

Canton, Texas.
Jan. 17, 1950

The City Council met in its regular meeting place in a regular meeting but one week late, with the following members present: G.H. Hilliard, Mayor; Angus Travis, Alderman, Glenn Scott, Alderman, T. R. Keahey, Alderman; Harvey Fincher, Alderman, and A. D. Davis, Alderman. Also J. W. Terry, Secretary, when the following business was transacted:

The minutes of the meetings of November 8th and Dec. 13th were read and approved.

A motion was made by Glenn Scott and seconded by A. D. Davis that Eddie Terry be charged with a water bill at the regular rates for customers outside the city limits. Motion carried.

Mr. Royce E. Wisenbaker appeared before the city council in the interest of installing a gas system in the city of Canton. After a lengthy discussion the council suggested that the matter be taken up with the Lions Club of the town and get their ideas on the matter, before anything definite was done about the matter.

It was agreed that the city needs more street lights and each member of the council was designated as a committee to locate the places where they thought ~~the~~ lights are needed most.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

G.H. Hilliard
Mayor

Attest:

J. W. Terry
Secretary

Jan. 17, 1950

Canton, Texas.

February 13, 1950

The City Council moved its meeting night up from Tuesday night to Monday night so as not to conflict with the Basket Ball game to be played between Wills Point and Canton teams.

The Council met in their regular place with the following members present: G.H. Hilliard, Mayor; A. D. Davis, Angus Travis, T. R. Keahey and Glenn Scott, Aldermen; J. W. Terry, Secretary when the following business was transacted:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by Glenn Scott and seconded by A. D. Davis that W. O. Carpenter be appointed to assess City Taxes for the year 1950.

Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by A. D. Davis and seconded by T. R. Keahey that the following bills be paid: Hilliard & Sons \$76.45; Firemans Pension Fund \$79.27 from the General Tax Fund; Well Machinery & Supply Company \$32.11 less discount; Dee Brown Walker \$8.80 for commission on Collecting Delinquent taxes collected for the months of December 1949 and January 1950. Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. R. Keahey and seconded by A. D. Davis authorizing the Mayor and City Secretary to contact the Road Commissioners of Percinct Nos. two and four and work out a settlement for the work they did on the city streets during the year 1949. After the settlement has been worked out the secretary is authorized to pay the account. Motion carried with one member voting No.

The Council agreed to have the tin cans hauled off Tuesday Feb. 21st.

After a discussion of the matter of enlarging the fire zone of the city of Canton, the meeting adjourned.

Signed:

Attest:


Mayor


Secretaary

Feb. 13, 1950

The City Council of the City of Canton, Texas, met in a called session on the 27th day of February, 1950, with all the members present as follows: G.H. Hilliard, Sr. Mayor; Angus Travis, Glenn Scott, T. R. Keahey, A. D. Davis and Harvey Fincher, Aldermen; L. F. Sanders, City Attorney; J. W. Terry, Secretary; and Mr. Jack G. Moss and Winton A. Jackson of Dallas, Texas and Mr. Willis of Tyler, Texas, Applicants for a city Franchise to operate a Gas distribution system in the City of Canton.

The proposed Franchise was read to the City Council by Jack G. Moss. After a round table discussion the meeting adjourned without taking any legal action on passing of the Order granting the Gas Franchise.

Signed:

Attest:

G. H. Hilliard Sr
Mayor

J. W. Terry
City Secretary

Feb. 27, 1950

The City Council of the City of Canton met in a regular session Monday night March 13, 1950 with the following members present:

G.H. Hilliard, Sr. Mayor; Angus Travis, Glenn Scott, Harvey Fincher, and T. R. Keahey, Aldermen; and J. W. Terry, Secretary when the following business was transacted:

The minutes of the previous two meetings were read and approved.

Two Ordinances, FIRE LIMITS and PARKING LIMITS were read before the Council but no action was taken at this meeting.

A motion was made by T. R. Keahey and seconded by Glenn Scott that the City Attorney, L. F. Sanders be handed a check in the amount of \$25.00 for appreciation of services rendered the city without charge. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously, electing or appointing T. F. Green, -a State Licensed Inspector, License No. I 374 issued Feb. 15, 1950 by The Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners, Austin, Texas, -as the Inspector for the City of Canton, giving him authority to approve or disapprove the Sanitary plumbing in the city of Canton.

A motion was also made, seconded and carried that Mr. Green be paid \$20.00 to help bear his expenses while in Austin, and the expenses for travel going to and from Austin to attend the Plumbers School sponsored by the State of Texas.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed:

Attest:

J. W. Terry
Secretary

G. H. Hilliard, Sr.
Mayor

March 13, 1950

Canton, Texas.
March 21, 1950

The City Council of the City of Canton met in a Special session Tuesday Night March 21, 1950 in its regular meeting place with the following members present:

G. H. Hilliard, Sr. Mayor; Angus Travis, Harvey Fincher, T. R. Keahey and A. D. Davis, Aldermen; and J. W. Terry, Sec. when the following business was transacted:

An Ordinance granting to Lone Star Gas Company, a Corporation, Its successors and assigns, a Franchise to Furnish and supply Gas to the General Public in the City of Canton, Van Zandt County, Texas, and the environs thereof, providing for the payment of a fee or charge for the use of the Streets, Alleys and Public ways, and providing that it shall be in lieu of other fees and charges, excepting Ad Valorem Taxes. A motion was made by T. R. Keahey and seconded by A. D. Davis that the Franchise be granted the Lone Star Gas Company as per copy of same attached to this minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by T. R. Keahey and seconded by A. D. Davis that the city order sufficient amount of 4 inch Cast Iron Bell and Spigot water line to lay a line from the fire plug at Tom Beard's corner west to Big Rock Street and thence South down Big Rock Street to within 1000 ft. of the fire plug on highway 243 where Big Rock street intersects the highway. Motion carried unanimously. The motion also including the authority to order sufficient fire plugs and connections needed to lay said water line.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed:



Mayor

Attest:



Secretary

Mar. 21, 1950

The City Council met in a regular meeting in its regular meeting place Wednesday night April 12, 1950 with the following present:

C. H. Hilliard, Sr. Mayor; Glenn Scott and T. R. Keahey, outgoing aldermen; Angus Travis and Harvey Fincher, Aldermen; Foy Riley, Bill Burns and Lloyd A. Taylor, the newly elected aldermen; L. F. Sanders, City Attorney, and J. W. Terry, Secretary, when the following business was transacted:

The returns of the City Election held on Tuesday April 4th were canvassed and the results were as follows:

For Aldermen

Clint Ross received 38 votes, Lloyd A. Taylor, 56 votes, Foy Riley, 58 votes, Bill E. Burns 40 votes, Lloyd C. Park, 24 votes; C. A. Goodman 27 votes, and T. R. Keahey 2 votes.

A motion was made by T. R. Keahey and seconded by Glenn Scott, that Foy Riley, Lloyd A. Taylor and Bill E. Burns be declared elected aldermen to serve the City for the next two years, they having received the most votes. Motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered to the above three newly elected Aldermen by L. F. Sanders, A Notary Public.

After some brief remarks and sound advice to the newly elected Councilmen, L. F. Sanders, T. R. Keahey and Glenn Scott retired from the meeting.

The Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

After a discussion of the installation of some 38 new street lights in the city a motion was made by Foy Riley and seconded by Lloyd Taylor that the Secretary be authorized to act for the City Council in requesting the T. P. & L. Company to proceed with the installation of these lights. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lloyd Taylor and seconded by Foy Riley that the water rates of the city of Canton be set as follows, becoming effective April 15th 1950:
\$1.60 for the first 3000 gallons; \$.50 per 1000 gallons for the next 2000 gallons; \$.40 per 1000 for all water used over 5000 gallons. For those outside the city limits the rate will be as follows: \$3.00 for the first 3000 gallons; \$.50 per 1000 for the next 2000 gallons and \$.40 per 1000 gallons for all over 5000 gallons. The motion carried with Angus Travis not voting.

After a discussion of the needs of the City a motion was made and seconded that the Secretary be authorized to purchase a Type E-4 Mueller Tapping machine. Motion carried.

The Secretary was authorized to place an order for 4 inch Cast Iron Pipe as passed in a previous meeting of the City Council.

After a discussion a motion was made and seconded that the water superintendent be paid by the city 5¢ per mile for attending the Water Superintendents School to be held at Terrell, Texas. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the Attorney proceed with the collection of delinquent taxes for the City and if necessary, the City furnish him with field notes to the property so tax suits can be filed. Motion carried.

A letter from Russell Eubank was read to the Council in regard to the remitting of penalty and interest on delinquent taxes on his home property. After a discussion it was determined that the City did not have authority to remit this penalty and interest.

After reading and discussing an ordinance establishing fire limits; regulating building constructions and alterations; providing for permits and providing a penalty for violations, a motion was made by Foy Riley and seconded by Lloyd Taylor that said ordinance be enacted for the City of Canton. Motion carried with Angus Travis voting NO and Bill Burns not voting. The complete Ordinance is attached to these minutes and become a part of said minutes.

Bill Burns was appointed as a committee of one to contact certain parties and to determine if the city should pay a certain bill presented to the city for payment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed:

Homer Hilliard
Mayor

Attest:

J. W. Terry
Secretary

April 12, 1950

Canton, Texas.
May 9, 1950

The City Council met in a regular meeting in its regular meeting place with the following members present:

Homer Hilliard, Mayor, Angus Travis, Harvey Fincher, Lloyd Taylor, Bill Burns and Foy Riley, Aldermen; and J. W. Terry, Sec. when the following business was transacted:

The minutes of the previous meeting wereread and approved.

Tuesday May 16th was designated as the day to Haul off the Tin Cans and rubbish from the City.

A motion was made by Bill Burns and seconded by Foy Riley that Homer Hilliard, Mayor, be given the authority and is hereby authorized to approve any and all applications for a Building Permit within the city. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Bill Burns and seconded by Lloyd Taylor that a fee of \$.50 be collected for building permits up to \$1000.00 and that a fee of \$1.00 be collected for all building permits more than \$1000.00. Motion carried.

After a general discussion of the possibility of hiring a full time man to work for the city, and other things, the meeting adjourned.

Signed:

G. H. Hilliard Sr
Mayor

Attest:

J. W. Terry
Secretary

May 9, 1950

Canton, Texas.
May 27, 1950

The City Council met in a called meeting in its regular meeting place with the following members present: Mayor, G. H. Hilliard, Sr; Aldermen, Angus Travis, Foy Riley, Harvey Fincher, Lloyd Taylor and Bill Burns, and J. W. Terry, Secretary, when the following business was transacted:

A motion was made by Lloyd Taylor and seconded by Bill Burns that the city employ another full time hand at a salary of \$150.00 per month ~~spring~~ ~~xx~~ for an indefinite time. Motion carried.

Two secret ballots were taken as to who the council would employ for this job. After the second secret ballot it was decided ~~to~~ unanimously to hire Frenchie Stegall for an indefinite time at \$150.00 per month.

A motion was made by Angus Travis and seconded by Lloyd Taylor that the insurance premium on the Fire Boys be paid. Motion carried.

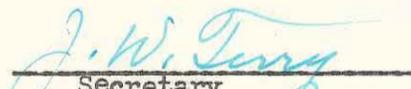
There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed:



Mayor

Attest:



Secretary

May 27, 1950

Canton, Texas.
August 1, 1950

The City Council met in a called meeting at its regular meeting place with the following members present: G. H. Hilliard, Sr. Mayor; Angus Travis, Lloyd Taylor, Bill Burns, Foy Riley and Harvey Fincher, Aldermen; and J. W. Terry, Secretary; when the following business was transacted:

A motion was made by Bill Burns and seconded by Foy Riley that ~~E. G. Speed, J. R. McKenzie and C. L. Stanford~~ ^{Franklin S. Anderson} serve as the Equalization Board ^{an} for 1950 with Garth Slaughter as alternate member of the board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foy Riley and Seconded by Bill Burns that all outstanding bills be paid by the Secretary. Motion carried.

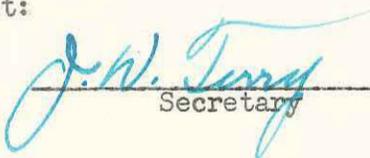
Several things were discussed during the meeting but no action was taken on any of them. The meeting adjourned until Tuesday Night August 8th.

Signed:



Mayor

Attest:



Secretary

Aug. 1, 1950

Canton, Texas.
August 9, 1950

The City Council met in a regular meeting at its regular meeting place with the following members present: Mayor, G. H. Hilliard, Sr.; Aldermen, Angus Travis, Harvey Fincher, Foy Riley and Bill Burns; and J. W. Terry, Secretary.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read.

A motion was made by Foy Riley and Seconded by Harvey Fincher ~~authorizing~~
~~the Secretary to collect the Water and Sewer Bills collected~~ ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~
that all Tenants be required to put a \$5 water deposit or have their Landlord sign a statement that the Landlord will be responsible for his tenants water and sewer bills. Motion carried unanimously. This deposit is to be paid ~~with~~ with the next months water and sewer bill.

A motion was made by Angus Travis and seconded by Foy Riley that French Stegall be allowed \$10 per month for his car expense. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angus Travis and seconded by Foy Riley that the city purchase a Trailer from Harvey Fincher for \$60 to be used by the City. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by ~~Foy Riley~~ Bill Burns and seconded by Foy Riley that Van Zandt County Abstract Company prepare field notes to the property where taxes are delinquent prior to the year 1949 and that Mrs. W.H. Morrison furnish the Delinquent tax collector statements of all the 1949 delinquent taxes. The field notes prepared are to be sent to the delinquent tax collector and instructed to file suits if necessary to collect said delinquent taxes. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signed:

G. H. Hilliard, Sr.
Mayor

Attest:

J. W. Terry
Sec.

Aug 9, 1950

Canton, Texas.
Sept. 12, 1950

The City Council met in a regular meeting at its regular meeting place with the following members present: Mayor, G.H. Hilliard, Sr.; Aldermen, Angus Travis, Foy Riley and Lloyd Taylor; and J. W. Terry, Secretary.

Sam and Curtis Hilliard met with the Council in regard to the city paying for some sewer line that they had lain in the street at Marcus Burzage's Lot. A motion was made by Foy Riley and seconded by Lloyd Taylor that they be allowed \$35.00 for this sewer line and \$10.00 be deducted for tapping fee that they had agreed to pay. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angus Travis and seconded by Foy Riley that the Tax rate for the year 1950 be set at \$1.00 per \$100.00 assessed, and that the proceeds be divided as follows: General Sinking 55% and General Tax Fund 45%. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angus Travis and seconded by Lloyd Taylor employing Mrs. Elsy Morrison to collect taxes for the year 1949-50 and to write the 1950 tax roll. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lloyd Taylor and seconded by Angus Travis that the city install water meters to all lines leading to the School system and that they be charged the regular water rates and sewer rates with the exception that the sewer rates be \$1 per Commode per month. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angus Travis and seconded by Lloyd Taylor that the salary of Mrs. J. W. Terry be raised to \$55.00 per month and that said salary begin as of August 15, 1950. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signed:

G. H. Hilliard, Sr.
Mayor

Attest:

J. W. Terry
Secretary

Sept. 12, 1950

Canton, Texas.
Nov. 14, 1950

The City Council met in a regular meeting at its regular meeting place with the following members present: Mayor, G.H. Hilliard, Sr.; Aldermen, Angus Travis, Foy Riley, Lloyd Taylor and Harvey Fincher; and J. W. Terry, Sec. when the following business was transacted:

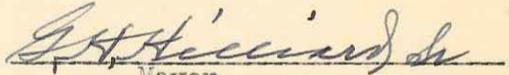
A motion was made by Lloyd Taylor and seconded by Angus Travis that French Stegall be paid \$12.50 more each month for expense on running pickup while working for the city. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Dean Brown, appeared before the council in the interest of the volunteer fire department. A motion was made by Lloyd Taylor and seconded by Harvey Fincher that the fire boys be allowed a maximum of 6000 gallons of water per month without charge. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Angus Travis and seconded by Foy Riley authorizing the secretary to pay W. O. Carpenter \$264.61 for assessing taxes for the City for 1950. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signed:


Mayor

Attest:


Secretary

Nov. 14, 1950

Canton, Texas.
Dec. 12, 1950

The City Council met in a regular meeting at its regular meeting place with the following members present: Mayor, G.H.Hilliard, Sr.; Aldermen, Angus Travis, Foy Riley, Lloyd Taylor and Harvey Fincher; and J. W. Terry, Sec. when the following business was transacted:

The minutes of the meeting of Nov. 14th were read and approved.

A motion was made by Angus Travis and seconded by Lloyd Taylor that Russell Eubank be permitted to build an incenerator at the back of his store if agreeable to his neighbors and approved by the Fire Insurance Commissioner. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Foy Riley and seconded by Harvey Fincher that the City Secretary be authorized to pay \$23.00 membership fee to The Texas League of Municipalities, for the year 1951. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lloyd Taylor and seconded by Harvey Fincher that \$50.00 be donated to The Canton Volunteer Fire Department in appreciation of services rendered during the year 1950. The money to be used as they so desire. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signed:



Mayor

Attest:



Secretary

Dec. 12, 1950

Dec. 13, 1950

Hon. Dean Brown, Fire Chief,
Canton, Texas.

Dear Mr. Brown:

The City Council voted unanimously in a regular meeting last night to give the Volunteer Fire Department \$50.00 to use as they so desire, in appreciation of the good work each member of the Fire Department has rendered for the year 1950.

We are enclosing our check in the amount of \$50.00 payable to Canton Volunteer Fire Department. We trust that you will use this money in a way that each member of the department will get the most enjoyment and benefit therefrom.

Yours truly,

City of Canton

By:

Sec.

Enc'l.

Dec. 13, 1950

Canton, Texas.
Dec. 18, 1950

The City Council met in a called meeting at its regular meeting place with the following members present: Mayor, G.H. Hilliard, Sr.; Aldermen, Lloyd Taylor, Foy Riley, Harvey Fincher and Angus Travis and Secretary, J. W. Terry, when the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called in response to the wishes of the Fire Department to consider plans whereby the Fire Fighting equipment of Canton can be improved. After the needs of the fire department were discussed by the Fire Chief, Dean Brown and other members of the fire department and the City Council the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Lloyd Taylor and seconded by Foy Riley that the City purchase such equipment as ~~was~~ needed, which includes fire hose, new fire truck etc. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Foy Riley and seconded by Lloyd Taylor that the mayor, G. H. Hilliard, Sr. serve on the committee with the Fire Department, as a representative of the City, to purchase such equipment as needed and to assist in working out plans whereby the deal can be financed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foy Riley and seconded by Harvey Fincher that the City pay the cities of Wills Point and Grand Saline \$25.00 each for their coming to Canton with their Fire Fighting equipment to assist in fighting fire. ~~Motion carried~~ And that a letter of appreciation be sent with each check ~~expressing thanks~~ signed ~~appreciation~~ by the Fire Chief and the City Secretary. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lloyd Taylor and seconded by Harvey Fincher to accept from the Fire Department \$500.00 as partial payment on the Fire Fighting equipment to be purchased. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Foy Riley and seconded by Harvey Fincher that the water rates of ~~the~~ Canton be changed as follows: The minimum charge for 3000 gallons \$2.00 per month; \$.50 per thousand gallons for the next 2000 gallons; \$.40 per thousand gallons for all water used in excess of 5000 gallons per month. Those living outside the city will pay \$3.40 for 3000 gallons and all above 3000 gallons will be same rate as within the city. Motion carried.
There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed:

G. H. Hilliard
Mayor

Attest:

J. W. Terry
Secretary

Dec. 18, 1950