

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2005  
AT 2:00 O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE CANTON CITY HALL**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Canton, Mississippi was duly held and conducted on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005 at 2:00 o'clock p.m. at the Canton City Hall. Those members and persons in attendance and present at the time were the following:

Mayor Fred Esco, Jr., Alderman At- Large Alice M. Scott, Alderman Ray Rosamond, Alderman Charles Weems, Alderman Louis Smith, Alderman Kenneth W. Jones, City Clerk Valerie and Attorney William Collins

Absent: Alderman Billy Myers and Alderman Eric Gilkey

Mayor Fred Esco, Jr. declared that a quorum of the Board was present and the meeting duly convened in session and asked Alderman Louis Smith to offer the prayer.

**I. Agenda**

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of adopting the Agenda. A copy of the Agenda is hereby attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "A." Alderman Weems made the motion to adopt the Agenda. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

**II. Mayor Pro Tempore**

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of appointing the Mayor Pro Tempore. Alderman Weems made the motion to appoint Alderman Kenneth W. Jones as the Mayor Pro Tempore. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Abstain"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Abstain"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

**III. Claims Docket**

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of approving the Claims Docket. A copy of which is hereby attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "B." Alderman Weems made the motion to approve the claims on the Docket with the exception of Dependable Lawn Service, pending review and approval of Terry Ellis. Alderman Scott seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

IV. Property Clean Up

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of property clean up for the following:

Eddie Akins	93D-20C-116	Cut grass, weeds, board up windows
Hound, Inc.	93D-18B-001	Cut grass, weeds, remove dil bldg junk car
Ronald G Johnson	92F-24D-283	Cut grass, weeds remove dil bldg

Alderman Weems made the motion to authorize the clean up of the above properties and report the cost to the Clerk for collection. Alderwoman Scott seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

V. Department Heads

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of authorizing the publication of notice for City Department Heads, with exceptions of the City Attorney, City Clerk, Municipal Judge and Police Chief. Alderman Jones made the motion to authorize the advertising for the stated positions. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion failed.

VI. Consent Agenda

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of approving the items on the Consent Agenda. Alderman Weems made the motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda numbered A-M. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

## VII. Executive Session

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of declaring an Executive Session. Alderman Jones made the motion to enter the Executive Session for the transaction of business and discussion of personnel matter relating to job performance at the Fire Department and Police Department. Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to threatened litigation. Alderman Rosamond seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, in which all present voted "Aye."

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried and adjourned the Regular Session and convened the Executive Session.

### A. Joshua Crosswhite

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Chief Cary Johnson recommending the termination of Firefighter Joshua Crosswhite. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Johnson. Alderman Rosamond seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

### B. Assistant Chief Vickie McNeill

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Chief Robert Winn recommending the termination of Assistant Chief Vickie McNeill. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Winn. Alderman Rosamond seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Abstain"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Abstain"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Alderman Jones made the motion to

adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Session. Alderman Weems seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, in which all present voted "Aye."

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried and adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the regular session and announced the actions taken in Executive Session.

#### VIII. Performance Committee

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of the Mayor recommending a committee to review the performance of the department heads appointed in the previous administration. The Mayor selected Aldermen Weems, Jones, Smith and Rosamond along with himself. Alderman Weems made the motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation. Alderman Rosamond seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

#### IX. Dependable Lawn Service

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of the invoice for \$4,750.00 submitted by Dependable Lawn Service for services performed. Alderman Weems made the motion to authorize payment upon the invoice being corrected. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Abstain"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried by majority vote.

#### X. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business brought before the Board, Alderman Smith made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, in which all present voted "Aye."

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2005

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Mayor Fred Esco, Jr.

Attest:

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Valerie Smith, City Clerk

**CITY OF CANTON**  
**MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday – July 5, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.**  
**Canton City Hall**

- I. Invocation/Call to Order
- II. Special Presentations – Mayor Fred Esco, Jr.
- III. Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce – Duane O’Neill
- IV. Adoption of Agenda
- V. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore
- VI. Approval of Claims Docket and authorize payment – a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”
- VII. Frank Brown- Request for Waiver
- VIII. Building and Development – Donald Lawrence
- IX. Authorize the Publication of Notice for City Department Heads, with exception of City Attorney, City Clerk, Municipal Judge and Police Chief
- X. Consent Agenda
  - a. Authorize Universal Solutions to upgrade the telephone system at City Hall, Police Department, Public Works and Parks and Recreation, a copy of the lease agreement is attached as Exhibit “B”
  - b. Authorize James Spencer to attend the MML Conference in Biloxi, MS to display Canton flag on July 10-14, 2005 including payment of his registration fees as well as his travel, lodging and meals as allowed by law
  - c. Authorize Mayor Esco to request Entergy to install 150 watt lights on each pole on Commercial Drive from the PECO Foods entrance to Watford Parkway and also Watford Parkway to Nissan Parkway
  - d. Approve Pay Request in the amount of \$47,215.75 to Jefcoat Fence Co. for the HWY 22 Landscape Project, a copy is attached as Exhibit “C”
  - e. Approve Pay Request in the amount of \$1,533.00 to Williford Gearhart and Knight, Inc. for the HWY 22 Landscape Project, a copy is attached as Exhibit “D”
  - f. Approve Engineering Pay Request No. 20-E in the amount \$14,757.00 for the US 51/SR 43 Connector Road Project, a copy is attached as Exhibit “E”
  - g. Approve Contractor Pay Request #10 (Final) to APAC-MS in the amount of \$82,671.61 for the Covington Drive CDBG Project and request that the City release the Contractor from maintenance on the project, a copy is attached as Exhibit “F”
  - h. Approve the Engineering Pay Request to Williford Gearhart and Knight, Inc. for the Covington Drive Project in the amount of \$14,500.00, a copy is attached as Exhibit “G”
  - i. Approve the City to release Lampkin Construction from maintenance on the STP drainage project for the Covington Drive Drainage Improvement Project
  - j. Approve Pay Request in the amount of \$17,279.85 to Williford Gearhart and Knight, Inc. for the Covington Drive Improvement Project, a copy is attached as Exhibit “H”
  - k. Approve Pay Request in the amount of \$6,500.00 to Shaw Powell and Associates for the Covington Drive Improvement Project, a copy is attached as Exhibit “I”
  - l. Authorize the advertising for bids to purchase a used dump truck for the Public Works Department
  - m. Authorize the transfer of Court Clerk Nancy Blair to the Police Department
- XI. Executive Session
  - a. Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to the job performance at the Fire Department
  - b. Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to the job performance at the Police Department
  - c. Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to threatened litigation
- XII. Meeting Adjourned