.

Mayor Hobgood appointed Councilmen Bryan, Beresford, and Cummins as a committee to examine the housing needs of the SCADA System and identify possible alternatives.

- K. Approval to Advertise the SCADA Project

The Council further discussed the placement and cost of housing for the SCADA system.

9. City Manager's Report

The City manager spoke as to the progress of various City projects.

10. Council Introduced Items

- A. Discussion of Etowah Park Status - Councilman Beresford

The Council discussed the design and progress of the boat launch.

11. Mayor's Report

The Mayor appointed Councilmen Cummins, Goodwin, and Beresford as a committee to examine the Department of Family and Children Services building issues and make a report as to their suggestions and recommendations at the next Council meeting.

12. Adjourn

Councilman Rush made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilman Cummins.

Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays So approved