

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSISSIPPI  
HELD AND CONDUCTED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 Alice M. Scott, Alderman Ray Rosamond, Alderman Billy Myers, Alderman Charles Weems, Alderman Louis Smith, City Clerk Valerie and Attorney William Collins

Absent: Alderman Eric Gilkey and Alderman Kenneth W. Jones

Mayor Fred Esco, Jr. declared that a quorum of the Board was present and the meeting duly convened in session and asked Alderman Smith 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 Smith 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>"Absent"</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 Jones made the motion to approve the 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>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

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

III. Special Exception – Tomeka L. Buckner

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of Donald Lawrence Announcing that the Zoning Commissioners met and recommended approval for Tomeka L. Buckner's special exception to place a recreation center at 127C West North Street, with the following contingency: opening hours for weekdays are 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., weekend hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and closed on Sundays and a security guard on site during

opening hours. Alderman Weems made the motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and grant the special exception for Ms. Buckner. Alderman Smith 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>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

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

#### IV. Property Clean Up

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of property clean up for the following:

Community Housing Development	Cut grass and weeds, remove trash
092F-24C-125	

Alderwoman Scott made the motion to authorize the clean up of the above named properties and report the cost to the Clerk for collection and grant authorization to seek a title on the named property. 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>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

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

#### V. 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-L. Alderman Rosamond 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>"Absent"</u>
Alderman Gilkey	<u>"Absent"</u>

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

Alderman Kenneth W. Jones present at this time.

VI. Executive Session

There came on for consideration before the Board the matter of declaring an Executive Session to transact business and discuss personnel matters relating to the Public Works Department, transact business and discuss employment of job performances, and strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to threatened litigation. Alderwoman Scott made the motion to enter the Executive Session for the above stated reasons. 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 Regular Session and convened the Executive Session.

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 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 regular session and announced that no actions were taken in Executive Session.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

There being no further business brought before the Board, Alderwoman Scott made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Jones 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2006

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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 MEETING**  
**Tuesday, December 20, 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 is which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"
  - IV. Building and Development – Donald Lawrence
  - V. Consent Agenda
    - a. Authorize the publication of notice in the Madison County Herald to solicit proposals for the publication of the City's legal notices for one year, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B"
    - b. Allow the City's Election Commissions to participate in the City's medical health insurance plan with BlueCross BlueShield of MS subject to approval of their participation by BlueCross BlueShield and the payment of any premiums associated with such participation by the individual Commissioners.
    - c. Authorize the random annual drug/alcohol testing of at least 25% of all city employees in "sensitive positions" as defined by the City of Canton's drug testing policies and procedures
    - d. Adoption of the Resolution approving the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "C"
    - e. Adoption of the Ordinance amending the City's Land Use Plan Zoning Map, Comprehensive Plan, Facility Plan and Transportation Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D"
    - f. Accept the resignations of Lawanda Carroll and Jo L. Wilson from the Canton Police Department
    - g. Authorize the publication of a notice for three (3) full-time police officers and one (1) full-time dispatcher
    - h. Approve Pay Request No. 2 from Neel-Schaffer for monitoring the Hurricane Katrina debris clean-up and chipping in the amount of \$5,950.16, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E"
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- i. Approve Pay Request No. 25-E in the amount of \$16,024.00 from Williford Gearhart and Knight, Inc. on the 51/43 Connector Road Project, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "F"
- j. Approve the dates where the City of Canton offices will be closed for holidays during the calendar year 2006, which are reflected on the list attached hereto as Exhibit "G"
- k. Authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and City Attorney to attend the Mid-Winter Conference of the Mississippi Municipal League on January 24-26, 2006, including the payment of any registration fees and expenses incident to their attendance
- l. Authorize the Mayor to attend the Annual Conference of Mayors to be held January 19-21, 2006 in Clarksdale, MS, as well as payment of his registration fees, lodging, meals and travel, as authorized by state guidelines

VI. Executive Session

- a. Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to the Public Works Department
- b. Transaction of business and discussions regarding employment of job performance of a person in a specific position
- c. Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to threatened litigation

VII. Meeting Adjourned