

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2005
AT 5:00 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 Thursday, the 1st day of September 2005 at 5:00 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 Weems to offer the prayer. The notice and call of meeting is attached to these Minutes as Exhibit "A."

I. Emergency Purchase of Fuel

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of authorizing the emergency purchase of fuel for city vehicles due to the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. Alderman Weems made the motion to authorize the emergency purchasing. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman At-Large 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. Contractors to Clear Debris

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of retaining contractors on an emergency basis to clear debris on the city streets. Alderman Myers made the motion to authorize the contractual services of Hemphill Construction to clear the debris from the city streets caused by Hurricane Katrina. Also, Neil Schaffer Engineering to assist in the preparation of documents submitted to FEMA for a 100% reimbursement. Alderman Weems seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman At-Large 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. Hiring of Police Officers

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Chief Robert Winn recommending the hiring of two police officers. He announced to the Board, he had a shortage of officers and because of the recent disaster with Hurricane Katrina was in a crisis. Alderman Myers made the motion to authorize the hiring of Rickie McDaniel and Jeremy Gooden at a salary of \$28,000.00 annually along with the standard benefits on an emergency and temporary basis. Alderman Rosamond seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman At-Large 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. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business brought before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Alderman Jones made the motion to adjourn the special meeting of September 1, 2005. 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 by majority vote.

Approved this the 4th day of October 2005

Mayor Fred Esco, Jr.

Attest:

Valerie Smith, City Clerk