

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 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 15th day of November 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., Alderwoman At-Large Alice Scott, Alderman Ray Rosamond, Alderman Billy Myers, Alderman Charles Weems, Alderman Louis Smith, Alderman Kenneth W. Jones, City Clerk Valerie and Attorney William Collins

Absent: Alderman Eric Gilkey

Mayor Fred Esco, Jr. declared that a quorum of the Board was present and the meeting duly convened in session and offered 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." Alderwoman Scott made the motion to adopt the Agenda and add a personnel matter for Executive Session. Alderman Weems seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was 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.

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 all legal claims on the Docket. Alderwoman Scott seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was 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	<u>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

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

III. Special Exception – Beatrice Jackson

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Donald Lawrence announcing that the Zoning Commission had met and recommended granting the special exception for Beatrice Jackson's request to place a church at 363 Cameron Street. Alderman Weems made the motion to

accept the recommendation of the Zoning Commission. Alderwoman Scott 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>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Jones	<u>"Aye"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

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

IV. Madison Hardwood

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Donald Lawrence announcing that the Zoning Commission had met and recommended approval for Madison Hardwood to place a trailer at 2112 Highway 43 North for two years. Alderman Rosamond made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Commission. Alderman Weems 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.

V. Willie and Julia Thompson Property – 537 Thornhill Street

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Donald Lawrence announcing that MEMA had agreed to the Acquisition/Demolition Project HMGP 1550-0005 at 537 Thornhill Street owned by Willie and Julia Thompson. Mr. Lawrence recommended to the Board that City start the process to buy this property he also announced that MEMA would reimburse the City within 10 days of purchase. Alderwoman Scott made the motion to accept the recommendation of Mr. Lawrence and start the acquisition process pending the availability of fund. Alderman Weems 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.

VI. 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-G. Alderwoman Scott seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote, which was as follows:

Alderwoman Scott	<u>"Aye"</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.

VII. 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 matters relating to job performance qualifications of persons holding or to hold a specific position. Alderman Rosamond 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. Johnny Burse, Jr.

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Chief Winn recommending that Police Officer Johnny Burse, Jr. be terminated because the qualifications had not been met. Alderman Rosamond made the motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Winn. Alderman Weems seconded the motion. Then Alderman Jones made an amendment to the motion that would allow Mr. Burse 6 weeks to pass the GED examination. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The Mayor called for a vote on the amended motion, which was as follows

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

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion a tie and voted against the motion.

Then the Mayor called for a vote for the original motion, 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>"Nay"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion a tie and voted in favor of the motion.

**B. APPLICATION
PROCESS**

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Mayor Esco recommending that the application process be extended until December 14, 2005 for the Parks and Recreation Director, the Fire Chief and the Landfill Operator. Alderman Weems made the motion to re-advertise for these positions until December 14, 2005 as recommended by Mayor Esco. Alderman Myers seconded the motion.

Alderman 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>"Abstain"</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 that no actions were taken in Executive Session.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

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

Approved this the 6th day of December, 2005

Mayor Fred Esco, Jr.

Attest:

Valerie Smith, City Clerk

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CITY OF CANTON
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday – November 15, 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. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve Engineering Pay Request No. 24-E to Williford Gearhart and Knight, Inc. in the amount of \$4,160.00 for services performed on the US51/SR43 Connector Road Project, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "B"
 - B. Approve the content of a proposed letter to MDOT requesting their conceptual approval of and funding support for the NOCR tie-in and the SR43 bridge replacement as they relate to the 51/43 project and authorize the Mayor to execute such letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
 - C. Authorization for the City to pursue a STP grant for the 51/43 project through the Metropolitan Planning Organization, as well as the execution of any and all documentation which might be necessary or convenient to secure said grant on behalf of the City of Canton
 - D. Authorize the transfer of \$250.00 per month to Meals on Wheels, a social and community service program operated and conducted within the City of Canton, Mississippi, said funds to match other funds for the purpose of supporting Meals on Wheels
 - E. Authorize Mike Parker, Rick McDaniel, Johnny Sims, Gerald Pickle and Kenna Pierce to attend a Chemical Spill Response Training Seminar in Jackson on November 17, 2005, including authorization to travel to and from said seminar in city vehicles, as well as pay their registration fees in the amount of \$95.00 each
 - F. Authorize the content of a proposed letter to the Mississippi Development Authority accepting, on behalf of the City of Canton, Mississippi, a \$250,000.00 Home Fund Grant, and authorize the Mayor to execute said letter, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
 - G. Payment of invoices totaling \$12,528.00 to Central Mississippi Planning and Development District for work performed on the City's Comprehensive Plan, copies of which are attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "E"
- VI. Executive Session
 - A. Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to the job performance qualifications of persons holding or to hold specific positions (1) Police Department and (2) Fire Department
- VII. Meeting Adjourned