

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Rev. James Sims 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 Myers 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 Jones 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. Special Exception – Blanche Butchart RV Park**

Blanche Butchart appeared before the Planning Commission to request a temporary extension of the RV Park located on 2747 South Liberty Street. The Canton Planning Commission did find that the proposed extension of the RV Park is not in conflict of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and recommends to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to approve a three (3) year

special exception subject to the same terms and conditions as previously granted as presented by Donald Lawrence. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Alderman Rosamond 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. Filing Plat – Glen Cotton

Glen Cotton appeared before the Zoning Commissioners for approval of a filing plat. The sites are located on Welch Street and George Washington Street. The Zoning Commission did approve the approval and recommended approval to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. After discussions were made in full and complete concerning review from the city engineer, Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the Zoning Commission recommendation subject to the review of the city engineer. Alderman Rosamond 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. Lyon Street Building

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of proposals submitted for the lease of the Lyon Street Building. Odie Grant submitted a proposal for the lease of the Lyon Street Building in the amount of \$150.00 per month. A copy of the Lease Agreement is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "C." Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the proposal and enter into the agreement with Mr. Grant to expire July 31, 2009 unless extended by agreement of Lessor and Lessee. 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.

#### VI. Consent Agenda

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of approving the items listed on the Consent Agenda A-N. Alderman Weems made the motion

to approve the A-N from the Consent Agenda. 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.

## VII. Executive Session

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of entering into an Executive Session. Alderman Weems made the motion to declare an Executive Session for the purpose of transacting business and discussing personnel matters relating to the job performance of individuals in the Fire and Police Department. Also, the purpose of transacting of business and discussing the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, in which all present voted in favor.

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

### A. Old High School

There came for consideration before the Board the matter of an effort to relocate Canton City Hall to the Old Canton High School soon to be named Overstreet Liberty Square. Alderman Weems made the motion to commit to support the project, negotiate a lease agreement and the financing. 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.

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

## VIII. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business brought before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Alderman Smith made the motion to adjourned the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2005. 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 meeting.

Approved this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 – August 16, 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. Consider the Proposals for Lease of Lyon Street Building
- VI. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve Minutes of August 2, 2005 Meeting
  - B. Authorize the issuance of a permit to Minnie Smith to occupy a mobile home as a residence at 1601 Highway 43 for a period of six (6) months
  - C. Authorize the payment of membership dues to the Middle Mississippi Building Officials Association for Donald Lawrence, Edward Jones and Schlearia Taylor in the amount of \$70.00 for each person
  - D. Authorize Cary Johnson, Johnny Sims and Kenna Pierce to attend a Fire Code Class in Jackson, MS on August 31, 2005 including the payment of meals
  - E. Approval of Final Pay Request #6-E in the amount of \$0.09 for Covington Drive Project, a copy is attached as Exhibit "B"
  - F. Authorize Donald Lawrence, Cary Johnson, Robert Winn, Alderman Kenneth Jones, and Mayor Fred Esco to attend the 911 Coordinator Seminar in Tunica, MS on October 17-20, 2005, including payment of their registration fees of \$175.00 per person as well as lodging, meals and travel
  - G. Authorize an advertisement in program of the Canton Gospel Music Celebration in the amount of \$100.00 for a full page ad to advertise and bring favorable notice to opportunities, possibilities and resources to the City of Canton
  - H. Adoption of Resolution requesting Madison County Board of Supervisors to add Country Club Road and Avondale Road to Madison County's four year road plan in addition to the City of Canton committing \$20,000.00 to said project and perform all maintenance of traffic
  - I. Authorize the Mayor write a letter to Canton Municipal Utilities for a copies of a 201 Water-Sewer Facility Map
  - J. Authorize Fredia Day of Operation Unlock to attend a Pre-Service Orientation on August 23-26, 2005 in Atlanta, GA, including \$200.00 for travel expenses
  - K. Approval of Canton Gospel Fest, Victorian Christmas Festival, Flea Market and Nissan Week Celebration by the Canton Convention and Visitors Bureau as events sponsored and approved by the City
  - L. Approve the re-appointment of Police Chief Robert Winn, City Clerk Valerie Smith, Building Official Donald Lawrence and law firm of Montgomery McGraw Collins and Rand, PLLC with same salary and compensation as previous term
  - M. All other department heads and appointed positions shall remain in current position for a period of 60-days for further evaluation
  - N. Authorize Mayor Esco and Alderman Kenny Jones to travel to Washington D.C. with the Madison County Foundation on September 27-29, 2005, as well as related travel expenses allowed by law
- VII. Executive Session
  - A. Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matter relating to the job performance of an individual(s) in the Fire Department and Police Department
  - B. Transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands
- VIII. Meeting Adjourned