

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 19TH 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 19th 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 Ray Rosamond, Alderman Billy Myers, Alderman Charles Weems, Alderman Louis Smith, Alderman Kenneth W. Jones, City Clerk Valerie and Attorney William Collins

Absent: Alderwoman At-Large 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 Pastor Johnny Barnes 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 Smith seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was follows:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Aye"</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. 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. Alderman Rosamond seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was follows:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Aye"</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.

III. Preliminary Plat – Madison County Economic Development Authority

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of approval of a preliminary plat submitted by Madison County Economic Development Authority. MCEDA appeared before the Canton Zoning Commission with a request for a preliminary plat approval for the site located off Commercial Parkway. After discussion, the Canton Zoning Commission did find that the preliminary plat should be approved and did recommend approval to the

Mayor and Board of Aldermen as announced by Donald Lawrence. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Canton Zoning Commission. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Aye"</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.

IV. Placement of Second Sign – Bobbie Fleming's Hospice Location

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of approving the placement of a second sign at Bobbie Fleming's Hospice Location. Bobbie Fleming, owner of Hospice Care appeared before the Canton Zoning Commission requesting approval to place a second sign at his location at 852 East Peace Street. After discussion by the Zoning Commission, they did find that the request be approved and did recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen approval of the second sign at his location as announced by Donald Lawrence. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Commission. Alderman Myers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows"

Alderman Scott	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Aye"</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. Property Clean Up

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

G Williams	92F-13D-024/02	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
B Bilbrew	92F-24D-080	Cut grass, weeds, remove dil bldg
H Rushing	93D-19C-264	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
WE Herreld Jr	93D-19C-265	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
W Cummins	93D-19C-259/01	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
W Clemons	93D-18D-105	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
Merritt Tax Ser	93I-29B-068	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
G Simmons	93D-19C-115	Cut grass, remove dil bldg
G Holliday	93I-29B-054	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
L Hart	93I-29B-048	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
H Harrington Est	93I-29B-050	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash

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

Alderman Scott	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Aye"</u>

Alderman Weems "Aye"
Alderman Smith "Aye"
Alderman Jones "Aye"
Alderman Gilkey "Absent"

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

VI. Canton Municipal Utilities Commission

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Helen Johnson's term on the Utility Board ending. Alderman Smith made the motion to appoint Pastor Johnny Barnes to the Commission. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott "Absent"
Alderman Rosamond "Nay"
Alderman Myers "Nay"
Alderman Weems "Nay"
Alderman Smith "Aye"
Alderman Jones "Aye"
Alderman Gilkey "Absent"

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion failed

Alderman Weems made the motion to appoint Jewel Williams to the Utility Commission. Alderman Myers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott "Absent"
Alderman Rosamond "Aye"
Alderman Myers "Aye"
Alderman Weems "Aye"
Alderman Smith "Aye"
Alderman Jones "Aye"
Alderman Gilkey "Absent"

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

VII. 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 Myers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderman Scott "Absent"
Alderman Rosamond "Aye"
Alderman Myers "Aye"
Alderman Weems "Aye"
Alderman Smith "Aye"
Alderman Jones "Aye"
Alderman Gilkey "Absent"

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

VIII. Executive Session

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of declaring an Executive Session. Alderman Weems made the motion to enter the Executive Session for the transaction of business and discussion of personnel matter relating to job performance at the Mayor's Office, Fire Department and Police Department. Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to pending and

threatened litigation. Transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective acquisition, purchase, sale or leasing of real and personal property. 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 adjourned the Regular Session and convened the Executive Session.

Alderwoman At-Large Alice Scott entered the meeting.

A. Vickie McNeill

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Chief Robert Winn announcing updates regarding the dismissal of Vickie McNeill. After discussion was made in full and complete, Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the additional information for grounds of termination by Chief Winn. Alderman Myers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Aye"</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.

B. Hiring of Fire Fighters

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Chief Cary Johnson recommending the hiring of Rholonn Tucker and Martinez Thomas as fire fighters. 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:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Myers	<u>"Aye"</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.

C. Resignation of James Spencer

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of accepting the resignation of James Spencer effective July 29, 2005. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the resignation. Alderman Myers second 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>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Weems	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Smith	<u>"Nay"</u>

Alderman Jones "Aye"
Alderman Gilkey "Absent"

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

D. Hiring of Rev. James Sims

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of the Mayor recommending the hiring of Rev. James Sims for the position of Youth Coordinator to replace James Spencer. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the recommendation of Mayor Esco for an annual salary of \$7,000.00. Alderman Rosamond seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott "Aye"
Alderman Rosamond "Aye"
Alderman Myers "Aye"
Alderman Weems "Aye"
Alderman Smith "Nay"
Alderman Jones "Aye"
Alderman Gilkey "Absent"

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

E. Clint Cobbins Case

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Clint Cobbins case. Alderman Weems made the motion to authorize the city attorney to explore settlement options. Alderwoman Scott seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott "Aye"
Alderman Rosamond "Aye"
Alderman Myers "Aye"
Alderman Weems "Aye"
Alderman Smith "Aye"
Alderman Jones "Aye"
Alderman Gilkey "Absent"

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

F. Lyon Street Property

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of publishing of notice for bids on the Lyon Street Property. Alderman Weems made the motion to re-advertise for the lease on the Lyon Street Building for a period of four years. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott "Aye"
Alderman Rosamond "Aye"
Alderman Myers "Aye"
Alderman Weems "Aye"
Alderman Smith "Aye"
Alderman Jones "Aye"
Alderman Gilkey "Absent"

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

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Hwy 51/SR 43 Connector Road Project. Alderman Weems made the motion to authorize the engineers to proceed with the surveying, environmental testing and notice to the property owners in connection with this project. Alderman Smith 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>"Aye"</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.

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.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

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

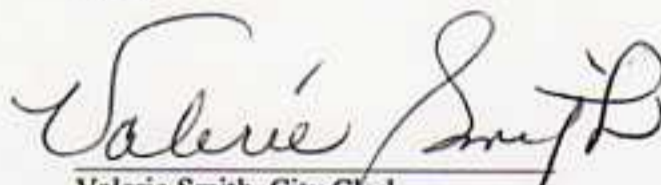
Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 2nd day of August 2005



Mayor Fred Esco, Jr.

Attest:



Valerie Smith, City Clerk

CITY OF CANTON
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – July 19, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.
Canton City Hall

- I. Invocation/Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Approval of Claims Docket and authorize payment – a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
- IV. Building and Development – Donald Lawrence
- V. Appointment to the Canton Municipal Utilities Commission
- VI. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve Minutes from April 5, April 19, May 10, May 19, May 27, June 10, June 23, July 5, 2005
 - B. Authorize Chief Robert Winn to attend International Association of Police Chiefs of Police Conference in Miami, FL on September 23- 28, 2005 including payment of his registration fees in the amount of \$495.00 as well as his travel, meals and lodging as allowed by law
 - C. Authorize the Publication of Notice in the Madison County Herald to hire a Fire Fighter
 - D. Accept the Bid from Pierce Manufacturing for the purchase of a Fire Truck in the amount of \$393,786.00, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "B"
 - E. Authorize Mayor Esco to send a letter to the MS Department of Archives and History supporting Madison County in its efforts to remove the old Annex Building on the Canton Historic Square
 - F. Adoption of a Resolution directing all Department Heads to report directly to the Mayor, as copy of which is attached as Exhibit "C"
 - G. Adoption of a Resolution regarding the manner meetings of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are conducted, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "D"
 - H. Authorize Mayor Esco and Alderman Jones to attend the Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce for the 2005 City Visit to Richmond, VA on September 25-27, 2005 in the amount of \$1,500.00 for each
 - I. Adopt the Resolution that will allow Canton Redevelopment Authority to borrow funds in the amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 in connection with the project for the repair of the roof at the Old High School, a copy is attached as Exhibit "E"
 - J. Adoption of a Resolution soliciting proposals from area banks to borrow \$900,000.00 in Anticipation of Ad Valorem Tax, a copy oh which is attached as Exhibit "F"
 - K. Authority the City Clerk to publish in the Madison County Herald all necessary notices required by law for the creation and adoption of the budget for the 2006 fiscal year
 - L. Adoption of Ordinance establishing the salary for Alderwoman Scott, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "G"
 - M. Authorize the Publication of Notice in the Madison County Herald for the garbage collections
- VII. Executive Session
 - A. Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matter relating to the job performance of an individual(s) in the Mayor's office, Police Department and Fire Department
 - B. Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to pending and threatened litigation
 - C. Transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective acquisition, purchase, sale or leasing of real and personal property
- VIII. Meeting Adjourned