

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 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 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>"Nay"</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>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

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

III. 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-F. Alderman Myers seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Absent"</u>
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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. Motion Rescinded

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of rescinding the motion from the Special Meeting conducted on September 1, 2005. The motion is as follows: "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." Alderman Jones made the motion to rescind this motion. Alderman Smith 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.

#### V. 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 of individuals at the Fire Department and the Parks and Recreation Department. 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 Regular Session and convened the Executive Session.

##### A. Resignation – Toshoney Thompson

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of accepting the resignation of Firefighter Toshoney Thompson. Alderman Myers made the motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Thompson. 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>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

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

B. Silento McMorris and Edwin Stewart

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Police Officer Silento McMorris and Firefighter Edwin Stewart. The Board met with Chief Johnson and Chief Winn. Chief Johnson recommended the reinstatement of Mr. Stewart and a probation period of six-months. Chief Winn recommended the termination of Mr. McMorris. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Johnson and Chief Winn. Alderman Myers seconded the motion. Alderman Smith added that Mr. McMorris be given an opportunity to resign in seven days and if he didn't then the termination would stand. 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 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.

VI. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business brought before the Board, Alderman Jones made the motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 the meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 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 – September 6, 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. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve Minutes of August 9, 16 and 29, 2005 Board Meetings
  - B. Authorize Terry Ellis and Alvin Davis to attend the Parks and Recreation State Conference on October 3-6, 2005 in Natchez, MS including payment of their registration fees in the amount of \$190.00 and related travel, meals and lodging as allowed by law
  - C. Authorize payment of Engineering Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$221.00 to Williford Gearhart and Knight, Inc. for services performed for the I-55/SR22 Interchange Landscaping Improvements, copy is attached as Exhibit "B"
  - D. Authorize payment of Engineering Estimate No. 22 in the amount of \$12,169.00 to Williford Gearhart and Knight for services performed for the US51/SR43 Connector Road Project, a copy is attached as Exhibit "C"
  - E. Authorize Mayor Esco to sign a Preservation Fund Grant application for renovations at the Old High School
  - F. Authorize Mayor Esco and Aldermen Kenneth W. Jones and Charles Weems to travel to Washington D.C. in October to met with Congressmen including payment of related travel, meals and lodging
- V. Executive Session
  - A. Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to the job performance of an individual(s) in the Fire Department, Police Department and Parks and Recreation
- VI. Meeting Adjourned