January 9, 1973
Canton, Texas

WATER & SEWER OPERATING BALANCE (Unallocated)	$ 9,202.72
FUND TO WIDEN HIGHWAY 19	$10,000.00
FIRST MONDAY BALANCE ($21,000.00 in savings)	$12,476.37

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Harvey Fincher, Russell Eubank, Jim Burns and Herman Heard.

Mayor stated he wanted it to be kept in mind how much the developer owed in the Woodland Acres West Addition.

The minutes were read from the previous meeting. There was one correction in the minutes whereby on the plat of Billy Jim Curry it was stated that Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion when in fact it was Harvey Fincher and the vote being four for and one against. With this correction, Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor stated that the Clayton Bolt dump ground problem was near completion.

First on the agenda was General Telephone Company Law suit. After much discussion, with our audience giving their viewpoints, it was decided that Mayor Henry Lewis would call the Internal Revenue Wage and Price Control office tomorrow and see what help they could give us.

Second on the agenda was the Revenue Sharing. Mayor stated we had received $11,802 on the revenue sharing and that this money could not be spent on any government project or any project that the government participated in. Herman Heard made the motion that the money be left in savings until we were required to report on it and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

A report was given on the $1 vendor license fee for First Monday. It was reported that there was no trouble and that it turned out well.

The Mayor reported that the 20 acres for First Monday grounds is being cleared and looks good and we need to decide on the roads in this area.

A progress report on the city lake was given. The Mayor stressed time is very important since the dam needs to be started by May 1st. The government will not let the bids on the fence until all the paper work is in order. The council gave the approval for the Mayor to call as much as necessary and to use whatever means necessary to get the lake underway.

Utilities around the city lake was discussed. The Mayor stated that from the material he had received that we would not be allowed to prevent septic tanks around the city but that we could get a permit from the Texas Water Quality Board stating that the city would have the jurisdiction to inspect all septic tanks and sewer lines around the city lake. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Texas Water Quality Board be contacted about this permit and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

A portable building with air conditioner, heater and electricity was discussed for the man at the city dump. Mayor felt that this would be money well spent and would cost less that $500. Russell Eubank made the motion that the city buy the building and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Also it was stressed that a guard light needed to be placed out there. Texas Power and Light will be contacted on this.

The insurance policies of the city was reviewed. It was stated that Wallace and Mann, a new insurance firm in our city, had several months ago requested their share of the city's business. After reviewing the policies, it was learned that at the present Canton Insurance Agency has two of the city's policies in the amounts of $1048 for workmen's compensation and $1596 for general liability for the city and that Steed Insurance Agency has the remainder of the policies in the amount of $898. Wallace & Mann Insurance Agency had stated that they could give the city an approximate $245 dividend on the General Liability Policy which would be a saving to the city since Canton Insurance Agency could not give this dividend. The Mayor's recommendation was that the General Liability Policy be given to Wallace and Mann Insurance Agency and that a letter be written to Canton Insurance Agency advising them that this policy would be given to Wallace and Mann and the workmen's compensation would still be with them. Jim Burns made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

A discussion was held on the parking problem around the square. The Mayor stated the only available space at the present time for parking was on the First Monday grounds and that the grounds would be open for parking. Judge Hullum stated he would contact Judge Crofts and see if it could be placed on the jury duty summons that the people please park on the First Monday grounds since they would be here for the day. The Mayor's recommendation was to enforce the two hour parking ordinance we now have on the books and begin

February 1st by enforcing this. Herman Heard made the motion that the two hour parking be put into effect February 1st with the First Monday grounds being opened for parking and that Judge Hullum be written a letter requesting that the ones summoned to jury duty park on the First Monday grounds and also it be advertised in both newspapers and leaflets be put on the cars so that the public is aware that this law will be enforced. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Two hour parking will not be enforced on First Monday weekend.

Mr. Cooper from the First National Bank in Canton requested that the city condemn the old Carpenter house near the new bank building as a fire hazard so that this would entice them to sell to him or someone else so that the house would be moved. The council discussed this and decided they could not go along with it. The Mayor's recommendation to the city council is to refuse to get involved with condemning the Carpenter house. Harvey Fincher made the motion to this effect and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. Also the First National Bank requested that the city lay a sidewalk on Edom Street behind bank building. The widening of the street where the sidewalk would be put was discussed. The Mayor's recommendation was for the city to not participate in any laying of sidewalk on Edom Street. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. Ben Cox requested that the water loading rack for H. B. Wilborn be moved to a new location since it was destroying her property by water running across it. The Mayor's recommendation was that the rack be moved out to the city lake or wherever Frenchie felt it could be placed without having to move it again. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the rack be moved by May 1st and that letter be written to Mrs. Cox stating such and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Harvey Fincher made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

January 29, 1973
Canton, Texas

WATER & SEWER OPERATING BALANCE (Unallocated)	$ 9,202.72
FUND TO WIDEN HIGHWAY 19	$10,000.00
FIRST MONDAY BALANCE ($21,000.00 in savings)	$12,476.37

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Harvey Fincher, Jim Burns and Herman Heard. Absent: Russell Eubank.

The Mayor brought to the attention of the council that the Clayton Bolt problem had been solved; that payment had been made, the road to the dump had been dedicated to the county, the fence had been moved and all papers transacted and filed. He commended the council on this long drawn out procedure of getting this problem solved since it had been a pressing issue for about seven years.

The Mayor stated that the two hour parking sings had been installed around the square.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and Harvey Fincher made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Angus Travis met with the council. In 1965, the city purchased from Angus Travis and Joe Hackney the grounds now used for First Monday. The meeting with Mr. Travis was for the purpose of discussing permission to use the First Monday grounds for parking cars free of charge to give the people somewhere to park since we were beginning to enforce the two hour parking law. In checking the deed, a clause seemed cloudy as to whether it could be used for any purpose other than for First Monday. Mr. Travis said he would give permission to the city for the property to be used for parking, if the city would agree to stop work on the 20 acres they purchased recently adjoining the First Monday grounds and not use this 20 acres for First Monday purposes. Last year the leased property brought in more than $20,000 with Travis and Hackney receiving $10,412.77 as their 50-50 share. Mr. Travis stated this lease comes up for renewal in May, 1973 and that he would give permission to the city to use these old grounds for parking until that time if they would agree not to use the 20 acres for First Monday until that time. Mayor Lewis

stated he felt the 20 acres must be used to the best interest of the city and that we could not make any deal on this property. After much discussion, the Mayor recommended that the city not use the First Monday ground for parking and do the best we can with what we have. He recommended that we not let Mr. Hackney and Mr. Travis force us into any agreement to restrict our usage of the 20 acres. That parking would be available on the Cozby section of the First Monday grounds. Two city men will be on duty at the grounds Thursday and Friday mornings to instruct the people where to park. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we not use the First Monday grounds purchased from Hackney and Travis to park vehicles and do the best we can with what we have. Jim Burns seconded the motion. Jim Burns, Herman Heard and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. for. Harvey Fincher opposed. 3 For - 1 Against.

The Mayor stated that a law firm out of Tyler had been hired to answer the law suit from the telephone company and that the answer had been filed Friday.

Helicopter rides on the First Monday grounds was discussed. Jim Burns made the motion that the Mayor be allowed to contact the man and make the best deal for the city on this project. Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor brought to the attention of the council the important meeting February 5th at 6 P.M. on the lake. He stated that all paper work will be completed at that time in order that we may let the contracts on the fence and dam.

Hoss Williams requested a key to the office. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that when Hoss was properly bonded he be issued a key and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor. Later discussion it was disclosed that he only wanted a key to outside door and entrance to council room which would not require him to be bonded since the other part would be locked. The Mayor okayed this.

Jim Burns made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

February 13, 1973
Canton, Texas

WATER & SEWER OPERATING BALANCE (Unallocated)	$ 4,465.20
FIRST MONDAY BALANCE ($37,000.00 in savings)	$ 270.75

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present; Harvey Fincher, Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Herman Heard. Absent: Russell Eubank and Jim Burns.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Harvey Fincher made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hoss Williams requested that the council consider hiring another man in the near future since the town was growing and the lake would be finished in the near future bringing more residents to Canton.

The Commissioner's Court was first on the agenda and the Mayor stated that the commissioners had decided to cancel their meeting with the council at the present time.

Second on the agenda was General Telephone Company. Judge Crofts has granted a hearing on March 16, 1973, to General Telephone Company whereby the telephone company is requesting a temporary injunction against the City of Canton stating the City has no right to hold the rates down. A letter was read from our attorney in Tyler on the telephone law suit. After much discussion, it was decided that we would have a called meeting before March 1st to decide what action we would take since all councilmen were not present at this meeting and they felt all should be present when they decided.

The Mayor stated that February meeting was the meeting to consider pay raises for employees. The Mayor presented two retirement plans--one from the Texas Municipal Retirement Plan and one from Wallace and Mann Insurance Company. After much discussion on these plans, it was decided that the city could not give pay raises and retirement plan both. Herman Heard made the motion that the city employees be given a choice of whether they wanted the retirement plan or whether they wanted a $50 a month raise which would become effective March 1st. Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor. The secretary was advised to check and see which the employees wanted.

Ronnie Stone met with the council concerning the speed limit on Highway 243. An ordinance from the Texas Highway Department was gone over and their recommendation was that the speed limit remain the same on Highway 243 at the west speed limit sign. The Mayor recommended that we return the ordinance to the Texas Highway Department along with a letter requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 30 miles per hour. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Harvey Fincher made the motion that the City Election be called for April 7th, 1973, at City Hall with W. H. Oliver as presiding Judge and Mrs. Lillie Burns, Miss Caryle Mae Wallace and Mrs. Eunice Travis as clerks. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The election was called for the purpose of electing a Mayor, 2 councilmen and a city attorney.

A letter was read from Mr. C. E. Page, president of the School Board requesting that the school be allowed to burn in their incenerator since it was presenting such a hardship on the school for them to haul all their trash. The Mayor recommended that Mr. Page be written a letter stating that the school would be allowed to burn in their incenerator for 30 days at which time or at the end of the 30 days the council would reconsider their request depending on how many complaints we had received. The Mayor felt that we should help the school in any way we could. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a request on behalf of the Fire Department that one of the city employees be allowed to join the fire department and to be available to take the truck out when necessary. Harvey Fincher made the motion that Bobby Pruiett be allowed to join the fire department and to take the truck out to a fire when necessary and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Another request by the Fire Department was that some of the revenue sharing money be spent on a new fire hall. Plans were presented. It will be decided at a later date what the revenue sharing money will be used for.

A discussion was held on the service stations not servicing the city vehicles. Herman Heard made the motion that if a service station will not service the city vehicles, that they be passed over and the city's business not be given to them. Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Glen Scott met with the council presenting a petition from residents on South Buffalo Street from College Street down to Goshen Street. These residents were concerned that since they were so close to the business district that a business might be allowed to go in next to their homes. The Mayor showed Mr. Scott where a resolution had been passed whereby anyone wanting to use a lot for a different purpose than what it had been used for would have to come before the council for their approval. The Mayor sent copies of this resolution by Mr. Scott to the residents who had signed the peititon.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

February 27, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Harvey Fincher, Russell Eubank, Jim Burns, Herman Heard and Billy Jack Peace, Jr.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Harvey Fincher made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The two hour parking was discussed. Jim Burns made the motion that we write a letter to the Commissioner's Court advising them that the two hour parking will be enforced with no one receiving special privileges; also that we understand in other county seats it is a common practice for the city to furnish parking spaces for the elected officials of the county and if the Commissioners Court will request the City Council to provide special marked places for the elected officials the City Council will be happy to consider it. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The old Peace lot was discussed for parking. Jim Burns made the motion that we refuse the offer of leasing this lot from Wade Whitaker at this time and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The telephone law suit was discussed. The Mayor stated we can either go to court which will cost us $3750 or we can contact the telephone company and Judge Crofts and try to have the hearing set for March 16 delayed. The Mayor's recommendation is that we contact General Telephone Company and request the March 16th hearing date be postponed and try one more time to negotiate with them and come to an agreement. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Harvey Fincher made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

March 12, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Harvey Fincher, Russell Eubank, and Herman Heard. Absent: Jim Burns.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor brought to the attention of the council that we had $3596 in the Water and Sewer Operating Fund and $40,000 in the First Monday Savings.

First on the agenda was General Telephone Company. The Mayor stated that Judge Crofts had delayed the hearing set for Marth 16th until April 11th. Mr. Bishop and Mr. Allen presented the facts and figures why they felt they were entitled to a rate increase. Mr. Allen reviewed different towns, their rates and whether they settled in our out of court. He stated the last rate increase in Canton was in 1959. He stated that a new Supreme Court ruling was that no city has the authority to regulate the rates outside their corporate city limits. Therefore, the city of Canton has no authority to set the rates over Ben Wheeler, Myrtle Springs, Oakland and other outlying areas. The telephone company stated that their bottom figure was $7 on the residences and $16 on the businesses. The Mayor in his opening statement said that he felt we should settle with the telephone company because our chances of winning a law suit was remote and would be very difficult. He felt we should show our good faith in the telephone company and give them the benefit of the doubt by giving them a raise and that we expect the service to be improved significantly because the city council wants the telephone company to realize that the franchise expires in only 2 years and if the telephone company wants the franchise renewed they will have to keep their end of the bargain. The Mayor proposed $3 on the businesses and 10% on the residences as an increase. Mr. Allen and Mr. Bishop stated they could not possibly settle for that amount. After another discussion, the Mayor stated the best the city could do was $7 on the residences and $15 on the businesses. Mr. Allen stated that he would have to take this back to their legal department in San Angelo and consider it and advise us later.

A discussion was held on the revenue sharing money and the ways in which it could be spent which the Mayor stated would be discussed further tomorrow night at our regular meeting.

Harvey Fincher made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

March 13, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr. , Harvey Fincher, Russell Eubank and Herman Heard. Absent: Jim Burns.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor welcomed the Cadet Troup of the Girl Scouts and their leaders, Mrs. Pitts, Mrs. Hackney and Mrs. Reed. The Cadet Troup presented designs for a city flag, and stated if the council would pick one of the designs they would make us a flag. Harvey Fincher made the motion that design #4 be designated as our city flag and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Herbert Simmons, Jr. presented the plans for the extension of Tower Street approximately 160 feet. The Mayor recommended that this extension of Tower Street be approved with the understanding that should this be paved it would be at the expense of the property owner. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

It was brought to the attention of the council that the new Church of Christ building would be placed on some large water and sewer lines of the city's. The Mayor stated this would not be wise for a church building to be built on these lines and he recommended that Frenchie measure and get the cost of relocating the lines and bring the information to the Mayor and he would contact the proper people. Harvey Fincher made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Lewis Curry met with the council concerning a bar ditch needing to be cleaned out in front of his house.

First on the agenda was Revenue Sharing. Several probable ways of spending this money was presented. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. felt it might be used for a badly needed fire hall and the Mayor presented a proposition from Mr. Jodie Stricklin in Precinct #4 whereby if the city would pay 1/4 or $5,000, Mr. Stricklin would pave from Elm Street to Hwy 64 up to Buffalo Street. The cost of this would be a total of $20,000. Mr. Stricklin will pay the

remaining $15,000. A meeting was called for April 2, 1973, at 7 P.M. to discuss and come to an agreement on how the money should be spent. The secretary was advised to put the notice in the newspapers as to this meeting.

Pam Stratton presented a bill to the council stating that she felt the city was liable in an accident she had on College Street and City Lake Road. She hit a manhole that had sunk in after a heavy rain. Russell Eubank made the motion that the bill be presented to Wallace and Mann Insurance Company for payment and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Telephones for the new firemen was discussed. Russell Eubank made the motion that the new firemen receive telephones as soon as possible and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

A report on the progress of the lake was given by the Mayor.

Russell Eubank made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

April 2, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Harvey Fincher, Jim Burns and Herman Heard. Absent: Russell Eubank.

The Mayor welcomed the guests which numbered around thirty. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Roscoe Carroll, Jr. met with the council concerning the streets on Avenue A and Avenue B. Also he stated something needed to be done about the dog problem in this area. He stated stray dogs kept his trash cans turned over and that most of the trash cans at the Lisa Arms Apartments were open and needed to have covers. The secretary was advised to write a letter to Mr. Jim January, owner of the apartments, and see that the trash cans were covered.

Approximately 16 members of the volunteer fire department and the chief, Cecil Tawater, met with the council concerning a new fire hall. The Mayor stated we had approximately $100,000 worth of fire equipment and a broken-down fire hall. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. presented the plans for the new fire hall and gave an estimate of $8356 which includes a 30x75 foot building 12 feet high and foundation. The all weather building would cost $6,671 and $1685 for the foundation. Several locations were discussed but the feeling of the firemen was that they wanted it to be located in the same location as the old one. Cecil Tawater stated that the firemen were willing to tear down the old building and clear the lot ready for the foundation. The Mayor's recommendation was that the city borrow $7,000 for 4 years at 5% interest with the payments being $175.01 per month reducing 61¢ each month and the rest of the money would be raised when needed. The money to be borrowed from the First National Bank, Canton, Texas. Harvey Fincher made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation to be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. will be in charge of this project and all the paper work.

First on the agenda was the Revenue Sharing Money. The Mayor stated that Mr. Jodie Stricklin stated that he would pave all the city streets in his precinct on a 25-75 split. He will pay $15,000 if the city will pay $5,000. Mrs. Eunice Travis stated that several people would probably be interested in curb and guttering their streets before the paving was done. She felt it would be good to contact the property owners and see if they would get this done before the streets were paved. The Mayor stated that we did not have enough money to repair any streets because all of our First Monday money was being saved for our water treatment plant at the lake and that in order to do any street repair we would have to triple taxes which he stated he would

not be in favor of due to the hardship on the elderly people of our city. He stated also that if it wasn't for First Monday our taxes would have to be higher anyway to take care of the necessary expense of running the city. Billy Ballard ask about city sales tax. The Mayor stated that in order to call an election for a city sales tax, that the council would have to have a petition with around 300 names on it of qualified voters. The Mayor stated the only way we could repair our streets would be from another source of income other than the ones we have at the present time. Mayor's recommendation was that the $12,000 of the Revenue Sharing Money be allocated to the city streets and that the city give Jodie Stricklin $5,000 and the remaining $7,000 to be used on the other city streets. Also that all the property owners be contacted to see if they want curb and guttering. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a recommendation on our dog problem stating that he felt that the dog pound could be repaired for about $75 and that it needed a semi-covered roof with the dogs being separated and having food and water daily. He suggested that we publish it in the newspapers that we would pick up dogs on Friday and Mondays and give the owners of the dogs 5 days in which to get their dogs and pay for them being kept. He also suggested that we close the street down by the Ford House on First Monday Sunday so that the fire trucks could get out easily. Several made the suggestions that people would park in front of where the street was blocked. The Mayor recommended that the fire trucks be moved to another location each Sunday morning when it was First Monday weekend. Another suggestion by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. was that we need to be thinking about the possibility of businesses building in and around the city of Canton and the need of water for these businesses.

The problem of Ronnie Stone and the speed limit on Highway 243 was discussed. The Mayor stated that the highway department was still working on this and making another survey.

Another lavatory was requested in the men's restroom on the First Monday grounds. The Mayor stated that since Herman Heard was in charge of First Monday, that he would take care of this.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Harvey Fincher seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourn.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

April 10, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Russell Eubank, Harvey Fincher, Herman Heard, Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Jim Burns. Absent: None.

Mayor advised the secretary to make it a part of her minutes whether the councilmen were on time or late and how each voted on each issue and also what the Mayor's recommendation was and whether he was for or against the issue.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

A canvas of the election returns was held. Harvey Fincher made the motion that the results of the city officer's election be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. The oaths of office were given to Henry Lewis as Mayor, and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Gerald Turner as Aldermen. Gerald Turner was then seated as Harvey Fincher retired. The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Mr. Fincher for his fine job and cooperation in the 26 years he had served as councilman. Mayor Lewis presented Mr. Fincher with a plaque from the city in appreciation for his 26 years service on the council.

The financial report was reviewed. The Mayor stated that we were about $20,000 short or we would have to come up with that amount in order to make our bond payments for the coming year with the present tax structure and water rates. He told the council to think about the best possible way to come up with the money and it would be discussed at our next meeting.

Hoss Williams gave the police report. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. commended Hoss and Roy Arnold for the fine job they were doing. The council also stated they had received no complaints.

Mr. Bill Sheffield and Mr. Bob Bledsoe from the Heritage Manor met with the council with plans for a new nursing home to be built on College Street with semi-private rooms. The new nursing home would have 110 rooms. Herman Heard made the motion that the plans be unanimously approved and endorsed and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor. The secretary was advised to write a letter to this effect for Mr. Bledsoe.

Mrs. Jack Woodruff met with the council requesting city sewer to her residence. The Mayor stated that she would have to pay for the material and the city would furnish the labor free. Truman Easley was advised to get the measurements and take to the Mayor and he would contact Mrs. Woodruff as to the cost of the line.

Mr. Lewis Curry met with the council requesting that the vendor's license be lifted on his dog business. After much discussion, Gerald Turner stated he would personally visit Mr. Curry's dog town next First Monday weekend and report back to the council. Mayor's recommendation was that Gerald Turner visit Mr. Curry's dog town next First Monday weekend and report back to the council and it would be decided at the next council meeting. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor stated that 8 acres of the 20 acres joining First Monday had been cleared and was ready for streets to be added. Russell Eubank suggested that we have a master plan drawn as to how we are going to use this 20 acres and then proceed with the plans as we have the money. The Mayor stated that the roads in the Cozby property could be extended on down without ruining any future plans and that Mr. Eubank could work up a plan when he had the time for the future. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor and Herman Heard be authorized to add the necessary streets and get the ground ready for First

Monday vendors and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor. The problem of mowing the First Monday grounds and the cost of this mowing was discussed, and the Mayor requested that Herman Heard check and see what a small tractor would cost for mowing and let the Mayor know and he would call a meeting to discuss it.

Next on the agenda was an audit report. Gerald Turner made the motion that Janice Martin be authorized to contact the auditors and get an annual audit report. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The matter of the school board and the council meeting the same night was discussed and Gerald Turner stated he would check and see if the school board would change their meeting night. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. brought up the matter of our meeting time and that we would soon be on daylight saving time. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we change our meeting time to 7:30 P.M. beginning the next month and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Delinquent taxes and delinquent water bills was discussed. The Mayor stated that all delinquent taxes and delinquent water bills would be gone over next meeting night, and some decision would be made how to handle these.

The secretary was advised to write another letter to Mr. Ernest West concerning the streets on Avenue A and Avenue B in the Woodland Acres West Addition.

Herman Heard made the motion that a letter of commendation be written to Harvey Fincher for his 26 years service on the council and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. A copy of this letter to be mailed to both newspapers.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

April 16, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank, Jim Burns and Herman Heard. All were on time. None were absent.

Mayor Lewis welcomed Sam Hilliard and Don Foster as guests.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. The secretary was advised to put delinquent water bills and delinquent tax accounts on the agenda to be discussed next time. Gerald Turner made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

First on the agenda was the Hilliard well. Mr. Foster presented figures as to how the well could be reapired: (1) undereamed, gravel packed, and replace 4 inch screen with 6 inch all the way to bottom would cost from $10,000 to $12,000 (2) pull out and replace 6 inch screens and liners would cost about $6,000 (3) pull and clean up what we have would cost around $4,000 (4) replace all 4 inch screens would cost about $5,000. The Mayor's recommendation was to authorize Mr. Foster to pull the pipe and screen and test the well and see what it would produce and then make a decision. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Casey Cox met with the council concerning a sewer problem whereby the main stopped up and sewer ran back into his house. Mayor stated these houses needed to be taken off sewer because their homes were lower than the sewer main and that we would refund their $75 sewer tap. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we reimburse Casey Cox the $75 when he disconnects from sewer and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner asks about the streets in Woodland Acres West. Mayor Lewis stated that letters had been written to Mr. Ernest West concerning this and that we had received no reply. Gerald Turner and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. instructed the Mayor to check on legal proceedings concerning this.

Russell Eubank brought to the attention of the council that F.M. Barber's duplexes, the curb and guttering on them had allowed water to come in on Albert Hargroves property across the street.

Jim Burns brought up that we needed a city manager to inspect and see that builders properly did their work after our issuing them building permits.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. stressed the need to pick up every dog that did not have proper tags.

Russell Eubank brought up ways in which we might be able to increase our revenue: city sales tax, equitable valuation on property, and increase in water and sewer rates.

Herman Heard brought up the discussion on the Hackney-Travis lease. After much discussion, the Mayor will discuss a lease with a 60-40 split with Mr. Hackney and Mr. Travis.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

April 18, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Jim Burns and Herman Heard. Absent: Russell Eubank. All present were on time.

Mayor Henry Lewis welcomed our guests, Anita Wilson with the Canton Herald and Terry Neill, with the Free State Good News.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and Mayor Lewis, in going over the items to be done, stated that since the meeting had just been night before last that he hadn't checked with the City Attorney in Tyler on the Ernest West matter nor had he discussed the 60-40 split on the lease with Hackney and Travis. Gerald Turner made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis stated he had been studying about making an exception on new businesses or plants coming into our city as to the laying of water and sewer lines and the expense incurred. He stated that Wills Point takes care of the expense of the lines for their new plants. Gerald Turner brought up that the Chamber of Commerce will meet May 4th and send out a representative to try to sell people on Canton. He feels we need something to offer them. The Mayor's recommendation was that any manufacturing plant that will come into the City of Canton that the city will furnish water and sewer extensions in the city at no cost if they will hire a minimum of 10 employees. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Second on the agenda was the Sam Hilliard well. (Background information) The Hilliard well was dug in 1964 on Sam Hilliard's property. Sam Hilliard was Mayor at the time. He gave the city an easement at the time which consisted of 13-1/2 x 103 feet where the well is actually located. The test well that was drilled near the present well on his property was given to Mr. Hilliard for his own personal use. The test well cost $1596. The pump went out and last week Chambers and Phillips pulled the pump to have it repaired. In doing so, they layed the pipe from the well onto Mr. Hilliard's property in good faith. The city council met to decide whether to rework the well or to just replace the repaired pump. The city council instructed the Mayor to contact Mr. Hilliard for permission to re-work the well. When Mr. Hilliard was contacted he stated that he would not allow it unless we gave him a 2 inch free water supply from now on. Mr. Hilliard stated that the test well has a new stream of iron water which makes it undersirable to use. The Mayor contacted the city council members and they were not in agreement with the 2 inch tap. The city council then instructed the Mayor to see if we could get permission to go back and put new pump back in well and proceed. Mr. Hilliard then stated that we could not do anything with the well until we gave him a 2 inch tap.

In the meeting tonight, Sam Hilliard stated that if the city would give him a 2 inch tap off the well head that he would allow the city to do the necessary work on the well with no charge to the city for damages. Mayor Lewis pointed out one advantage to this would be that if we gave him the tap the deal would be settled and we could get on with it. Three disadvantages were: 1. tap could cause contamination to water system 2. line from 2 inch tap could be left on and conceivable take the majority of the well's production 3. people that hold notes on our water system might not appreciate anyone getting free water. Mr. Hilliard was asked if he would agree to a get amount of money for damages. He stated he would not be interested in any money, only the 2 inch tap. Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Hilliard would it be possible for us just to put the pipe and pump back in the well and not rework it. He stated we could not do it without getting on his property and that we could not get on his property unless we gave him the 2 inch tap. He stated the pipe at the present time is laying on his property. Mr. Hilliard stated that in the event that the city does not use the well for 24 hours that it automatically goes to him, or becomes his property. The Mayor advised the city council that if the 2 inch tap were not in the best interest of the city or would set a damaging precedence for the city council to take that we should make plans to get along without the well. The Mayor stated that we were not going on Mr. Hilliard's property without his permission. After a heated discussion, Mr. Hilliard stated that we could go back in there but that if any damage was incurred, he assured us it would cost us more than a 2 inch tap.

Jim Burns brought up that we should look into the possibility of getting the well that is not running at the city lake into full production if it could be done. The Mayor stated that we had three alternatives: 1. abandon well and ration water 2. check into possibility of other well at lake being reworked to produce more water 3. give a 2 inch outlet in consideration of fixing the Hilliard well. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we not make a decision until Don Foster advises the Mayor on what can be done with the well at the city lake. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Secretary was advised to write Bill Hollowell another letter concerning the bill before the House on the extension of the city limits. Secretary was also advised to tell Hoss Williams to see how many street signs we have in the city since the city is considering putting up new signs.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr., made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

April 27, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank, Jim Burns, and Herman Heard. All members were on time.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. The Mayor noted the following changes: show the easement to be 13½ x 30 instead of 30 x 103feet; also show beginning at the bottom of page one where it states second on the agenda and stopping at the sentence before "In the meeting tonight", show this as being background information so that anyone in the future would understand when they read the minutes. Also on the second page take out the work "back" where it states that in the event that the city does not use the well for 24 hours that it automatically goes (back) to him, or becomes his property. Russell Eubank made the motion that the work "back" be removed from the minutes and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor in going over the minutes stated that he had not discussed the 60-40 split with Hackney and Travis. He stated that he had checked with the attorney in Tyler concerning the streets on Avenue A and Avenue B and it was the Mayor's recommendation that we not push Ernest West since he had talked with Mr. West and

he stated to the Mayor that as soon as it was dry enough he would proceed on the streets. The council decided to wait 30 days and see if he had started on the streets before they take other action. Jim Burns made the motion that the minutes be approved as read after the mentioned corrections and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

A letter of commendation to Mr. Russell Eubank was read. The Mayor's recommendation was that the letter be approved as read. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Next on the agenda was the sewer plant. The Mayor read a letter from the Texas Water Quality Board concerning the sewer plant. The secretary was advised to write Wisenbaker and Fix enclosing a copy of this letter and ask them to give us a report on the progress of their survey of our sewer plant. The Mayor stated he felt sure we were going to need a new sewer plant before we would need a new water treatment plant for our lake so he asked the council to be thinking about putting an additional dollar on the sewercharge on the water bills and this $1 be set aside in a special fund for the new sewer plant. The Mayor stated it would cost around $300,000 and he felt sure we could get government grant for about 1/2 this amount leaving us with a balance of $150,000.

Next on the agenda was sources of additional income for the city's bond obligations. The Mayor informed the city council there was no way with the present income to complete the city lake project as planned and make our bond payments both. The Mayor stated that we are approximately $20,000 to $25,000 short to meet our bond obligations. Mayor Lewis stated our bond payments are just now starting on the $325,000 borrowed on the city lake. Mayor Lewis stated we could use our First Monday money to make our bond payments but that would delay indefinitely the completion of the water treatment plant which is a necessity if water from the lake is to be used conviently. The Mayor stated that he thinks the water and sewer fund and the tax fund should stand alone and leave the First Monday money where it is since we are approximately $300,00 short on the city lake. The following points were brought out by the Mayor on ways to being in the needed revenue: 1. Increase tax rate 2. Re-evaluation of property taxes 3. Increas water rates 4. Increase sewer rates. The Mayor stated any one of these above items or a combination of them

would bring in the needed revenue. The Mayor requested the council to check with the people in the city and find out the most acceptable way to increase the revenue by $25,000. He asked the council to invite anyone that wanted to come to the May 8th meeting since that will be the night that the council tries to come to some decision on this matter. The Mayor stated he does not want to delay the city lake anymore and taking money out of the First Monday fund will delay it. Gerald Turner asked about the rates on water bills in surrounding towns and the minimum bills in other towns. The secretary was advised to get this information for Mr. Turner. The above items that the Mayor brought out will be discussed at our next meeting.

A discussion on our water wells was held. The logs on the wells were compared; the one on Highway 19 and the well at the city lake. It was pointed out the difference in the sand at the two wells. The Mayors recommendation was that we not spend any more money on the well at the city lake after knowing the past performance of the well and the sand level at this location. Then came a discussion of the Hilliard well. Mayor felt it was a mistake to re-work the Hilliard well since it would cost around $12,000 and we could dig a new well on city property for about $15,000 to $17,000. He stated we could put a smaller pump back in the Hilliard well which he felt was the best thing to do since the expense would be too great to dig another well. Russell Eubank made the motion that Mayor Lewis check and see if we could go right back in there with a smaller pump without incurring any liability, and if the Mayor can handle it without any liability to go ahead and contact Chambers and Phillips and let them proceed. Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

The roads on the First Monday grounds were mentioned. The Mayor and Herman Heard will get on this project in the next few days. The matter of priced on lots near the front will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Jim Burns made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

May 8, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Jim Burns, Herman Heard and Russell Eubank (late).

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor noted that the first item on the agenda for next regular meeting would be the streets in Avenue A, B, and C.

First on the agenda was the election of the Mayor Pro-Tem. Jim Burns made the motion that Gerald Turner be made Mayor Pro-Tem and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The financial statement was reviewed. Gerald Turner made the motion that the financial statement be accepted as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hoss Williams gave the Police Report. He also acked about the vendors on First Monday being allowed to put up tents and canopys before 1 P.M. After a discussion, Jim Burns made the motion that the vendors be allowed to put up tents and caopys but not anything to do with selling could be put up. Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The City Maintenance Report was given. The discussion on the Hayden Wilborn loading rack and moving of this was held. The men reported as soon as it was dry enough they would move this to its new location. The cost of mowing the Hillcrest Cemetery was discussed. It was noted that this cost they city since it cost us more to mow the cemetery than we were receiving in revenue from the Cemetery Fund. The Secretary was advised to write a letter to the Secretary of the Cemetery Fund asking them for help on this expense.

Among the guests items Mrs. Eunice Travis asked if we knew the price of the curb and guttering, in connection with the repair of our streets. The secretary was advised to remind the Mayor to find out the cost. Jerry Burns met with the council requesting a 1¼ inch line for the Trinity Church on College Street. The Mayor's recommendation was that we let the church have the water line since they would not use much water and that we would measure and see how much line would be needed and let them tie on at the most convenient location. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Hackney-Travis Lease was discussed. The Mayor's recommendation was that we take the 5 year option to re-lease this property and go ahead with the development of the 20 acres and let the vendors park where they want to. Gerald Turner made the motion that the City Secretary and Mayor be given the authority to do whatever necessary to exercise our five year option and to make a lease binding for five more years on a 50-50 basis, and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Secretary was advised to write Water Tank Service and get a commit-tment from them on when they could install a control switch on our water tower on Tower Street; also how important this was to us since since we may have a shortage of water.

The delinquent taxes were discussed. Jim Burns made the motion that all 1972 delinquent tax payers be mailed the form letter that we had been mailing and remind them of their delinquent taxes and the previous years de-linquent were to be mailed a letter stating that if we haven't collected in 30 days we will take definite action or whatever action necessary to collect them. Also if the 1972 taxes haven't been paid by June, they are to be mailed the same letter as the previous years delinquent taxpayers. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Jim Burns requested that the delinquent taxpayers list be broken down into the different years they owed for the next meeting. Jim Burns made the motion that the delinquent tax list be made a part of every regular meeting and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The delinquent water accounts were discussed. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that each one be written a letter that are more than one month past due and state if the office has not been contacted within 10 days that the water will be disconnected and a fee of $5 will be charges to re-connect this service. Jim Burns seconded the motion. Also the delinquent water accounts are to be made a part of every regular meeting.

Ways to increase our revenue was discussed. The council was presented ways in which to increase our revenue and the amounts this would increase the sewer rate of $1.00 a month and this money be put into a special fund for sewer plant improvements. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Water rates in other towns were discussed. The Mayor's recommendation was that we increase the water minimum $1.00 and raise the excess from 50¢ to

$1.00 a thousand over the minimum effective July 1st since he felt a water increase would be better than a tax increase to get the needed revenue of $20,000 to $25,000 that we are short in our bond indebtedness due to the vast expense of the lake project. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor. The secretary was advised to release this to the newspapers.

Billy Ballard met with the council with a petition for a city sales tax with 306 signatures of qualified voters in the city. The Mayor's recommendation was that we take the petition under advisement and make a decision at our next regular meeting in June. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The secretary was advised to study the petition and make a report to the city council on the petition at the next meeting and call Mr. Ballard if they have any problems.

The Hilliard well was discussed. The Mayor stated he had talked with Chambers and Phillips and they woud have the pump back in the well this week.

The Casey Cox sewer problem was discussed. The Mayor stated that a safety valve had been installed at Casey's house and they felt sure this problem had been solved.

The City Airport was discussed. The Mayor stated there was a very deep gulley at the north end of the runway that would have to be filled in if the runway was ever extended. The Mayor's recommendation was that we ask Herman Gullett for a letter releasing the lease for the purpose of improving the airport with the understanding that the City will not be out any cost on the improvements. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

The First Monday rate increases on lots were discussed. The Mayor's recommendation was that he appoint a committee of Gerald Turner and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. to look into the possibility of raising the rates near the front gate or have graduated rates and bring back a recommendation to the city council. The Mayor stated he would not be in favor of any rate increase until September. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. L. E. Curry met with the council in opposition to the $1 vendor's license charged on his grounds. Mr. Curry had refused to allow the city employee

to collect from his premises this past First Monday stating we did not have legal grounds to do so. After much discussion, the Mayor's recommendation was that we not make any exception and collect the $1 vendor's license in whatever method we have to use since we have our ordinance to back us up. An amendment to the present vendor's license was read and Gerald Turner made the motion that the amendment to the ordinance be passed as read and as it is legally written and that we proceed with collecting of the fee and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

It was noted that the June meeting we would discuss how our revenue sharing money for this year is to be spent.

A discussion on the tractor for mowing on the First Monday grounds was held. It was brought out that the tractor we now have will not do the proper job so the council requested that the Mayor check and see if the present tractor could be traded in on the tractor that Van Zandt County Tractor Company has for sale. The Mayor stated he would check and see if we can trade in the tractor and then the City Secretary will call each one and let them know.

Russell Eubank made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

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City Secretary

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May 17, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Russell Eubank, Gerald Turner, Herman Heard and Jim Burns, Absent: Billy Jack Peace, Jr.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. The Mayor noted that next meeting night we would discuss the Billy Ballard petition, delinquent water and tax accounts, the First Monday graduated rates, and revenue sharing. He stated we notified Hackney and Trafis about our five year option on the First Monday grounds and we had a release from Herman Gullett on the airport. Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

A discussion was held on the tractor that we have for sale. It was decided to advertise for bids with the city reserving the right to reject any and all bids and the bids would be opened June 12th.

Joe Nelson with Texas Power and Light met with the council and gave a talk on the centennial in Terrell and some ideas that we could use on our upcoming Centennial Labor Day Weekend. He stated they had contacted the Rogers Company about putting on their centennial and that it would be wise for us to contact them. Mayor Lewis appointed a committee to serve in making plans for the centennial. They were as follows: Henry Lewis, Chili Campbell, Harvey Fincher, Billie Rose Slaughter, Beth Whitaker, Terry Neill, Macile Turner, Anita Wilson, Buddy Pirtle, Alf Foster, R. S. Maybry, Mrs. Hardy Ward, Mrs. Don Hackney, Victor Fugate, C. B. Wiley and Cindy Bartlett.

Gerald Turner made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis

Mayor Henry Lewis

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City Secretary

June 12, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank, Jim Burns and Herman Heard.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read after Mayor Henry Lewis welcomed the visitors. Mayor Lewis noted that the price of the curb and guttering for the streets would cost from $1.75 to $2.25 per foot. He also stated that the tractor needed for mowing on the First Monday grounds had been purchased with the city council giving their approval by phone to the city secretary. Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

The financial report was reviewed. Gerald Turner made the motion and Russell Eubank seconded the motion that the financial report be approved as given. The City Maintenance Report was given stating that the loading rack of Hayden B. Wilborn's had been moved and that the new control on the tower had been installed, also that the Hilliard well was doing fine.

Some residents from the west side of Lazy U Drive met with the council requesting street lights. The Mayor's recommendation was that we contact Texas Power and Light and get them to install two street lights on this street. Jim Burns made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Mrs. Jimmy Borroughs discussed the gravel build-up at the crub on Lazy U Drive and the fact that it was causing a drainage problem. The Mayor stated that Truman Easley would take care of this problem in the morning.

Mrs. Kay Curry and Mrs. Sue Ballow met requesting help on the old city ball park. They requested that the bathrooms be put on sewer and any other help the city could give. The Mayor's recommendation was that we lay a sewer line from the street to the city ball park restroom facilities. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Charles Baker met with the council representing the C.Y.R.A. He requested help for the CYRA Ball Park. He asked for the city to pay the utilities on the ball park and give a donation also. The Mayor's recommendation was that the city increase the donation and not obligate ourselves on

the utilities. Herman Heard made the motion that we donate $350 to the C.Y. R.A. on demand and another $350 on September 1. Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Ballard met with the council concerning a drainage problem on Mill Creek Road behind his home. The Mayor stated he would talk to Mr. Wycough concerning this problem.

Next item on the agenda was the Streets on Avenue A, B, and C. The Mayor will contact Mr. West in two weeks to see if it is dry enough to begin work immediately. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor contact Mr. West in two weeks concerning the construction of the streets in this addition and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sewage around the new City Lake was discussed. The Mayor presented a regulation around the Lake Tawakoni Reservior. The Mayor's recommendation was that we get with our attorney and see if this regulation will be what the city needs to control the sewer around our new proposed city lake. If this is what we need, we will prepare an order and present it at our July City Council meeting. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Next item on the agenda was the city sales tax petition. Russell Eubank made the motion that we get a legal opinion at the earliest possible moment concerning this petition, and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Rates on the Canton Rural Water Supply was discussed. The Mayor's recommendation was that we reapir the meter and get a reading in two weeks and make a decision at our next regular council meeting. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

The delinquent water accounts were discussed. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the water be disconnected tomorrow and a reconnect fee of $5 be charged to reconnect each one before the water is to be reconnected. Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor. Water deposits were discussed. Herman Heard made the motion that the water deposit be increased to $15 effective this date and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The delinquent taxes were discussed. Jim Burns made the motion that the Mayor be authorized to contact the firm in Austin for collecting our

delinquent taxes and see if he could hire them for a 15% fee, for the delinquent taxes including 1971 back. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Hillcrest Cemetery Fund was discussed. The Mayor stated that C. L. Stanford was working on this project and he felt that we should give Mr. Stanford at least 30 more days and see if he can get this worked out. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Todd Berry requested that the city issue free permits for hauling trash for the week of June 18-23 which has been designated as Clean Up Week in Canton. The Mayor's recommendation was that Mr. Berry be contacted and tell him that we would be happy to help in this way. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids on the tractor was next on the agenda. The following bids were submitted:

$395	C. W. Janes
$401	Jim Robinson
$1300	Abe Erwin
$501	Bill Phillips
$1130	C. M. Darnell
$750	Butch Hilliard
$1405	Adrian Chamblee

Mr. Adrian Chamblee was the high bidder. The Mayor's recommendation was that we contact Mr. Chamblee and if he doesn't want it that it will go to the the next highest bidder. Jim Burns made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

A letter was read from Mr. Harold Baker to the Mayor concerning our progress on Mill Creek Lake project. The Mayor will give a return answer tomorrow on this letter.

The First Monday Centennial was discussed. Mayor recommended that we buy $2500 worth of shares in the corporation and redeem them as soon as the centennial was over and put the money back into the First Monday account. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor advised the secretary to contact Terry Neill and give him this report.

The secretary was advised to contact the insurance company concerning liability on the airport. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor

be authorized to work up bids on two police cars and bring back to the council. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. L. F. Sanders met with the council concerning the pending law suits on the lake project. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor and Mr. Sanders contact another firm and work out the best deal and bring back a report to the council at the next council meeting. Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Herman Heard made the motion that the bill presented by Mr. Sanders be paid which would pay us up through June 12th and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Secretary was advised to see about a door for the old G. M. C. Truck and call Mr. Leon Pierce and see if he had one.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING JUNE 18, 1973.

Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank, Herman Heard. Absent: Jim Burns.

The City sales tax petition was first on the agenda. The Mayor's recommendation was that the ordinance be passed calling an election for local sales and use tax, fixing the date of election, designating the polling places, appointing presiding Judge and Assistant presiding Judge and providing for notice of election. The Mayor's recommendation was that the money be used for streets unless an emergency arises and then it will need to be used for something else. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be passed with the election being called for July 21, 1973 with Wendell Oliver as presiding judge and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Two bids on the police cars were presented. Norman's Pontiac submitted a bid of $3797 for a Pontiac Catalina with 400 engine, and Canton Motors submitted a bid of $3490 for a Custom 500 Ford with a 350 engine. The Mayor's recommendation was that if we buy 1 car we buy a Ford if we buy 2 cars we buy 1 from each one. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we buy one police care (Ford) and at the first of the year consider buying another, and when we get ready to buy another that we consider a Pontiac at the same price. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor stated that Joe Bob Bailey from the Texas Dept. of Public Safety visited him today concerning the old G.M.C. Truck and it not having an inspection sticker. He requested that the city park the truck until it was inspected.

The insurance on the airport was discussed. The Mayor stated that it would cost $500 for liability insurance and as long as the city owns the land even if they leased it the city would still be liable. He stated one million dollar coverage would be $800. Gerald Turner made the motion that we purchase the cheapest liability insurance at earliest possible moment with the one million dollar coverage giving the Mayor the authority to make the decision and purchase it. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner made the motion that the secretary search the records to see if the Volunteer Fire Department has the Old City Hall Park leased and the information she comes up with will be typed and mailed to each councilman.

Alf Foster met with the council concerning a marker for the old dipping vat located on city property. He stated the marker would cost $200. The Mayor's recommendation was that the city purchase the marker since it was on city property. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

July 10, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank, Jim Burns and Herman Heard.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and the secretary was advised to write another letter to the tax attorneys and also to put the Hillcrest Cemetery on the agenda for the next meeting. Gerald Turner brought to the attention of the council that the city did not clean the streets the week of cleanup week. The Mayor stated that the first week and the third week of the month be set aside to clean up the streets, and this was his recommendation. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The financial report was reviewed. Gerald Turner made the motion that the financial report be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The police report was given. There was a discussion on some problems on the First Monday grounds. The secretary was advised to contact Texas Power and Light Company about installing the needed lights on the new acquired First Monday grounds.

Next on the agenda was Troyce Casey's water problem on Red Hill concerning no water pressure. The Mayor gave a report on the different water pressures at different locations and stated that an estimated cost of $500 would be needed for a pump to raise the pressure for the residents on Red Hill. The Mayor's recommendation was that we have an obligation to these people and that he felt we should get the pump and raise the pressure for them. Jim Burns made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Next on the agenda was the streets on Avenue A, B. And C. The Mayor's recommendation was that we write a letter in words that he fully understands that we expect the streets to be under construction by August 1st or we will take legal action to see that this promise is carried out. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor. Secretary was advised to contact L. F. Sanders on the wording of this letter and then type it and bring to him for his signature.

Next on the agenda was the Canton Rural Water Supply. The Mayor stated that the meter we had in stock to install was the wrong meter and that we are waiting on the old meter to be repaired so we can get a two weeks reading before we come to a decision on whether to raise the water rates or not. The Mayor's recommendation was to delay the decision until August meeting. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The audit report on the agenda for next meeting night.

The trash on the First Monday grounds was discussed. Gerald Turner stated he would donate a case of garbage bags to the vendors at First Monday and C. B. Wiley stated he would donate ten trash barrels. It was also stated that the next time we order First Monday Receipt Books that we have it printed on the receipts the slogan "Help keep the city clean" or a slogan to this effect. The First Monday restrooms were discussed. We had a request to air condition the women's restrooms on the First Monday grounds. Herman Heard made the motion that we install two exhaust fans in the two women's restrooms and then later consider installing them in the men's restrooms. Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The bids on the 1970 police car and the 1956 G.M.C. truck were opened. The bid on the police car was $305. The three bids on the G. M.C. truck were $60.00, $67.50 and $87.50. The high bidder being Glen Norman. The Mayor recommended that we accept the bid of $87.50 on the G. M. C. truck and reject the bid on the car. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor recommended that we run the advertisement to take bids in the Free State Good News for the police car and open these bids at our August meeting. Also all expenses or needed repairs are to be okayed by the Mayor on the other police car Arnold is driving.

Next on the agenda was the Centennial Weekend. C. B. Wiley and Terry Neill met on behalf of the Centennial Committee requesting that the First Monday vendors be allowed to set up the entire week of the centennial at the same price as we usually charged for the weekend. Gerald Turner made the motion that we open the trade grounds to the vendors for the entire week and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Also the secretary was advised to check and see what it would cost to put up two signs on Interstate

20 promoting First Monday and have the sign painter contact the Mayor.

The statement on the sales tax was read and Jim Burns made the motion that this statement be endorsed by the Mayor and City Council and Herman Heard seconded the motion. A copy to go to each newspaper. All in favor.

The reserving of the spaces on the Travis lot was discussed. It was decided that we would mark off and reserve approximately 75 spaces.

The dump ground was discussed. The secretary was advised to contact Gerald Burgess about digging another pit. The dump ground attendant was praised for his fine job and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we give Mr. Walters a $50 a month raise and hire him premanently. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. stated he had another bid on the Fire Hall Building. The secretary was advised to advertise for bids on this building and the bids would be opended at our August meeting.

Gerald Turner brought up two items concerning septic tanks and septic tank water running in some residents yards on Sides Circle. Bobby Pruiett will check into this and report back to the Mayor.

The Mayor and Secretary will check on the affect of the price freeze concerning our increased water rates.

The placing of the vehicles by Mr. Ernest West in the street near First Monday grounds was discussed and it was decided that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Gerald Turner discussed the idea of extending the city limits and the secretary and Gerald will prepare a report for the August meeting on this.

Secretary was advised to put the Revenue Sharing on the agenda for next month. Gerald Turner requested a legal opinion on the lease by the Fire Department of the land near the city lake. This will be on the agenda next meeting.

The Secretary was advised to advertise for applications for a city maintenance supervisor and city manager combination. On the agenda for next month the council will set a city policy on disability pay and the secretary will check on the policy of the surrounding towns and report back to the council.

Russell Eubank asked how the First Monday Receipts and money was

handled. It was explained to Mr. Eubank and the council and the Mayor and council decided that the Secretary and Mr. Eubank work on a plan to collect the money and a plan that can be implemented on Labor Day Weekend and report back to the council.

Jim Burns submitted his letter of resignation due to his moving his residence outside the city limits and being ineligible to serve on the council. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion with reluctance that we accept the resignation of Jim Burns and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The council decided to fill this vacancy by appointment. Billy Jack Peace,Jr. made the motion that Joe Warren be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Burns and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. This was a unanimous vote.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Mr. Burns for his service and presented Mr. Burns with a plaque on behalf of the Mayor and City Council for his 3 1/2 years service on the council.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

July 24, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Herman Heard and Russell Eubank.

Mayor Lewis welcomed the guests. First on the agenda was the swearing in of Joe Warren as Alderman. Mayor Lewis gave the oath of office to Mr. Warren and he was seated as Alderman.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and the Mayor noted the following items to be put on the agenda for the next meeting: Letter from the tax attorneys, Hillcrest Cemetery, Troyce Casey water problem, Canton Rural Water Supply, bod on 1970 police car, sign on Interstate 20, Avenue A, B, and C streets, Ernest West vehicles, extending city limits, revenue sharing, Fire Department lease old City Lake, water draining on Sides Circle, applications city manager, disability pay city employees, and report on First Monday money by Councilman Eubank. A correction was made in the minutes whereby it was noted that the $50 raise given to Mr. Wylie Walters was given to him because that was what he had been promised when he was hired that at the end of the ninety days he would be given this raise and hired permanently if his work proved satisfactory. The secretary was advised to contact Texas Municipal League on the price freeze since some items had been lifted from the freeze. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Representatives from the Fire Department were present. The Mayor presented the key rate for insurance as set up by the State Board of Insurance and he noted that our rate had been increased .03 which is about a 10% increase in premiums due to the Fire Chief not reporting as required. Our key rate is 50 and the Mayor noted that Grand Saline was 38 and Wills Point was 41. The Mayor stated he was interested in getting the items on the list taken care of so our key rate could be lowered. He was concerned that residents in the city was being penalized for items that should have been taken care of. The Mayor recommended that the Fire Chief work hand in hand with the city and bring reports to the City Council on these items and how they were being handled, what was being done to correct them and that he was to make

these reports monthly to the city council until the Mayor and City Council is satisfied with the key rate for the city. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that Cecil Tawater, our Fire Chief, would meet with the city council on a monthly basis and bring reports and file them with the city council signed and dated until the Mayor and City Council is satisfied with the key rates for the city, also this would be put on the agenda each month, and they would report what progress was being done on each item and their recommendations on what the city can do about correcting these items, also the city secretary is to write Mr. Tom Wood and get him to give Mr. Peace the information on the key rate being itemized and what each item pertains to and what can be done to lower the rate. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Streets in Wycough precinct was next on the agenda. The Mayor advised the secretary to call each one of the councilmen on who was responsible for the streets in the city. The Mayor stated that Mr. Wycough will do all the labor, provide the pea gravel and asphalt to get the needed streets repaired for the coming winter. He stated he would start around August 15th, redoing Oak Drive, Mill Creek Road and the streets in the West Addition. The Mayor's recommendation was that we write Wycough a letter stating that the city will pay $5,000 for oil in Precinct 2 and for him to use hie best judgment on where it would be used, also he would contact the other two commissioners and offer them $1,000 each for oil in their precincts for them to use. This would take care of the revenue sharing money for 1972. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Streets in Avenue A, B, and C were discussed. The Mayor's recommendation was that if Mr. West had not started working on the streets by Augustl, that we write him a letter and tell him that the city will go ahead with the streets and that the bill will be attached to his taxes as advised by L. F. Sanders, our attorney. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

August 14, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Joe Warren, and Herman Heard. Absent: Russell Eubank.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The financial report was reviewed. The Mayor noted that $7,000 had to be borrowed from the First Monday Fund to make the bond payments. The secretary was advised to put this money back into the First Monday Fund as soon as it became available in the tax fund. Gerald Turner made the motion that the financial report be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hoss Williams gave the police report. Hoss was authorized to hire help for the intersection of Highway 19 and Highway 64 on Sunday before First Monday.

Cecil Tawater gave the Fire Chief's report. The Mayor stated he thought we needed to solicit more volunteer firemen. He instructed the secretary to run an ad in the paper stating we needed more volunteer firemen and for them to contact Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Cecil Tawater and for them to use their own judgment in putting them on the fire department. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The maintenance report was given. A water line on the old Kaufman Road was discussed and the secretary was advised to see if the city was under any obligation to lay the 1150 feet needed to go to the new Chapel of Praise Church.

Mr. Gilbert White met with the council concerning a water line he had layed out on the Old Kaufman Road requesting that the city change its policy in the procedure of how much each was to pay and the pro-rata share paid back to the original owner. The Mayor's recommendation was that we not change our procedure but that Mr. White could pay for each time and each share cost of the line if he so desired just like everyone else had done in the past.

The delinquent water accounts and delinquent taxes were discussed. Mayor Lewis read the letter from the firm in Austin that collects delinquent taxes. The procedure they use was explained. The Mayor's recommendation was that we hire this firm and pay them 15% to collect our delinquent taxes. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The bids on the police car was opened. Willie Wilhite was high bidder at the price of $450. Joe Warren made the motion that the bid be awarded to Willie Wilhite for $450 with the delivery being September 3rd and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Canton rural water supply was discussed. The Mayor's recommendation was to either raise their rate a significant amount or not raise it at all since the city would be locked in for seven years. The Mayor's recommendation was that we reconsider the raise in 90 days and see if the discreptency in the meters could be worked out. Gerald Turner made the motion that this recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Streets on Avenue A, B, and C was discussed. The Mayor stated that Mr. Wycough will do the work and send us a bill and we will collect from the person responsible.

Revenue sharing money was next on the agenda. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the recommendation that the money be used for the new fire hall. Gerald Turner suggested that it be used for improvements on a new city park. This was tabled for later in the meeting.

Next on the agenda was Clyde Todd's request to run a covered wagon for five days during the Centennial offering rides. Mayor's recommendation was that we make a deal with Mr. Todd with the understanding that the city would be protected from any liability and that should any problem arise he would have to discontinue at our request. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The helicopter rides were discussed. The complaints have been great in number so the Mayor and Hoss were authorized to see what action could be taken to stop the helicopter.

Bids on the Fire Hall were discussed. Also the location of the new fire hall was discussed. The Mayor stated we had three choices on locations: put back at the same location, put on the city lot or put on Martha Utts property behind the car wash. He stated he had met with Martha Utts and she would not sell the property so that eliminated one location. The Mayor stated the one advantage to the fire hall being put on the city lot was that if we ever decided to build another fire hall at a different location we could always use the building for a maintenance building. The bids on the building were opened with Red Dot bidding $6875, and Mack Shaw from Tyler bidding $7204. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we accept Red Dot's bid and get an automatic door opener as an option for around $72. Mayor's recommendation was that we take Red Dot's bid with the automatic door opener and we furnish the foundation for the $6875. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor's recommendation on the fire hall location was that it be placed on the city lot facing west with an allowance of a 12 or 15 foot driveway and for Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Cecil Tawater to locate the building at the best location and use the lot to the best advantage. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor instructed Billy Jack Peace, Jr. to check and see how the old building and lot was being cleared and report back to the council. The Mayor instructed Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Cecil Tawater to proceed at their own discretion.

The Fire Department lease on the old City Lake Park was discussed. Gerald Turner presented his viewpoints on the reasons the lease should be broken so that the people of the town could get more benefit from it. He felt the city should be in complete control of all the land they owned, and that the fire department had not fulfilled their lease by not keeping the park up. The Mayor stated that he felt that if it would hurt the fire department in any way that the lease should not be broken, but that if it did not hurt the fire department in any way it should be broken. After much discussion, no one was able to show how it would hurt the fire department in any way since they would still be able to use the grounds just like the other citizens of the town. The Mayor's recommendation was that we break the lease which would benefit the most number of people of the city and that the

building would be the fire departments since they owned it. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor Three votes yes. One abstained from voting.

The Mayor stated that the revenue sharing would be tabled until the next month and that Gerald Turner and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. were appointed to bring back recommendations on how this money is to be spent.

L. F. Sanders met with the council concerning the sewage around the new city lake. He read a resolution prepared to send to the Water Quality Board. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the resolution be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Janice Martin and Truman Easley were instructed to order three fire plugs needed in different locations in town to replace the inoperative ones. To be placed on the agenda next month was increased vacation time with reference to the amount of years they have worked for the city.

Hillcrest Cemetery will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

The applications for the city maintenance supervisor was interviewed. Among the applications interviewed was Mr. Risner, Mr. Westmoreland, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Flanagan, Mr. Gibson, Mr. May and Mr. Casey. The Mayor, in interviewing Mr. Flanagan, stated that Mr. Flanagan requested that if he was given the job that he wanted all the city employees to be given a raise. Herman Heard made the motion that Mr. Flanagan be hired at the salary of $700 a month and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor. Herman Heard made the motion that all city employees on salary be given a $25 a month raise effective September 1st except Frenchie and all hourly people be given a 10¢ an hour raise, also Hoss was to get a $25 a month expense account for uniforms and etc. Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor appointed Joe Warren and Herman Heard to work on recommendations for the city employees disability pay and bring back to the council next meeting. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Gerald Turner were appointed to check into the land on the south side of the old city lake and report back to the council since one of the firemen requested that this needed to be checked into.

The attorney for the condemnation suits pending on the Mill Creek Lake project was discussed. The Mayor's recommendation was that we hire

another attorney since we could get the job done much cheaper at approximately $1,000 a case in comparison to the $2500 set by Mr. Sanders. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourn.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

August 28, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank, Joe Warren, Billy Jack Peace, Jr, and Herman Heard.

Finis Brewer met with the council requesting that since the location of the new Church of Christ building already had water and sewer taps, that they not be charged for taps that was unnecessary that the city just start charging them for water and sewer. Mayor Lewis recommended that they be allowed to do this if it would be no expense to the city. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. R. C. Denton met requesting to be hired as dog catcher stating that he would pick the dogs up, give them shelter and food and provide his own transportation for $500 a month. The council will consider this and give an answer at a later date.

Mr. Wayne Jeter met with the council complaining about the concessions that the Centennial Group had on the square; that they were interfering with his business. Mayor's recommendation was to let Mr. C. B. Wiley, Mr. Jeter and the Mayor work out a decision that would be agreeable with everyone. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Fincher had contacted him about us placing a fence around the reserved section on Kaufman Street which he had reserved when he sold the property to us. The city had fenced Mr. Fincher's property in with ours. The Mayor's recommendation was that we pay 1/2 of the fence going around this section. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Charles E. Crow met with the council with a letter of recommendation and introduction from Jr. Jack Skeen, city attorney of Tyler. Mr. Skeen recommended Mr. Crow to handle our law suits on the lake. Mayor Lewis recommended that we hire Mr. Charles Crow at $1,000 a case for the six larger cases and pay him $2,000 when the files are placed in his hands and the balance to be paid when each case is cleared. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. recommended that the city use the $1500 they had in the Fire Department Account toward the foundation of the new Fire Hall. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the $1500 be used as payment on the foundation and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Russell Eubank made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

September 11, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank and Herman Heard. Absent: Joe Warren.

The Minutes from the previous meeting were read and the Mayor noted the following items which needed to be taken care of: meter readings on the Canton Rural Water Corp and their meter readings and find out where the discreptency is; the amount spent on Avenue A, B, and C and get an itemized bill from Mr. Wycough on this project; Mayor and Hoss to check into the helicopter rides on the First Monday grounds; Mayor will contact the attorney in Tyler concerning a decision on the old ball park lease. A correction in the minutes which instead of $1,000 a case in the matter of hiring Mr. Charles Crow it should have read from $800 to $1200 a case. With this correction, Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. The police report was given by Hoss Williams. The financial report was reviewed and Russell Eubank made the motion that the financial report be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The fire report was given by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. He stated they had some new men who had applied as volunteer firemen and also some firemen who work in Dallas and live here had volunteered to help with the fires. Gerald Turner made the motion that the fire report be approved as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The maintenance report was given by Dick Flanagen. Russell Eubank made the motion that the maintenance report be approved as given and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Weldon Starnes met with the council requesting a street light on Slaughter Street which is a dead end street. Gerald Turner made the motion that the secretary do whatever necessary to get the street light installed and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Starnes also requested that his pay for hauling trash from the First Monday grounds be increased from $30 to $75. The Mayor stated this would be discussled later and an answer would be forthcoming in the morning.

Mr. C. B. Wiley gave the Centennial Financial Report. They requested that the city take the $8,000 worth of merchandise left and pick up all the bills which had not been paid. They stated they had approximately 1600 books left and 1800 coins. The Mayor's recommendation was that we purchase the books for $2.00 each and the coins for $1.00 each which totals approximately $5,000 with the understanding that anyone including the city that wants to redeem their stock back that it is up to the corporation to redeem them. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hillcrest Cemetery was next on the agenda. The Mayor recommended that we should go by the agreement of 1964 and not spend one more dime than we are paid from the association. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the amount the trust fund sends us is all we will spend on the upkeep of the cemetery. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sewage around the city lake was next on the agenda. The Mayor recommended that he and L. F. Sanders be authorized to handle the ordinance and whatever is necessary before the commissioners court to get this sewer control around the lake. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Revenue sharing will be put on the agenda for next month.

A disability pay program plan was presented by Herman Heard and Joe Warren. These gentlemen recommended that this be accepted. Gerald Turner made the motion that this plan of disability pay be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. Each city employee is to be given a copy and be sure he understands the program.

The Mayor explained that the East Texas Council of Governments had talked with him concerning paying the salary of two new job openings. The Mayor recommended that we hire Mike Vickers as policeman and R. C. Denton as dog catcher if the council of governments will pay their salary. Vickers to receive $575 per month and Denton $500 per month. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ways to increase First Monday revenue was next. The Mayor stated some ways to increase the revenue would be to bid the choice lots one year

at a time and also to charge each visitor 25¢ to 50¢ per person. The Mayor requested the council to be considering these posibilities.

Herman Heard made the motion that Starnes trash hauling of First Monday grounds that the rate be doubled and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Gerald Turner presented their views on the land south of the old city lake which they estimated took in approximately 15 acres. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Gerald Turner recommended that they check with Charles Crow, our attorney, and get legal council and report back to the council. Herman Heard made the motion that their recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Canton rural water supply to be put on the agenda for November meeting.

Russell Eubank made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

September 27, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Gerald Turner, Joe Warren, and Herman Heard. Absent: Russell Eubank and Billy Jack Peace, Jr.

Mr. R. C. Denton met with the council concerning the dog problem. Mayor recommended that we charge $2 for city license tag and $2.50 for each dog to get them out of the pound plus $1 for each day they are kept at the

pound. Also the City Secretary was authorized to have the necessary forms printed that Mr. Denton requested. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The lots where the Centennial Building were located were discussed. The Mayor recommended that we build a platform stage and rent this out to the T. V. Stations each month. The books and coins were discussed and the Mayor recommended that the books and coins sell for $2 each or $3 for one book and one coin, and that this be put on the agenda each month. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

The tractor problem at the dump was discussed. The Mayor recommended that we have the tractor picked up and have it repaired which would cost approximately $1500 to $2000 to have it repaired. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor be given the authority to get the tractor repaired the cheapest way or to his discretion and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mill Creek Lake Project was discussed.

Mr. Gerald Turner read a letter from our attorney Charles Crow, concerning the lease on the old City Ball Park and he recommended that we write a letter to the fire department stating we were terminating the lease and send it to Cecil Tawater by certified mail with a return receipt. Joe Warren made the motion that this recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Secretary was advised to mail each councilman a copy of the above letter.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

October 9, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Russell Eubank, Gerald Turner, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Joe Warren and Herman Heard.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read and the Mayor noted we needed to secure an itemized bill from Mr. Wycough on the streets on Avenue A, B, and C; also for each councilman to check this coming First Monday on the possibility of bidding the choice lots on the First Monday grounds; coins and books to be put on the agenda next time; also for Mr. Flanagan to check and see about another way to handle the trash on the First Monday grounds. Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes be approved as given and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The financial report was given. Gerald Turner made the motion that the financial report be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Electricity rate on the First Monday grounds was discussed. It was noted that the amount collected for electricity was only about 1/2 of the amount of the bill. The Mayor recommended that he and Gerald check into how many was using electricity on the grounds and the possibility of a rate increase on the electricity.

Mayor Lewis recommended that the trash burning day be changed from Monday to Tuesday since he did not think it was a good idea to be burning on the day that we had the most visitors to our city. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Fire report was given by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. He stated progress on the fire hall had begun today. Russell Eubank made the motion that the fire report be approved as given and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Police report was given by Hoss Williams. It was decided that the kids at the school after school hours be left to Hoss's discretion as to how this would be handled.

Maintenance report was given by Dick Flanagan. Mr. Flanagan requested a truck for the patching crew. Mayor Lewis recommended that we buy a pickup

if we can get one in the range of $700 to $800. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor and Mr. Flanagan be allowed to use their discretion in purchasing a pickup and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Two ladies met with the council protesting the high water rates. The Mayor noted that this increase was necessary due to the bond notes being due in January.

Revenue sharing was discussed. Mayor Lewis recommended that the city spend up to $12,000 of our revenue sharing money for 1973 on the city streets in Precinct #2 with the understanding that Precinct #2 will spend 75% of the cost. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Russell Eubank made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

November 13, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank, Joe Warren and Herman Heard.

The Mayor welcomed our guests. The minutes were read from the previous meeting and it was noted that we were to check on the Wycough itemized bill on Avenue A, B, and C, to put on the agenda for December the bidding

of the choice lots on the First Monday grounds and to let Gerald Turner, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., and the Canton Herald have 10 books each of the Centennial books and see how well they would sell at their businesses. Mr. Flannagan was instructed to check and see if we still need Starnes to haul First Monday Trash and report back in the December meeting. It was decided that the electricity fee on the First Monday grounds would be left as is and it would be left up to us the collectors to collect from each one using electricity. A correction in the minutes was noted whereby there was two reasons why we changed the trash burning day from Monday to Tuesday; the one being because of the most visitors to our city and the other being that the city was already burning on the First Monday grounds on Tuesday and this would make the city legal in their burning. The Mayor noted it would be January 1st before we get an answer on the Revenue Sharing money to be used in Precinct #2. Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The financial report was given. Gerald Turner made the motion that the financial report be approved as given and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

The police report was given by Hoss Williams. Hoss suggested that parallel parking be placed on Tyler Street for one block beside the old bank building. He stated that there had been a number of accidents and it was not space for two vehicles to properly meet. The Mayor recommended that we take the Chief's recommendation and make parallel parking in this one block. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Fire Chief report was given by Billy Jack Peace, Jr.

The maintenance report was given by Dick Flanagen. He recommended to the council that a six inch water line be laid up the Old Kaufman Road tying Nichols Road and Dodson Street together thereby making better water pressure in this area. One resident and the Chapel of Praise Church will pay the cost of a two inch line in this area. He thought it would be best to let them pay the cost of the two inch line and the city pay the difference and put in a six inch line since in the future we would not have to go back and replace this line with a larger line and it would also make a fire plug on Dodson Street operative. The cost to the city would be $1358.56. The Mayor recommended that

we take Mr. Flanagan's recommendation and lay this line. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

One of our visitors, Mr. Broyles, asked about a leash law for our city. The Mayor stated we had one which had been copied from Mineola, but there had been no action taken on it at this time. A discussion followed and the Mayor recommended that we pass the ordinance that we have which was copied from Mineola's leash law. Gerald Turner made the motion that the leash law ordinance be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. This ordinance to be effective December 1st.

Mrs. Ammons from Ben Wheeler met with the council requesting water to her lot on Red Hill outside the city limits. The Mayor recommended that we could not make any exception since some time back the council decided that it would be impossible to tie any more on since the line was overloaded at the present time. He told her he was sorry but that we could not make any exception but that when we were able to lay a larger line to Red Hill, she could connect to water. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Delinquent water accounts and tax accounts were discussed.

Next on the agenda was Texas Power and Light rate increases. Mr. Bill Skidmore from Texas Power and Light in Terrell met with the council along with Terry Carter, our local Texas Power and Light manager, and requested that the council give T P & L a 10% rate increase. They stated that T P & L was requesting this rate increase in 240 town in north and east Texas. They stated that they received a 6% rate increase two years ago which was the first rate increase in 21 years. They presented their figures on why they needed a rate increase and the Mayor stated that the council would take this under advisement and give them an answer at our December meeting. Mr. Skidmore was to send to the City Secretary the figures on their percentage rate of return for the last ten years and the capital gain or decrease for the last ten years. The Mayor noted that these figures would be passed on to the council so they could study them before their decision in December meeting.

A discussion on the Fire Hall was next. Mr. David Johnson from Red Dot Corporation met with the council concerning a problem on the lot that the building was to be placed. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. presented the figures for

borrowing the money for the fire hall and he recommended that we borrow the $9500 from the First National Bank at the interest rate of 6% for a period of 60 months with the principal payments of $160 per month with first month's interest being $47.50 and the first payment being $207.50 with the interest reducing .80 each month. Russell Eubank made the motion that we borrow the $9500 from the First National Bank with the interest rate and payments as Billy Jack Peace, Jr. had presented and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Police car was next on the agenda. Mayor Lewis recommended that we buy a new car and take delivery as soon as possible and the car being solid white with minimum accessories and that since we bought a Ford before for $100 over invoice that he recommended that we buy a Pontaic for $100 over invoice. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor and Secretary was authorized to take the money for the car out of the accound best suited.

Mayor Lewis recommended that we give the balance of the 1972 Revenue Sharing money in the amount of $1802 to Mr. Jodie Stricklin in payment for street work done in his precinct. He stated that Mr. Stricklin had done a fine job with a much larger expense than he had planned. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Next on the agenda was the land south of the City Lake. A letter from Mr. Charles Crow was presented and becomes a part of these minutes whereby he states his opinion on the legality of the transaction of the exchange of lands between the City of Canton and L. F. Sandres in November 1971. The Mayor stated Mr. Crow's letter left the impression that the City might get this set aside. (See Attorney Letter) The Mayor noted that the council should take the following things into consideration: that Alvin Howell and L. F.Sanders did not act in the best interest of the city when they transferred property in November, 1971. The City Council who ratified this 6 months later also did not act in the best interest of the city. This trade greatly enhanced the value of L. F. Sanders property and damaged the City property along with getting a road we didn't need. The City Council did not investigate the matter properly and if they had they would not have ratified it. He stated if the council decided to pursue the matter that it would cause extensive

problems for the loan companies, title companies, and the present land owners and would cost the city $1,500 attorney fees for a trial court plus from $5,000 to $10,000 on appeals and also cause Mr. Sanders and Mr. Howell some problems. After a discussion, Russell Eubank made the motion that due to the inadvisability of backing out of the deal made by the City and the cost of pursuing the matter, and due to the hardship it would cause on the loan companies, title companies and the present land owners, that the idea of the recovering of the land deeded in November 1971 be abandoned for the time being and that a copy of the attorney's opinion be made a part of the minutes. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor stated he was working on having an ordinance prepared whereby the Mayor nor City Council can sell or exchange any city property without first having it published in the newspaper. Mayor Lewis noted this was necessary to prevent any Mayor or City Council from acting on exchanges not in the best interest of the city and if they should dispose of any city property without advertising for bids, it would make a much easier court case. He stated he would have this prepared and ready for passage at the December meeting.

The selling of the dogs that Mr. R. C. Denton picks up was brought up and the secretary was advised to write a letter to Mr. Denton stating that any money he received from the selling of dogs be turned over to the City.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. stated he would like the council to consider the possibility of reading the water meters periodically to save on man hours and cost to the City. Also he mentioned the $3,000 exemption for residents over age 65 on their taxes. The Mayor noted this would be on the agenda in January.

Herman Heard noted that Mr. Dearing and Lula Scates needed a little electric heater in the restrooms this winter when they were cleaning on the First Monday grounds. Herman Heard was given the permission to take care of this matter.

The Council went into closed session on a personnel problem.

Herman Heard made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

November 26, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following present: Gerald Turner, Russell Eubank, Joe Warren, Herman Heard, and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. Absent: None

Mr. L. F. Sanders met with the council concerning a resolution for controlling the sewer around the new city lake. Russell Eubank made the motion that the resolution be passed and Herman Heard seconded the motion with a copy of this resolution made a part of the minutes. All in favor. Mr. Sanders noted that we needed to contact the land owners about additional gates mailing them a copy of the resolution concerning the gates and also the cost on the gates. Mr. Gipe will be contacted concerning this.

James Sides met with the council concerning his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ammons being connected to city water in the Red Hill section of town. He stated that when the first line was laid up Red Hill, that Mrs. Ammons paid her share of the cost of the line and that he felt she should be allowed to connect on to the water even though the line was loaded and the council had stated that no more connections could be made until a larger line was laid. (Background information: Approximately two years ago, Mrs. Marcie Campbell, sister of Mrs. Ammons, met with the council requesting to tap the main Red Hill line and lay a two inch plastic line from the main line to her homw. She stated the other lots would probably not be used or anything built on them requiring a water tap fro some time. The line that Mrs. Ammons is requesting to tie on to is this two inch line that Marcie laid to her home.) After a discussion, Russell Eubank made the motion that Mrs. Ammons be allowed to tie on at the requested point if after making a test tap, the Mayor and Mr. Flannagan feel that it will not cause a hardship to others on the line and the minutes are to show the background information. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Flannagan is to make the test tap and report.

Next on the agenda was the gasoline shortage effect on First Monday. The Mayor recommended that we advertise and also open First Monday grounds early, possibly on Friday at noon. He felt this would help if the government decided to stop all Sunday driving or if they decided to close all gas stations on Sunday. The Mayor felt it was very important to solve this problem since

our need of First Monday was so great. Gerald Turner made the motion that we advertise First Monday at the Mayor's discretion and that we open First Monday on a trial basis at Friday 1 P.M., and let the vendors sell from then and all day Saturday, Sunday and Monday in the month of January and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

The matter of the Courthouse bathrooms being closed on Sunday of First Monday was discussed. The Mayor recommended that Gerald Turner talk to Judge Hullum and see what could be worked out on the opening of the bathrooms and do the best we could on a deal on this matter. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

December 11, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Gerald Turner, Herman Heard, Russell Eubank. Absent: Joe Warren.

Gerald Turner made the motion that the old police car be put up for bids and the bids be opened at the January council meeting and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor noted that the Commissioners Court had passed the resolution on the sewage around the city lake.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Gerald Turner

seconded the motion. All in favor.

The financial report was given. Gerald Turner made the motion that the financial report be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The police report was given by Hoss Williams. It was decided to block Kaufman Street from Leo Stone's residence to Highway 19 during First Monday weekend. The Mayor recommended to let the Police Chief do the best he could in solving this traffic problem.

The maintenance report was given by Dick Flanagan. Mr. Flanagan recommended that the hourly employees receive six paid holidays a year. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the hourly employees receive six paid holidays a year after one year service with the city and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The delinquent water and tax accounts were reviewed.

Mr. Bill Skidmore met with the council concerning the rate increase for Texas Power and Light Company. He stated that 147 town of the 240 had approved the 10% rate increase. Mr. Sam Hilliard was in the audience and wanted some records traced back concerning Texas Power and Light. The old minutes were brought out and they did not state what Mr. Hilliard had in mind so the Mayor recommended that we grant Texas Power and Light a 10% rate increase or the lowest offered in any of the ohter 240 cities. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The bill on the streets on Avenue A, B, and C was presented. It amounted to $1725.50. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor be authorized to do whatever necessary on the bill on Avenue A, B, and C and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Fire report was given by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. He requested that the north side of Edom Street at the Fire Hall be made a fire lane and Hoss Williams will take care of this. The activation of the fire siren was discussed and the fire siren being moved was discussed. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. expressed his appreciation to the city on behalf of the Fire Department for the new Fire Hall and stated the Fire Department would try to be worthy of this fine building.

Malouf Manufacturing Company is building a new building on Red Hill which will employ around 150 people. Mr. Malouf had requested that the city lay a 6 inch line to the building. The Mayor recommended that we get Mr. Malouf to petition this property into the city limits and if he will, then we will lay the water line to his property. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that if Mr. Malouf would petition the property into the city limits that we lay the water line for him and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor. Secretary to prepare papers for Mr. Malouf.

Mr. Curtis Hilliard met with the council concerning Hillcrest Cemetery. A discussion was held on the disgrace of the cemetery and the fund for the cemetery. Mr. Hilliard recommended that the money that they had in savings in Tyler Bank be moved to Athens Federal Savings and Loan so it would draw more interest. After a thorough discussion, the Mayor recommended that the board of the cemetery be allowed to move the money they had in savings in Tyler Bank to Athens Federal in Canton and that the city pay $50 per month to the Hi-lcrest Cemetery Fund to keep it in a presentable condition. City will do whatever necessary to keep in a presentable condition for the next twelve months and at the end of the twelve months the city will re-examine the situation at that time. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be approved and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. S. C. Broyles complained that some of the First Monday vendors were getting in without paying at the gates. This will be watched closely next month.

Secretary was advised to contact Mr. Tom Wood with the State Board of Insurance concerning whether the fire siren had to be placed next to the fire hall or if it could be activated by telephone.

Mr. Jim January's Tanglewood Addition was presented to the council. It was decided to table this to a later meeting.

Several requests had been made concerning people getting fire wood at the site of the new city lake. The Mayor recommended to not let anyone cut wood off property because of the possibility of cutting trees needed for recreation and the city cannot afford to hire anyone to stay out there to show them which trees to cut.

Russell Eubank made the motion that the contract for the dam with Carter and Burgess from Fort Worth be approved in the amount of $35,272.50 and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

December 18, 1973
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Joe Warren, Herman Heard, Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Russell Eubank. Absent: Gerald Turner.

Mr. J. W. Burnett met with the council concerning an additional gate on the site of the Mill Creek Lake. He wanted an additional gate with no cost. The Mayor recommended that Mr. Gipe and Janice write a letter to the government and see if they will cost share in this additional gate.

Mr. Loven met with the council and stated the construction of the fence on the Douthitt property would be constructed January 7, 8 and 9 and they wanted to be assured of putting the fence up without any bodily harm. The Mayor assured him that the Police Chief and Sheriff would take care of this.

Mr. Albert Cline met with the council with a bill from Water Tank Service in the amount of $8,645 for repairs and painting on the water towers.

Russell Eubank made the motion that this bill be paid and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor noted that from this date, on any expenses over $100 would have to be cleared with the Mayor.

Mr. Doyce Knight met with the council concerning laying a 6 inch line up Red Hill at $2.50 per foot. After questioning Mr. Knight, it was decided that the type pipe he was going to use would hurt our fire rate. Mr. Eubank is to see about an easement from Jrs. Jay Riely and Janice is to check on the pipe cost and whether it would hurt our fire rate and let Mr. Knight know the answer. Herman Heard made the motion that Mr. Eubank be given the authority to decide on the pipe cost and etc. in laying this 6 inch line to Red Hill and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The discussion was held on the Christmas bonuses. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that each employee be given a $50 Christmas bonus and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. brought up about the need for a 30 foot retainer wall near the new fire hall.

Herman Heard made the motion that the City Employees be given the next day after Christmas as a holiday since the town would be closed and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor Henry Lewis

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City Secretary