

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST 2005
AT 3:00 O'CLOCK P.M. IN THE CANTON CITY HALL

BE IT REMEMBERED that the special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Canton, Mississippi was duly held and conducted on Tuesday, the 9th day of August 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 Scott 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 Jones to offer the prayer. The notice and call of meeting is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "A."

I. Congressional Caucus Seminar

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of authorizing Mayor Fred Esco to attend the Congressional Caucus Seminar in Tunica, MS on August 10-12, 2005, including payment of his registration fees of \$100.00 as well as meals, lodging and travel as allowed by law. Alderman Weems made the motion to allow the Mayor to attend this seminar. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Rosamond	<u>"Abstain"</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. Court Clerk's Fall Seminar

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of authorizing Nancy Blair to attend the Municipal Court Clerk's Fall Seminar in Jackson, MS on September 8-9, 2005, including payment of travel and meals as allowed by law. Alderman Weems made the motion to allow Mrs. Blair to attend this seminar. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as 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. Annual Madison County Foundation Banquet

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of authorizing payment of \$500.00 to the Madison County Foundation to sponsor the annual

baquet. Alderman Weems made the motion to authorize the \$500.00 payment to Madison County Foundation. 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.

IV. 2005 Certified Local Government Grant

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of authorizing Mayor Esco to execute his signature for the 2005 Certified Local Government grant offered by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History as presented by Maureen Simpson. Alderman Weems made the motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary papers for this grant. 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	<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. Canton Community Center Janitorial Services

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of authorizing payment of an invoice to Jacqueline Caldwell. Alderman Weems made the motion authorize payment to Ms. Caldwell in the amount of \$717.00 for cleaning of the Canton Community Center for the month of July 2005. 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	<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.

VI. Executive Session

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter declaring an executive session for the purpose of transacting business and discussing personnel matters relating to job performance of persons holding specific positions in the Police and Fire Departments. Alderman Weems made the motion to declare the executive session. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, in which all present voted in favor of the motion.

Whereupon the Mayor declared the motion carried and adjourned the open session and convened the Executive Session.

A. Police/Fire Departments

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Police Officer Silento McMorris and Fire Fighter Edwin Stewart involved with a code of conduct issue. Chief Robert Winn recommended termination for the police officer. After lengthy discussions were made in full and complete, Alderman Myers made a motion to suspend both employees without pay until further investigations are completed and a written statement from Edwin Stewart. Alderman Weems seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

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

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

There being no further business brought before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Alderman Myers made the motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvened the Open Session. Alderman Smith 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 Open Session. The Mayor made the announcements of the actions taken in Executive Session.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business brought before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Alderman Weems made the motion to adjourn the special meeting of August 9, 2005. Alderman Myers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, in which all present voted in favor of the motion.

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

Approved this the 6th day of September, 2005

Mayor Fred Esco, Jr.

Attest:

Valerie Smith, City Clerk

**NOTICE OF CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON,
COUNTY OF MADISON, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

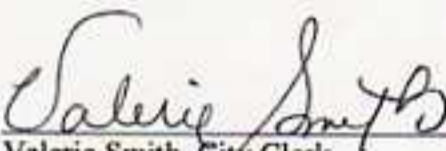
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO NOTIFY: Alice M. Scott, Ray Rosamond, Billy Myers, Charles Weems, Louis Smith, Kenneth W. Jones, Eric T. Gilkey, Aldermen, Valerie Smith, City Clerk; that a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Canton, Madison County, Mississippi, will be held in the Municipal Courtroom of the City of Canton, Mississippi on the 9th day of August, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting the following business:

- I. Authorize Mayor Esco to attend the Congressional Caucus Seminar in Tunica, MS on August 10-12, 2005, including payment of his registration fee of \$100.00 as well as meals, lodging and travel as allowed by law
- II. Authorize Nancy Blair to attend the Municipal Court Clerks Fall Seminar in Jackson, MS on September 8-9, 2005, including payment of travel and meals
- III. Authorize the payment to the Madison County Foundation in the amount of \$500.00 to sponsor annual banquet
- IV. Authorize Mayor Esco to execute his signature for the 2005 Certified Local Government grant offered by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- V. Authorize payment of invoice for Jacqueline Caldwell in the amount of \$717.00 for cleaning services at the Canton Community Center for the month of July 2005
- VI. Executive Session
 - A. Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to job performance of a person holding a specific position in the Police Department and Fire Department
- VII. Meeting Adjourned

Call of this Special Meeting is made on the 8th day of August, 2005, a Notice of which was posted on the bulletin board at the Canton City Hall, 226 E. Peace Street, Canton, MS within (1) hour of the call of said meeting.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 8 day of Aug, 2005 at 4 o'clock p.m.


Mayor Fed Esco, Jr.

Attest: 
Valerie Smith, City Clerk