

January 8, 1974
Canton, Texas

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

Minutes from the previous meetings were read. Mayor Lewis presented papers whereby Mr. Johnny Malouf requested that the city take into the city limits the 9.1 acres joining the city limits to the east where he plans to build a sewing factory. Herman Heard made the motion that the ordinance be adopted taking this property into the city limits and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor noted from the reading of the minutes that Hillcrest Cemetery and the bill on Avenue A, B, and C Streets be put on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Eubank noted that Mrs. Riley agreed to the easement on the line to Red Hill. The extra gate on the Burnett property requested by Mr. Burnett was discussed. The Mayor read a letter from Mr. Harold Baker in Temple stating that the government would not cost share in this gate. The Mayor recommended that since the services would not cost share in the gate and it would be up to the city to pay for it and also after talking with Mr. Burnett and him saying that he would not pay for the gate, that the city will not be able to pay for this gate. Joe Warren makes the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Fire Report was given by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. He read a letter from the State Board of Insurance stating that the 3¢ charge on our fire rate had been lifted due to the reports being completed and mailed on time as required by the state. The Mayor commended Billy Jack Peace, Jr. on making out the reports and mailing them on time and for his fine job in getting the rate lowered. Mr. L. E. Curry presented a bid on a retainer wall for the new fire hall. The Mayor stated he did not feel that we could afford this at this time and he asked Mr. Flanagan and Bobby to check and see if there was any way the city could help with this drainage problem.

Financial Report was given. Gerald Turner made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and the Financial Report be approved as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Police Report was given by Hoss Williams. He stated that the signs had been ordered designating Edom Street as a fire lane.

Mr. Carson Wages met with the council concerning a bill in the amount of \$17.50 from the Canton Veterinary Clinic. Mr. Wages stated that a cat which he believed to be rabied was at his home and seemed to be having fits and he called the night policeman and he picked up the animal and carried it to the veterinary clinic and Mr. Wages was sent the bill. He felt that the city should take care of this bill since it was a city problem and he did not know to whom the cat belonged. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the bill be paid and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Jim January met with the plat on the Tanglewood Addition. He asked that the council lower the restrictions on putting in streets as set out in our building code ordinance. He felt that these streets were comparable to a state highway. The Mayor recommended that Joe Warren and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. examine the ordinance and we would meet again in two weeks and after they reported back to the council then they would decide. Also the Mayor noted that during this time Mr. Flanagan and Truman were to see if this property could be put on to the sewer.

Water rates was next on the agenda. The Mayor asked the council to consider a summer rate. This summer rate would be 3,000 gallons for \$4.00 instead of 1,000 gallons for \$4.00 minimum. Herman Heard made the motion that we have a summer rate defined April 1st and ending September 30 and that instead of 1,000 gallon minimum that each customer be given 2,000 gallons free for the summer of 1974. Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor. (After talking with the Mayor about our billing period from the 15th of month to the 15th, the Mayor okayed this being from March 15, 1974 to September 15, 1974.)

V. F. W. was next on the agenda. Mayor Lewis recommended that the secretary write the Commander of the V. F. W. and ask him to meet with the council 2 weeks from tonight and state that the city needs to come to a rental fee agreement and a deadline date for vacating property so city can proceed with developing this area. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Wills Point Street to Big Rock Street to Highway 243 was discussed. The Mayor stated all other streets with the exception of this one would be

fixed and it would cost \$15,000 to repair this street and he felt we needed to come up with a way to pay the \$7500 or our half of the cost of this street. This will be at our next meeting.

Bids on the police car was next on the agenda. Since there had been no bids turned in the Mayor recommended that we run the ad in the Free State News and take bids on the car and bids to be opened in February at the regular meeting.

Among items discussed was street signs, First Monday Restrooms, and spaces repaired at First Monday, also radio advertising for First Monday.

The past First Monday weekend was discussed. The Mayor stated he wanted the council to consider a budget for advertising for First Monday and decide at the next meeting in two weeks.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

January 22, 1974
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, Joe Warren and Herman Heard.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read and the Mayor noted the following items to be placed on the agenda for next month: retainer wall for the new Fire Hall and repair of Wills Point Street to Highway 243. Advertising for First Monday was discussed and Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor be given the authority to use \$300 for advertiseing for this coming First Monday and that he advertise on the radio as well as the newspapers. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sarge Eiland met with the council concerning the V. F. W. The Mayor stated that the city is receiving no revenue and that we need a definite date for the V. F. W. to vacate. He stated he would feel the same, that the city needed some type of agreement even if it was a church in the building instead of the V. F. W. The Mayor also stated that some of the members had misunderstood the writing in the paper when the Mayor stated he wanted the V. F. W. out that he only meant he wanted the V. F. W. off or out of city owned property not out of the city limits as some had understood it to mean. Mr. Eiland stated that he would be back at the meeting February 12 if the V. F. W. had not found some place to move by then.

Mr. Jimmie Jones and Jim January met with the council on the streets in the Tanglewood Addition. Mr. Jones stated according to our ordinance that the streets would be comparable to Interstate 20. The Mayor stated the reason they passed such a strict street ordinance was due to the fact that the city did not have the money to repair them after they had been put in. He stated any subdivision that goes in cannot be a burden to the city. The Mayor recommended that we make a variance on the specifications from a three course to a 1 course street in this addition only. Gerald Turner 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. stressed the need for the retainer wall at the new Fire Hall. He stated that approximately seven fire plugs were inoperable and inusable in the city. The Mayor stated we would take immediate action on the fire plugs and that the secretary call Cecil Tawater and find out the locations of the fire plugs and pass them on to Mr. Flanagan.

The dump grounds were discussed and the hours the gate is to be open. It was decided since the time change that the hours should be from 8 to 6.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

February 12, 1974
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, Herman Heard. Absent: Joe Warren.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and the Mayor noted that we needed to put into the newspapers the new water rates passed for the summer months. Also that the attorneys were working on the bill on Avenues A, B, and C and it was to be put on the agenda. Mayor Lewis recommended that we advertise again in March in the amount of \$300. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the

motion. There was a correction on the variation of the street layout in the Tanglewood Addition. It should have read that there would still be a six inch base with 90% instead of 95% and surfaced with a one course instead of a three course. Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes be approved as read after this correction and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Financial Report was given. Gerald Turner made the motion that it be approved as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Police Report was read by Mayor Lewis. He stated that the Chief recommended some type of ordinance be passed so that when the city turned off the water and the customers turned it back on that we could file on them. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Police Report be accepted as given and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Fire Report was given by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. Gerald Turner made the motion that it be approved as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Maintenance Report was given by Dick Flanagan.

Mr. Aaron Jensen met with the council with a stamp design of First Monday. The Mayor appointed Gerald and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. to check this and report back to the council.

Wade Whitaker met with the council with a proposed plat of a building on the old Peace property. He requested head in parking some 90 feet down Buffalo Street and he stated he would recess in 20 feet so the cars would be off the street. Mayor Lewis recommended that we remove the two parallel parking spaces in front of Wade's property and also remove 2 beside Palace Drug with approval of Mrs. Beard. City realizes that it belongs to Wade Whitaker and if he wants to so designate it as customer parking, he may do so. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. A copy of the minutes to be mailed to Wade Whitaker and Russell Eubank was appointed to talk to Mrs. Opal Beard concerning doing away with the two spaces beside her building.

Mr. L. E. Curry met with the council concerning several items. He stated that Coleman Implement was letting their burned lube oil run out in the bar ditch at his residence. Mayor noted for the secretary to write Coleman Implement concerning this. Also Mr. Curry needed the ditch dug out down by his residence and his water meter raised. Mr. Flanagan is to take care of this.

He also requested that the no parking signs in front of building be changed from the south side of the street to the north side of the street and he would appreciate a fire plug being installed near his building also.

Mr. Bud Willmon presented a petition from the Central Baptist Church stating that they wished to go on record as supporting termination of the lease of the building commonly known as the V. F. W. Hall located on the property adjoining the old city lake and the creation of a public park on the property. They further expressed their opposition to placing the V. F. W. Hall on any other city-owned property within the city limits of the city of Canton, Texas. This petition to be made a part of the official minutes.

Mr. Charles Blake at 1781 Lazy U Drive met with the council concerning his water pressure.

Billie Ann Furrh of Wills Point and Terry Carter of Canton met with the council requesting help on the mentally retarded school they are starting in Canton for residents in Van Zandt County. They stated they would need a teacher and two aides and at the present there were nineteen kids which this school would help. The Mayor appointed Gerald Turner and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. to check into this program and bring back a recommendation to the council.

Mrs. Eunice Travis commended the city council and Mayor on the fine job they were doing and she added she was especially proud of the financial report being given at each council meeting.

Mrs. Troyce Casey met with the council concerning the streets not being kept clean. Mayor noted the streets were to be cleaned every other week from now on.

Mr. Hamp Heard stated he had a leak at his meter at 1780 Cypress Lane.

Mr. Jim January met with the council concerning the plat of Tanglewood Addition. Mayor Lewis recommended that the plat be approved with the understanding that the subdivision come up to specifications that the city outlined in the ordinance and if it does not come up to the specifications, that the city refuse water service to this addition. Also the sewer line will be laid by Mr. January under the strict supervision of Mr. Flanagan. The Mayor's recommendation was to go with the ordinance. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we adopt the plat with the understanding that it be according to ordinance specifications and Gerald Turner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Bill Bell from Carter and Burgess of Fort Worth met with the council concerning a water treatment plant at the new Mill Creek Lake. He stated that it would cost approximately \$131,000 for the plant for 5,000 population which would include their fee, transmission lines to present lines, and a 100,000 gallon storage tank. Mayor Lewis recommended that we inform Carter and Burgess that we would like the bid for the contract to construct the water treatment plant at the same time the contract for the dam is let and prepare accordingly. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids on the police car was next on the agenda. Woodrow Cole bid \$250.00 and Glen Norman bid \$452.50. Russell Eubank made the motion that the car be sold to Glen Norman the high bidder and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. strongly urged the retainer wall at the new fire hall. He had some bids and stated it needed to be four feet high and at least forty feet long. Mayor recommended that Billy Jack Peace, Jr. get the best bid and proceed with the pipe for the fence to be set along with the wall and the city would furnish the pipe. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. The money for the retainer wall to come from the Water and Sewer Operating Fund.

Election was next on the agenda. Russell Eubank made the motion that the election be called for April 6th to elect three aldermen with Mr. Wendell Oliver as election Judge and Miss Caryle Mae Wallace, Mrs. Eunice Travis, and Miss Lillie Burns as helpers. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis recommended the time of the meeting be changed from 7 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis commended B. W. Ward for his fine job on the city lake fence and recommended that the City send Mr. Ward a letter of commendation. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Russell Eubank showed some maps he had prepared of the City and the water and sewer lines could be drawn into them. Mayor Lewis recommended

that we authorize Mr. Eubank at the least expense to the City to have Woodrow and Truman work with John Fincher on the maps. Herman Heard made the motion to this effect and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that Boss Williams, Roy Arnold, Evelyne Hendrix and Janice Martin be given a \$50 per month raise effective March 1st and that Mr. Walters be given a \$25 a month raise and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Also that the Ballard girl helping in the office be released and we write Mr. Terry Carter for a D. E. Student for extra help.

Gerald Turner made the motion that the Mayor be given the authority on the personnel problem and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

February 14, 1974
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, Joe Warren and Herman Heard.

Gerald Turner presented his resignation as city councilman effective now. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we accept Gerald's resignation and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Turner stated he was very interested in applying for the City Manager job. The Mayor stated the advantages and disadvantages of having Mr. Turner as City Manager. The Mayor stated he was only interested in what was best for the city and not what was the most popular. After much discussion, the Mayor recommended that we hire Gerald as City Maintenance Supervisor effective tomorrow and he would be in charge of everything except office and police departments at \$700 per month on a 60 day trial basis and at the end of that time we would decide if his employment would be permanent. The Mayor noted that Gerald is to learn how to do each and every employee's job at the earliest possible moment realizing he cannot supervise or earn the respect of the employees until he knows each person's job and for him to qualify himself for certification by State Health Department. Other items listed were: complete map project, get water and sewer license, learn back hoe operation, make a monthly progress report to city council and a daily work schedule for employees, and organize work order and work assignments to the city's advantage. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. Vote was three for, one against. The Mayor recommended that we not give the employees a raise until Gerald feels they deserve it. The council decided that no city employee was to complain to any city councilman about Gerald. If they desired to discuss anything concerning him, that the Mayor would call a city council meeting and the council and Gerald and the one with the complaint would discuss any problems in closed session to prevent any misunderstanding.

The council decided to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Turner by appointment. Mayor Lewis recommended that since Dennis Marm was qualified and had shown the interest to sign up first, that he be appointed to fill the

vacancy. 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 the motion that the meeting adjourn. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

March 12, 1974
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., Russell Eubank, Joe Warren and Herman Heard. Absent: None.

Mr. Dennis Mann, who had been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Gerald Turner, was sworn into office by Janice Martin. The Mayor then seated Mr. Mann. The minutes from the previous meetings were read and it was noted that Mr. Turner our new city manager needed to see about the water pressure at 1781 Lazy U Drive and Dennis Mann and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. were to report back to the council in June or July on the school for the retarded children. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Financial Report was given. Mrs. Wanda Casey, a guest, asked why the city was paying the insurance on the V. F. W. Building since there had been so much confusion on this matter. The Mayor stated he was not aware of this but he would find out and the secretary would write Mrs. Casey a letter concerning this matter. Mayor Lewis recommended that we advertise

First Monday again this month in the amount of \$300.00. Joe Warren 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 Financial Report be approved as given and Joe Warren seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Police Report was given by Hoss Williams. The streaker problem was discussed and a guest, Mr. Charles Baker, expressed his opinion he would sign a complaint on any streakers he saw because he would be offended. Hoss read the law concerning this matter and stated he could arrest them and carry them before the Judge and give thm an opportunity to call their parents and then it would be up to the Courts as to the action that would be taken. Mayor Lewis recommended that Hoss arrest any streakers he sees at his own discretion. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. A discussion was held on the police department being shorthanded and needing some more help since Roy Arnold was sick. The Mayor recommended that we authorize Hoss to come up with someone satisfactory with him and then they could meet with the City Council. The Mayor and Hoss are to work out the details on salary and working conditions. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Fire Chief Report was given by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. He asked that the city employees make a periodic report on the fire plugs in the city. He stated that a four and one-half feet by ninety feet retainer wall had been constructed at the new Fire Hall.

Maintenance Report was given by Mr. Gerald Turner. Mr. Eubank brought to the attention of the council that there was a war surplus store in Longview where the city might be able to get needed tools and other equipment at a very cheap price. Only municipal or school organizations would be able to avail themselves of this service. Mr. Turner stated he would check and see what would be available to the city. Mr. Turner stated that 900 feet of the water line going up to Red Hill had been installed at this time. Mr. LeNoir complained about the dog leash law. Gerald stated he would do a check on the dog calls and report back to the council the action being taken on the calls. Gerald stated some cities had a law where they

fined the owner for the dog running loose. Gerald and Janice are to check with the attorney and see how effective it will be to fine the owners of the dogs that are being allowed to run free. Mr. R. T. Hopson, a resident on Shady Lane, complained of someone shooting his dog. The secretary was advised to have Hoss contact him.

Gerald stated the Humane Society had visited the Gurry First Monday Dog Sale and was unhappy with the way the animals were being taken care of. Gerald stated Mr. Gurry was going to try to improve the conditions to satisfy the Humane Society. Gerald stated he had contacted three gentlemen and had the prices to prepare our maps of our existing water and sewer lines and that Mr. V. E. Hunter was the gentlemen who quoted the cheapest price. Mr. Hunter stated it would take from 6 to 8 weeks to complete the maps and he would do this for \$300 a month. Gerald Turner recommended that we hire Mr. Hunter to complete the maps. Mayor Lewis recommended that we take Gerald's recommendation and hire Mr. Hunter. Joe Warren made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald stated the State has a junk car law or a law concerning junk cars and he would like the council to pass an ordinance or something so we would be able to take care of the junk cars in the city. Gerald and Janice are to check with our attorney on the law concerning junk automobiles. The secretary was advised to contact Mr. Flanagan and ask him to return the ordinance book and any maps he might have that belonged to the City.

Gerald Turner stated that the Boy Scout Troop of Rebel Blackwell's from Dallas had spent one Saturday working on the Hillcrest Cemetery and he recommended that we write the Boy Scouts and thank them for this fine job. The Mayor stated to write the letter in the proper manner leaving the impression that the City would like to have them come back if they would like to. Gerald Turner recommended that we take bids on the street sweeper since we did not have any equipment that we could use it with. Mayor Lewis recommended that we authorize Gerald to take bids and sell the street sweeper.

A visitor introduced to the council was Mr. Ken Hale who is buying the Town and Country Shopping Addition in our city.

The Council is taking under consideration the flaps on the water towers since the State Health Department states they are mandatory for our water system.

Drainage problem on the west side of the new Fire Hall was discussed. Gerald was authorized to buy the grass needed to cover this area and bill it to the Fire Department.

Gerald recommended the following: that the attorney be contacted on the condemnation suits for the new city lake; iron stakes be installed on the First Monday Grounds to designate the boundary lines on the lots; build some wooden benches to be places behind the office on the First Monday Grounds; a needed vehicle to replace Woodrow's pickup since it was worn out; a rotor rooter for the sewer lines and salary increases. Gerald was authorized to place iron stakes on the main section and see how effective this will be before completing the entire grounds and to build the needed wooden benches to be placed on the First Monday Grounds. Since a new vehicle had been recently bought from each dealer (Ford and Pontiac), it was decided to draw to see which one we would take the bid for the pickup from. Mr. Finis Brewer drew and Norman Pontiac received the bid. Each of these businesses gives the city the opportunity to buy a vehicle at cost plus \$100. It was stated the next new vehicle purchased would come from Canton Motors. Mayor Lewis recommended that Russell and Gerald work on the rotor rooter for the City.

The Council went into closed session to discuss the personnel problem at the dump ground. Gerald stated Mr. Odell Gore had contacted him about the job at the dump ground. Gerald stated Mr. Gore had experience concerning land field operation and he recommended hiring Mr. Gore on a 60 day trial basis. Mayor Lewis recommended that Gerald be given the authority to hire Mr. Gore on a 60 day trial basis at \$425 a month. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Gerald stated that the maintenance crew had cooperated fully with him and he was well pleased with their performance and he recommended that Woodrow and Truman be given a \$50 a month raise and Bobby be given a \$50 a month raise plus a \$25 a month for his water license he recently obtained and that Mr. Cross and Mr. Mewbourn be given a 25¢ an hour increase and Mr. Dearing a 50¢ an hour increase effective March 1. Also, he recommended an increase in pay for First Monday workers Truman, Hoss, Woodrow, Bobby and Evelynne from \$2 an hour to \$3 an hour. Herman Heard made the motion that Gerald's recommendations be approved and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

March 21, 1974
Canton, Texas

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

This meeting was for the purpose of taking care of the dump ground tractor. A discussion was held on the tractor we presently have and figures were given whereby we had spent in the last two years in repair bills the equivalent to the amount we paid for the tractor in the beginning. Mr. Gore stated we could still spend \$10,000.00 more in repair bills and not have a tractor that would do the job that we needed.

The Mayor opened two bids, one from Plains Machinery Company and the other from Darr Equipment Company on new tractors. Mayor Lewis recommended that we buy the tractor (Caterpillar) from Darr Equipment Company in the amount of \$21,250.00 (includes trade in of old tractor) plus \$950 for a canopy and pay down to \$20,000 at 7% interest with payments for 36 months. Russell Eubank made the motion that we authorize the Mayor to conclude the deal for the tractor for the dump ground and future policies in regard to the dump ground be to make it pay its own way with a monthly financial report of expenses and income from the dump ground; also with the understanding that the tractor be serviced regularly. Herman Head seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Gore suggested that we could sell some fill dirt from the dump area. Gerald will check into this and report back to the council.

Russell Eubank made the motion that the meeting adjourn, and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

March 26, 1974
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., Dennis Mann and Russell Eubank, Absent: Joe Warren and Herman Heard.

A discussion was held on the building being constructed by Wade Whitaker on Buffalo Street behind Palace Drug Store. Mr. Whitaker presented the facts whereby this building being constructed of brick veneer would not be a fire hazard. Mayor Lewis recommended, based on statements from Fire Chief Cecil Tawater and Fire Marshall Hoss Williams, that the building would not be a fire hazard that the City Council grant a variance on Section 3 (Construction required within fire limits) of the Ordinance passed and approved the 12th day of April, 1950, and that Wade Whitaker be allowed to construct a brick veneer structure on South Buffalo Street. Dennis Mann made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. had Herman Heard's proxy vote and he voted in favor for Herman Heard by proxy.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

March 28, 1974
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., Dennis Mann, Herman Heard. Absent: Joe Warren and Russell Eubank.

The meeting was for the purpose of hiring a night policeman. Chief Hoss Williams recommended that the council hire Charles Eugene Wilhite for the position. Mayor Lewis recommended that we take Hoss Williams's recommendation and hire Mr. Wilhite on a trial basis for sixty days and at the end of that time the council would decide on permanent employment at the rate of \$575 per month. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be approved and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. voted for Russell Eubank by proxy in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

April 9, 1974
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., Russell Eubank, Joe Warren, Herman Heard and Dennis Mann. Absent: None.

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

The canvass of the election returns was held and Mayor Lewis read the results of the election. Russell Eubank made the motion that the election be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. Sam Hilliard, Russell Eubank, Dennis Mann and Herman Heard were sworn into the offices of Alderman by Janice Martin. The Mayor then seated the new councilmen. Mr. Sam Hilliard was seated as Mr. Joe Warren retired.

The Financial Report was given and each item was gone over along with a report of the Mill Creek Lake Fund. Dennis Mann made the motion that the Financial Report be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The advertising on First Monday was discussed and Herman Heard made the motion that we not advertise the next two months so we would be able to see if it was benefiting the city by advertising and Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. was appointed to check into the nightwatching expense on First Monday and see if it could be lowered.

The Police Report was given by Hoss Williams. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the Police Report be approved as given and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. The Fire Chief Report was given by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. Herman Heard made the motion that the Fire Report be approved as given and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. G. Harvey Sharp requested information on putting in a taxi service in Canton. Mr. Sharp was advised to make a formal request to the City and it would be discussed later.

Mrs. Wanda Casey met with the council with pictures of our City streets requesting that something be done about our dirty streets. Mayor Lewis recommended that Gerald do the best he could on keeping the streets clean and Mrs. Casey is to come back to the next council meeting and report back to the council on the condition of the streets. Mr. Hilliard stated he felt the streets needed to be swept each week.

Mr. Bob Fix with the firm of Wisenbaker and Fix Associates of Tyler met with the council concerning our sewer plant. The Water Quality Board is requesting that something be done about the condition of our plant since the effluent reports are not up to the standards required by the Water Quality Board. Mr. Fix stated he thought we could install two more lagones and this

would alleviate the problem for the present time. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Wisenbaker & Fix draw the necessary plans to enlarge the lagoons to improve our reports and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jim Curry met with the council concerning the faulty water line down the old Kaufman Road from Bois D Arc Street to Highway 64. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we replace the faulty water line (2 inch line) with a six inch line from Bois D Arc Street to Highway 64 down the Old Kaufman Road. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The existing sewer taps on the property at the present time will be used so there will not be a sewer tap charge to Mr. Curry. Mr. Curry requested that he be allowed to lease the property from his property line to the water line of the Old City Lake on the houses on Billy Street (east side) that he plans to construct. A decision will be given at the next meeting on this item.

The Mayor noted the letters in each one of the councilmen's folders on attracting new industries to our city. He stated he would not write any more letters without the approval of the council.

Sam Hilliard stated he felt the city should pay their bills by the 10th of each month.

First Monday Revenue was discussed. The Mayor stated for the past eighteen months, the Council had saved the First Monday money for the lake. He stated that due to the rising costs on the lake, the City Council felt this was the only way to enable the city to build the lake without voting another bond. Even though this was very unpopular action at the time, the council felt this was the best action. Mayor Lewis stated this policy forced the city this past fall to raise water and sewer rates to meet our bond indebtedness since First Monday money was set aside for the lake. In past years, the First Monday money was put into the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to operate the city which was the reason the water rates had not been raised in the past. The Mayor stated he felt the Water and Sewer Fund and the Tax Fund should stand on its own and the First Monday not be used in the operation of the city until the last expense on the lake was determined. He felt First Monday money should still be saved since we have no idea how much the final amount will be. Sam Hilliard stated he felt we should not continue to save the First Monday money, but that we should put our monthly income from First Monday from now on into the Water and Sewer Operating Fund which

would enable us to lower water bills since by putting this First Monday money into this account, it would build up a surplus in our Water and Sewer Operating Fund if we did not lower the water rates. Dennis Mann recommended that we save the First Monday money, but if we needed it not to increase the water rates as we were forced to do last fall due to our bond indebtedness, but just transfer it as needed into the Water and Sewer Operating Fund.

Mayor Lewis recommended that we accept Dennis Mann's recommendation to continue to save the First Monday money on a monthly basis to be put into the First Monday Fund. Dennis Mann made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. Lillie Burns requested that hand rails be installed at J. B. White and Guess Cleaners. Gerald was advised to contact Mr. Pruitt and Mr. Guess and see if they would install hand rails at these locations and Mr. Hilliard stated if they would not, that he would furnish the pipe at no expense to the City.

Gerald Turner reported that Bernard Weatherall had requested \$150 damage to his property when we had repaired the sewer line going to the sewer plant. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we authorize Gerald to settle with Mr. Weatherall for the cheapest price so long as it did not exceed \$150 and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

J. B. White Company requested a loading zone at his business. Herman Heard made the motion that we authorize Gerald to take care of this matter and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis recommended that we take sealed bids on the 1967 Chevrolet pickup since we had received the new pickup. Dennis Mann made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. It was noted that we had not received any bids on the street sweeper. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we sell the sweeper for junk and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald recommended that we provide picnic tables at the city park and some needed repair work on the tennis court. Gerald is to get the figures and we will consider this in the meeting in approximately two weeks.

Other items discussed was the Hilliard well, which lightning hit the pump and made it inoperable. It was recommended that we have a test run on

the well to see what it will produce before we decide anything else concerning the well. Gerald is to see what a new hydraulic pump will cost for the old dump truck and fire, theft insurance on the new tractor. Bids on the insurance to be brought to the next meeting.

A six inch water line from the water tower on Highway 19 to corner of Highway 243 and Highway 19 connecting to the northeast corner of these two highways were discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Gerald be authorized to lay this line and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Herman Heard stated Mr. Leo Stone would like to work 1 or 2 days a week for the City. Mr. Sam Hilliard stated that the curbon Highway 19 near the Service Cafe was ruining the business of these businesses. This was discussed and will be taken care of at a later date.

Mr. B. W. Ward was present at the meeting and the council asked him to check into the towns of Grand Saline and Edgewood participating in paying of the night dispatcher. Mr. Ward stated he had checked with these cities earlier but that he would contact them again concerning this matter.

The Council went into executive session at this time. A motion was made and seconded that Vicker's be put on city payroll until he leaves and Hoss will look for an applicant to replace him and present them to the Council. On Denton's job, it was decided we would try it one month at \$500 per month and report back at the next meeting. Russell Eubank made the motion that we hire Mr. Gore premanently at \$475 per month and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Gerald be authorized to hire someone to keep the dump grounds open on Sunday on a thirty day trial basis and everyone pay \$1 per load for this. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Hilliard made the motion that we pay the \$7500 for our half of repairing Big Rock Street from Highway 64 to Highway 243 to Mr. Wycough and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

April 25, 1974
Canton, Texas

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

The Hanson Brothers met with a preliminary plat of the Casa Grande Estates. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Gerald and Janice check out the plat against the specifications of our building code ordinance and report back to the council. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jim Curry met with a plat of his new addition. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the plat be approved with everything that will now go on to sewer at the present time with the addition to have curb and guttering. Gerald is to get a letter from the State Health Department on existing septic tanks on Nichols Road. Billy Jim Curry to be put on the agenda next month.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

April 26, 1974
Canton, Texas

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

The Hanson Brothers met with their plat of the Casa Grande Estates. They requested that the council make a variance on the building code to allow them to have their lots 80 feet wide instead of the 100 feet wide as required in our building code. Herman Heard made the motion that we grant the variance

on this one subdivision in question to change the width of the lots from 100 feet wide to 80 feet wide and Dennis Marm seconded the motion. All in favor. Gerald Turner recommended to the Council that they accept the preliminary plat as given. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the preliminary plat be approved with the stipulation that the foundation of the homes be at least 15 feet from the property line; carnish shall not be included but no other structure to be constructed within the 15 feet of the property line and the homes to have from 1100 to 1200 square feet of heated area; also the easement for the utilities shall have no obstructions. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis noted that the Council was going to have to watch the spending of the City's money as it had done in the past due to the vast expense of the lake project and we did not need to be trying to figure out ways to spend city money due to the fact that the condemnation suits were possibly going to get us into trouble financially. Mr. Hilliard stated he would like the information on how many city employees we have, their salaries, what each ones duties are, how many hours they spend on the job and their daily work schedules. The Mayor instructed Hoss, Janice and Gerald to make a report at the City Council meetings on the jobs performed by their departments during the month.

Dennis Marm made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

May 14, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Dennis Mann, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard and Herman Heard. Absent: None.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read and the following was noted: Mrs. Troyce Casey stated the streets looked better, J. B. White loading zone taken care, Hilliard well pumping 75 gallons per minute. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we try keeping the dump grounds open on Sunday for one more month and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Dennis Mann recommended that we accept Canton Insurance Agency bid on insurance policy on tractor and Dennis Mann made the motion and Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor. Dennis Mann is to check into long term disability insurance and report next meeting. Dennis Mann made the motion that the minutes of April 9 be approved as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. Russell Eubank made the motion that the minutes of April 25 be approved as given and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes of April 26 be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Financial Report was given. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that this be approved as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Police Productivity Report was given. Sam Hilliard made the motion that this be approved as given and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Maintenance Productivity Report was given and Russell Eubank made the motion that it be approved as read and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Office Productivity Report was given and Herman made the motion that this be approved as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Fire Report was given. Dennis Mann is to check and see if there is any way our fire rate can be lowered. Dennis Mann made the motion that

the Fire Report be approved as given and Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

David Wren met with the council and requested that the Junior Historians be allowed to have a parade the weekend before July 4th. They plan to have a pilgrimage to raise money for a museum for Canton. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we grant them a permit for a parade and stated they were to be commended and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Johnny Sanders met with the council concerning a dog problem.

Mr. Lewis Green from General Telephone Company was recognized as a guest.

First on the agenda was the hiring of a third policeman. Hoss Williams recommended that the council hire a third policeman since it was impossible for two to be on duty at all times. Sam Hilliard made the motion that this be given top priority in executive session and the applicants be interviewed and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Second on the agenda was appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem. Herman Heard made the motion that Dennis Mann be appointed as Mayor Pro Tem and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt met with the council on behalf of the CYRA and requested that the council donate to this worthy cause. He gave the figures on the expenses of this operation and stated we had 475 boys and girls playing this year. After a thorough discussion, Dennis Mann made the motion that the City donate \$1,000 to be paid \$300 June 1st, \$300 July 1st, and \$400 August 1st and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Buddy Reeves met on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce requesting a clean-up week for Canton. Mayor Lewis recommended that we support the Chamber in a clean-up week and let everyone in City limits go to the dump free of charge on the designated days. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids on the 1967 Chevrolet pickup were opened. Glen Norman, \$305; Orville Wilbanks, \$201; Jarvis Pickens \$225; W. L. Pierce \$227.50. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the pickup be sold to the high bidder which was Glen Norman and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Next on the agenda was the Fence Builders Damages against the City for delay caused by C. D. Douthitt on the Mill Creek Lake fence. Mr. Marion S. Porter, area soil conservationist from Terrell, and Mr. Otho Gipe from Canton were present and Mr. Porter stated that the government had thoroughly examined the claim and felt they could only justify \$388.50 of this claim. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we allow conservation service to settle for that amount and authorize the Mayor to make payment if settlement is made and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Sam Hilliard noted that we needed to send a copy of letter and material to our attorney, Mr. Crow, to keep him informed on the damages against the City.

Mr. J. L. Hatfield met with the council with a plat of Oaks Village where he plans to build a shopping center. Sam Hilliard made the recommendation that we lay a six inch water line to his property line. Dennis Mann made the motion that the plat be approved and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. (One member did not vote due to absence from council room)

Hanson Brothers met with the final plat of the Casa Grande Estates. Russell Eubank made the motion that the final plat be approved which is Section I, and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jim Curry met with the council on the sewer layout of the Curry Addition. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Gerald Turner be authorized to lay from beginning point down Billy St. to Old Kaufman Road and then pick up on the Old Kaufman Road anywhere it would be 10 feet or less and lay down to Highway 64 and a contract be let for anything below 10 feet and Billy Jim Curry is to donate labor, mortar, sand for the manholes and the City will furnish concrete for bottom and brick for the manholes. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Billy Jim Curry requested a lease from the property line down to the lake on the lots. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we give him permission to keep this area clean but not fences or any other type structures that would take away from the City could be built on this area and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. Herman Heard made the motion that we accept the plat of Phase II Addition of the Curry Addition with a 50 foot street down Old Kaufman Road and curb and guttering on Billy Street and Old Kaufman Road and Sam Hilliard seconded

the motion. All in favor.

Lloyd Shinn requested that the City lay water and sewer up to his new building located at the intersection of Highway 243 and 19 at the City's expense. It was unanimously discussed not to lay line on his property.

Water treatment plant was discussed; the proposed one for Mill Creek Lake. Secretary was advised to write Carter and Burgess and see if the water supply pipe was being drawn into the specifications on the dam. Gerald is to check with Wisenbaker and Fix as to the feasibility of the present plant for our filtering of our water supply and to report back to the council.

R. C. Denton gave his report to the council stating that he had picked up 143 dogs and that he had driven 885 miles and spent \$22 on dog food. He requested that the Council consider a pay increase for him. He also stated he had a kennel built which would pass the Humane Society.

The Council then went into Executive Session. Items discussed were Weldon Starnes trash hauling outside city limits, R. C. White law suit, hiring of third policeman, handling First Monday money, hiring of Gerald Turner permanent, electricity on First Monday grounds, radar unit and commercial buildings. The Council was then called out of executive session. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that Richard Koonce be hired at \$575 per month and that he be brought by to meet Council and told what is expected of him and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we try dog catcher for another 30 days at \$500 a month plus 10¢ per miles traveled and allow him \$20 for dog food. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that we hire Gerald Turner permanently and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. City Secretary was advised to check and see if we could borrow money to pay off Darr Equipment Company for tractor for a cheaper interest rate than we are paying Darr at the present time.

Dennis Mann made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

May 15, 1974
Canton, Texas

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

Jimmie Reed met with the council requesting that he be allowed to place a carnival on the Tunnell lot and he would guarantee the City \$300. He will place the carnival there the weekend of First Monday. Herman Heard made the motion that this be tried for one year Tuesday through Sunday and Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Richard Koonce met with the Council as a new employee in the Police Department. His duties were discussed and he was told that he would be working for Hoss and that if he had any complaints against Hoss that a meeting would be called of the City Council with him and Hoss both present. The Council requested that Hoss and he not be out of town at the same time, and that he begin his duties today, the 15th.

Herman Heard requested that Hoss help count First Monday money on the Tuesday after First Monday.

It was discussed that Woodrow James was having to work every weekend with the water. It was decided that the water duties would be rotated so that he would have some time off but that he would still be in complete charge of the water and sewer plants and on his weekends off the other employees were just to check and not make any changes on chemicals unless they contacted Woodrow first.

Canton Rural Water System to be put on agenda next month. Gerald is to get figures on this.

Report to be given on the Executive Session by Mr. Sam Hilliard next month.

Dennis Mann made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Russell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

June 11, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in their regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Dennis Mann, Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard and Herman Heard. Absent: Billy Jack Peace, Jr.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read and it was noted that the water line had been laid to the Hatfield property. The secretary advised that she had checked with Carter and Burgess and that the water outlet on the dam had been drawn into the specifications. Mr. Hilliard had checked on borrowing the money from the First National Bank at 5% interest to pay off the loan we are now paying on the tractor to Darr Equipment Company. Dennis Mann made the motion that the Mayor and City Secretary check into our agreement with Darr and if there is no penalty in paying off this loan, that we borrow the money from the bank at 5%.

Mr. Sam Hilliard gave a report on Executive Session and the procedures and law concerning this. The secretary was advised to summarize this report and mail to each council member.

A correction was noted on the May 14 minutes that it state that the approval of the final plat of the Casa Grande Estates apply only to Section I. Dennis Mann made the motion that these minutes be approved as read after the correction and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Herman Heard made the motion that the minutes of May 15 be approved as given and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Police Report was given by Hoss Williams and he requested that in this year's telephone book it has a night listing for the police and the number of the Sheriff's office be given since we had a night dispatcher. Mr. Williams stated that the group that was having the pilgrimage had requested that the one way street between Merle Norman Studios and J. B. White be closed on the Saturday before First Monday. Dennis made the motion that this be approved and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. It was suggested that the tires be marked periodically and that the radar unit be used and tickets given and the speed limit enforced.

Maintenance Report was given by Gerald Turner. No Parking signs was suggested to be placed from Weldon Norman's down to Leo Stone's and then

down to Mrs. Carpenters due to First Monday people parking and leaving their automobiles.

It was suggested that the gentleman that lives on the road to the dump ground be contacted and see if he would unlock the dump ground on Sunday for 25¢ per load and that the dump ground be handled in this manner on Sunday and after hours when the dump was closed. Sam Hilliard recommended that this be accepted and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. Also that any new extra labor must be cleared with the council or have council approval and that there be no large purchases without council approval. Sam Hilliard made the motion that all purchases over \$100 be approved by the Mayor and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Eubank requested that the City Council be notified when the auditors were coming and that all money received be deposited the following day and that all checks as received be stamped with the City stamp, and that all outgoing checks be looked over by the Mayor before being mailed. The secretary advised that the auditors have been here and made their audit the last two days Monday and Tuesday, and that we would be receiving our report from them in a few days.

Animal Warden Report was given.

Fire Report was given.

Next on the agenda was guest items. Among these were: curfew law was questioned; Bob Ward requested a street light on Denise Lane and lights for Debbie Drive. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the street lights on Denise Lane be installed and that Debbie Drive be lighted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

First Monday was next on the agenda. A discussion was held and this was tabled to be put on the agenda next month.

Mr. Sam Hilliard requested that part of the First Monday money be placed into the General Tax Fund and part be put into the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to operate these two funds on since the balances in these accounts were so low due to a look at the Financial Reports. The Mayor requested that he be given 30 days in which to see if he couldn't improve the Financial Reports by cutting down on the spending and checking the bills and see if these two accounts could not stand on their own.

Mr. Buddy Reeves met on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce requesting that the Council approve the use of the First Monday Grounds for a 4th of July

Picnic to help the needy organization. Herman Heard made the motion that they be allowed to use the grounds and we would clean them up afterwards and if the Chamber wanted to re-imburse us on the expense of the clean-up or any part of it, that would be all right. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Taxi Franchise was next on the agenda. Mr. Sharpe presented a copy of the franchise from Brenham, Texas and Sam Hilliard made the motion that we grant this franchise for one year at 2% of the gross income and it be modeled according to Brenham, Texas Franchise and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Sharpe was not to exceed the rates of 85¢ for first 3/5 mile and 15¢ each 1/5 mile thereafter.

Canton Rural Water was next on the agenda. After a discussion, it was decided that a legal opinion was needed on the contract and that this be tabled until the next meeting.

Jodie Strickland requested that the city pay 1/2 of the cost of the oil to repair East Tyler Street to Red Hill on to Highway 64. This was tabled at the present time due to the financial condition of the city. Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Eubank were to check out the usage of this street and report back to the Council.

Hanson Brothers requested that they be allowed to use plastic pipe in their development and it was unanimously discussed that this not be allowed due to it increasing our fire rate.

The Council then went into Executive Session.

The Council was then called out of Executive Session. The Mayor recommended that Mr. R. C. Denton be relieved of his position effective tomorrow due to the financial condition of the City and that this was due to no complaint on his work and it was with deep regret. Also that each city employee be paid \$1 per dog that they pick up and at the end of 30 days the one who has picked up the most dogs will receive a \$25 bonus; this to be a 30 day trial. Dennis Mamm made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dennis Mamm made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

June 27, 1974
Canton, Texas

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

A discussion was held on the money we now have in savings accounts in Athens Federal Savings and Loan Association and American National Bank in Terrell. The Mayor recommended that we buy \$100,000 in treasurer bills and place \$10,000 in a special fund which would not be drawn on in the First National Bank in Canton, and leave a balance of \$10,270.50 in Athens Federal Savings and Loan Association. After much discussion, Russell Eubank made the motion that Janice be authorized to buy \$100,000 in treasurer bills for 90 day periods and as the other certificates became renewable, that they be withdrawn and treasurer bills be bought with them and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Herman Heard made the motion that the money in savings on the \$1 per meter per month be placed in treasurer obligation bills with 90 day certificates as they became renewable and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

A discussion was held on State Sales Tax on the First Monday grounds. It was decided that we would seek an attorney's opinion and the state law concerning this before any action was taken.

Dennis Mann made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

July 9, 1974
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., Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard and Herman Heard. Absent: Dennis Mann.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and a correction was made in the minutes to show that the rate of interest on the tractor from Darr Equipment Company was 7% was the reason for Mr. Hilliard to see about borrowing the money from First National Bank at 5%. It was noted that the secretary get the payoff on the tractor as soon as possible.

A report was given by Mr. Eubank and Mr. Hilliard on East Tyler Street. Mr. Hilliard reported that he had checked and 71 out of 95 would use the street if it was repaired. This to be discussed later in the meeting. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that the minutes be approved as read and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Dalton Tidwell met with the council and requested that he be allowed to lease the lake property for pasture. The Mayor stated that Mr. Tidwell would be contacted if the City decides to lease the property.

Mildred Ward and Merle Dunn met with the council on behalf of the Old City Ball Park requesting any assistance the city could give them on repairs of the ball park.

Mr. Hopson met with the council concerning street lights out, lots not being mowed and junk cars and some questions on financial matters.

Financial Report was given. Russell Eubank made the motion that the financial report be approved as given and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The Mayor told the Council it would be necessary to borrow about \$8,000 from the First Monday Fund to make the bond payments and that the money would be placed back in this Fund as soon as possible. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor be allowed to borrow the necessary money from the First Monday Fund to make our Water and Sewer Bond payment and that the money be repaid as soon as possible. All in favor.

Police Report was given. Opal Beard requested a loading zone be marked by the side of her building on Buffalo St. Also that no parking signs be placed beside Billy Jack Peace, Jr.'s drug store from Buffalo to Mrs. Beard's

house on Capital Street. Sam Hilliard made the motion that no parking signs be placed from Buffalo Street to Capital Street and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Mrs. Beard be given a loading zone and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Office Report was given. Mr. Eubank requested information on the reservations of the First Monday lots in comparison to one year ago. The secretary guessed about 20% increase but she stated she would get Mr. Eubank the actual figures.

Maintenance Report was given by Gerald Turner. Mr. Hilliard asked why a fire plug had not been installed on Hwy 243 and Hwy 19 and he stated that there was a fire plug on Big Rock and College that was not being used that could possibly be moved to this location. Gerald is to check into this, and call the Mayor and Mr. Hilliard. Mr. Eubank and Mr. Hilliard are to check on the sewer pipe specifications in our building code and report back to the council if a change is needed.

Fire Chief Report was given. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. recommended that Bobby Pruitt send the Fire Reports each month. He also stated there was a fire training school from July 21-26 at Texas A & M and he recommended that Bobby Pruitt be sent to this school. Mr. Hilliard stated he felt it was well worth the money for us to send a fireman and that he felt his salary should be paid while he is attending school and his expenses be paid down there. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Billy Jack Peace, Jr. make the necessary arrangements for Bobby Pruitt to go to school and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Pruitt is to keep a notebook on what was covered at the school and report back to the council. Gerald Turner is to report on filtering system at the city lake and Janice Reed and Gerald Turner are to check and see how many on the delinquent water list have moved and if their water deposits have been taken from this amount.

Mr. Dean Fountain met with the council concerning the State Sales Tax which was not reported or paid from the First Monday vendors to the State. Mayor requested that we will check and see how many reserved customers have a tax number and report to Mr. Fountain.

Canton Rural Water Corporation was next on the agenda. An attorney's opinion was read concerning the contract and it was determined that there

could be no change until July, 1975, therefore, it be put on the agenda for June, 1975.

Mr. Lewellyn met with the council concerning a water line located on his property, Lot 5, Briarwood Estates without an easement. The approximate cost of moving the line would be \$248. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the city move the line at city's expense and Gerald Turner contact Mr. Kittsmiller on an easement on Lots 10, 11 and 12. This motion died from a lack of a second. Mayor Lewis recommended that the city move the line with the stipulation that Kittsmiller give an easement on the existing line on Lots 10, 11 and 12. Russell Eubank made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hackney and Travis water line was next on the agenda. They requested that the city lay a water line to their proposed new restrooms on the First Monday grounds. This matter was tabled.

Board of Equalization for Taxes was next on the agenda. Herman Heard made the motion that Mr. J. W. LaNoir, Mr. J. W. Terry and Mr. Flynn Mince be named to the board of equalization with Mr. W. H. Oliver as alternate. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Humane Society was next on the agenda. A discussion was held and the Mayor recommended that this matter be tabled.

Concerning the street from Hwy 19 to Hwy 64, East Tyler Street, Herman Heard made the motion that the balance of the Revenue Sharing Money designated for street repairs be given to Mr. Jodie Stricklin along with a check from the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to make a total of \$1,000, toward the East Tyler Street repair. The amount to be taken out of the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to be approximately \$377.27. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The dog problem was discussed. It was decided that we would continue to let city employees pick up dogs but that it would be only \$2 per dog and we would discontinue the \$1 a dog plus \$25 bonus. Herman Heard made the motion that the city employees be given \$2 for each dog they pick up and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jim Curry was next on the agenda. He requested that he not have to put curb and guttering up the Old Kaufman Road and not have to widen

the street since it had been there so long he felt it would not fall under our building code ordinance. It was decided to get a lawyer's opinion concerning this matter and Janice Reed is to contact L. F. Sanders concerning this.

Secretary was advised to send some copies of our agreements to Mr. Charles Crow for his opinion.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

July 11, 1974
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., Dennis Mann, Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard. Absent: Herman Heard.

This meeting was for the purpose of meeting with our attorney, Mr. Charles Crow, on the upcoming cases on the Mill Creek Lake.

The Council went into executive session for a discussion on the cases and then the Mayor called the meeting into open session.

Dennis Mann made the motion that the City establish a City Court and appoint a City Judge and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made the motion that Loyal Campbell be appointed to fill the post of City Judge and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

July 26, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Dennis Mann, Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard, Herman Heard and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. Absent: None.

The Council went into executive session for a discussion on the Mill Creek Lake cases.

After this discussion, the Mayor then called the session into an open meeting. Mr. Sam Hilliard stated that the people should be aware that we are victims of circumstances and he stated that there has been a lot of changes made in the lake project since its' initial beginning. Mr. Hilliard recommended that the city drill another well for sufficient amount of water to supply the town. He stated the lake was not the most important but that we have water to use, from the standpoint of health, fire and beautification to our city. Mr. Hilliard stated he also felt we should contact the Sabine River Authority concerning using water out of the Mineola Reservoir in the future. City Secretary to contact the Sabine River Authority and find out what the necessary steps that should be taken for us to have use of the Mineola Reservoir. Mr. Hilliard recommended that the City Secretary contact Shaw Construction Company, Chambers and Phillips and Andrews and Foster concerning bids for a new well and the bids to be for a 10 inch and a 12 inch well cemented in with maximum screen or gravel packed.

Dennis Mann made the motion that Janice Reed and Sam Hilliard be authorized to get bids on a new well and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made the motion that the Mayor and City Secretary check and see what our status is concerning our obligations to complete the lake project and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis recommended that Charles Crow be paid as originally agreed for the Burnett case, this being \$1200 for the case. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made the motion that the meeting adjourn and Herman

Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

August 13, 1974
Canton, Texas

The City Council met August 13, 1974 in a regular meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Dennis Mann, Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard and Herman Heard. Absent: Billy Jack Peace, Jr.

The Council met in executive session to discuss the Mill Creek Lake cases. The Council gave the Mayor authority to settle the Hilliard and Jackson cases for \$1,000.00 per acre.

Minutes were read and approved from last meeting.

Dalton Tidwells request for grazing rights on City Lake property was denied because some of the land is condemned and cannot be used.

Bobby Pruiett gave a report on Firemans School at Texas A & M.

Dennis Mann read a proposal of Angus Travis and Joe Hackney for a restroom to be built by them with the City furnishing water and sewer and maintaining the restrooms. After much discussion, the matter was tabled.

Woodrow Janes reported 17 dogs had been caught.

Sam Hilliard recommended that the City use vitrous clay tile on cement tile for all future sewer lines that will be laid in a street. Motion was made by Dennis Mann and seconded by Herman Heard. All in favor.

The Financial Report was discussed. The Council asked that a more thorough report be given on the City dump and trash hauling next meeting. Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Herman Heard, that the Financial Report be accepted. All in favor.

The Police Report was given by Hoss Williams. Motion was made to accept the Police Report by Dennis Mann and seconded by Russell Eubank. All in favor.

No parking requested by Hoss Williams on one side of Main Street by the bank. Sam Hilliard made a motion to this effect and Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hoss Williams requested that he be allowed to help with the traffic at the Fair. Motion made by Sam Hilliard that Hoss Williams be allowed to help with the traffic at the Fair. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Office Report was given. A request was made by the Council that we check to see how much the Council charged for tax certificates.

The Maintenance Report was given by Gerald Turner. A request was made by Gerald Turner for a load of oil sand to be mixed for use on our First Monday Grounds and to be used for a road at the City Dump. Also, a wet weather pit needs to be dug at the dump grounds. Both requests tabled.

The Fire Report was given by Fire Chief Cecil Tawater.

The city lake report was tabled.

Another water well was discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion that another well be dug to insure the availability of water during the summer months because it would be 2 or 3 years before we can use water out of the lake. Motion died from lack of a second. The Mayor recommended that the matter be tabled until the January meeting. Motion made by Herman Heard and seconded by Russell Eubank to accept the Mayor recommendation. Dennis Mann, Russell Eubank and Herman Heard voted for. Sam Hilliard voted against.

First Monday rates were discussed. Sam Hilliard recommended the rates be increased \$1.00 per lot for administrative purposes, and that \$1.00 extra per lot be charged to all dealers entering the grounds on Friday. Also the vendors license be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Motion made by Sam Hilliard to this effect and seconded by Dennis Mann. All in favor.

Revenue Sharing was discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the City enter into a curb and guttering program. Mayor Lewis recommended that the City use the money for a water well. Sam Hilliard withdrew his motion. Motion was made to adopt the Mayor recommendation by Herman Heard, seconded by Dennis Mann. All in favor.

The Council went into executive session to discuss personnel. Gerald Turner requested that Mr. J. C. Cross be put on salary. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Mr. Cross be put on salary at \$500.00 per month, seconded by Dennis Mann. All in favor.

Herman Heard made the motion that Odel Gore be given \$25.00 per month expense account. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann that Les Brower be paid \$100.00 per day (for 2 days) for work on the Burnett case. Seconded by Russell Eubank. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made the motion that the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Herman Heard. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

August 28, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in an emergency session August 28, 1974 with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Dennis Mann, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Herman Heard, Russell Eubank and Sam Hilliard.

Metroplex Ambulance Service of Dallas met with the Council to advise that they would furnish emergency ambulance service for Canton during the First Monday weekend at no cost to the City. The Mayor recommended that they be allowed to operate. Herman Heard made the motion that we adopt the Mayor's recommendation. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Janice Martin Reid resigned as City Secretary effective immediately and Evelyn Hendrix was appointed acting Secretary.

The Mayor recommended that the City pay Mr. J. W. Burnett the amount awarded him in the recent Court trial. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mayor recommended that the City try to lease ambulances from the two local funeral homes to provide ambulance service for our citizens on an emergency 60 day permit. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we offer Hilliard Funeral Home and Eubank Funeral Home \$50.00 each per month for one ambulance from each place of business. Also that the City maintain the ambulances to provide insurance. Seconded by Dennis Mann. All in favor.

The Mayor recommended that the City Council approve the plan of Chili Campbells for the operation of the ambulances.

Motion made by Russell Eubank to adjourn, seconded by Dennis Mann. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

September 3, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met September 3, 1974 in an emergency executive session. All present. Mr. Tom Puckett with the accounting firm of Squires, Johnson & Squires of Tyler met with the Council to discuss a new bookkeeping system for the City. The Council decided to contact Sherram and Morgan accounting firm in Greenville to discuss the 1973-1974 audit. The Council authorized Gerald Turner to contact both local papers to advertise for a City Secretary.

Motion was made by Herman Heard to transfer \$5,000.00 from the First Monday Fund account to the General Tax Fund. Seconded by Dennis Mann. All in favor.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann to adjourn, seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

September 10, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regular session September 10, 1974 with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Dennis Mann, Sam Hilliard, Russell Eubank and Herman Heard.

The minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

The Financial Statement was discussed, and Sam Hilliard made the motion that all City bills be paid. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Authorization was given Gerald Turner to withdraw \$11,000.00 from Athens Federal to be placed on the Mill Creek Lake Fund in order to pay the City's share of the building of the fence around the lake.

Wayne Jeter met with the Council to discuss delivery problems and ask for assistance from the City to pave the area behind the building on the South side of the square. The Council stated that they would cooperate in every way possible, but could not furnish material because the area is private property.

General Telephone's request for a rate increase was discussed. Sam Hilliard suggested that a public hearing be held. Mayor Lewis stated that the Council would do everything possible to reach a decision within 60 days.

Mr. Jordan and Mr. Gregory with the Louisiana Ambulance Service met with the Council and asked that they consider passing an ordinance to prevent other ambulance services to operate within our City that did not meet the same specifications as the Louisiana firm. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Billy Jim Curry requested a variance from our building code on the street width on the Old Kaufman Road. Dennis Mann made the motion that Sam Hilliard and Russell Eubank investigate the request and report back to the Council with their recommendation. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council then went into executive session to discuss the City Lake cases.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann that Squyres, Johnson and Squyres & Company set up a complete new bookkeeping system for the City, and that they will continue checking the system every 30 days or longer. Seconded by Sam Hilliard. All in favor.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann that a complete audit of the City's books be conducted by Squyres, Johnson and Squyres of Tyler. Seconded by Sam Hilliard. All in favor.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann that Gerald Turner be appointed acting City Secretary until the audit is completed and the new bookkeeping system is set up. Mr. Turner will also continue his duties as City Maintenance Supervisor. Seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. All in favor.

The charging of a fee to handle Tax Certificates was discussed. Russell Eubank made the motion that due to the fact that the County and the School was charging for this service, that the City should also charge the \$2.00 per tax certificate. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made the motion that our new caterpillar which is presently financed by Darr Equipment Company, be paid off by refinancing with the First National Bank of Canton and that the City Secretary and Mayor be authorized to complete this transaction. Seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. All in favor.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann that the Mayor and City Secretary be authorized to transfer up to \$5,000.00 from Athens Federal to the Water and Sewer Operating Fund in the First National Bank. Seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard requested that the City contact E. E. Wycough to discuss the widening of the bridge over Dry Creek on College Street.

The parking problem on Edom Street behind the bank was discussed. Hoss Williams was asked to work out a solution to this problem with the Highway Patrol.

Hoss Williams stated that Butch Hilliard and Norris Birdwell requested that Elm Street between Athens and Buffalo Streets be made a one way street during school hours. Hoss Williams will make a survey on traffic and report back to Council.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dennis Mann. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

City Secretary

September 24, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called emergency session Tuesday, September 24, 1974 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Dennis Mann, Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard and Herman Heard. All present.

Mr. Harold Derman of Squyers, Johnson & Squyers accounting firm of Tyler gave a brief summary of the recent audit of City records from January 1, 1973, to September 13, 1974. The Council then went into executive session to discuss personnel problems relating to this report. After a short discussion period, it was unanimously agreed upon that further investigation of this matter would be necessary.

The ambulance problem was discussed. Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. that the City cease our ambulance service effective October 1, 1974, to allow the Louisiana Ambulance Service to operate while they are selling memberships for the planned county wide ambulance service, but that the City continue to provide ambulance service for the home football games and to assist the Louisiana Ambulance Service in providing back-up services if needed. Also that the City will pay \$30.00 per trip to the present city ambulance drivers. All approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Herman Heard, seconded by Russell Eubank. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:


City Secretary (Acting)

October 8, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regular meeting Tuesday night, October 8, 1974, at 7:30 P.M. in the city hall with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. All members were present.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

Mr. Lloyd Shinn met with the Council to discuss a problem of the sewer line at his new store which is under construction at the intersection of Hwys 243 and 19. Mr. Sam Hilliard suggested the possibility of extending the main sewer line down Hwy 243 from Hwy 19 to enable other residences and businesses, which are not presently on the City sewer service, to do so. A grade will be shot on the proposed line to see if it will be deep enough to allow the connections.

Mr. S. C. Broyles asked if all the city employees that handle city money were bonded. Mr. Dennis Mann will have a report on this at the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Jo Ann Reed, Mr. Albert Taylor and Mr. Don Bishop of General Telephone met with the council asking for a decision for the recent request for a rate increase. After a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr., that the request be denied. All were in favor.

A request for additional street lights on Ave. B, Stacey Lane, Judy Lane and Grand Saline Street was made. Motion was made by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. that the T P & L office contacted to arrange for installation of the lights. Seconded by Dennis Mann. All were in favor.

A representative of Harmony Gospel Church had requested that a 2" water line be run from our existing 6" water line on Old Kaufman Road out across Cherry Blossom Drive to the proposed location of their new Church building site. Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Dennis Mann, that the City lay a 6" water line instead of the 2" water line and charge the Church for a 2" inch water line. All were in favor.

Easements for utility lines was discussed. Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Dennis Mann, that a blanket easement or a written easement be granted by the property owner before any additional utility lines

were laid. All were in favor. Motion was made by Russell Eubank that the Mayor and City Secretary do whatever is necessary to prevent the construction of a proposed house at 765 Ave. B, which would be directly over an existing main sewer line. Motion was seconded by Dennis Mann. All were in favor.

The City Secretary was instructed to do whatever necessary to collect money on all checks returned from the bank.

The Mill Creek Lake project was discussed. The Council approved the proposed plans on the Park Road, Cemetery Road, and the Dam Construction.

The First Monday Grounds was discussed. Gerald Turner was instructed to obtain a cost on a new restroom to be built on the new area of our grounds. Also that clearing of the unused portion of the new area be started at once.

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Herman Heard that the City do whatever is necessary to collect the approximately \$1500.00 electric bill of the V. F. W. Hall that had been billed to the City in error. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard that the water deposits be doubled on instances where the water services had to be cut off because of past due water bills. Motion was seconded by Herman Heard. All were in favor.

A discussion on the required training of all new policemen was next. It will be necessary for Gene Wilhite to receive this training to be certified in order to continue on in any type of police work. Motion was made by Russell Eubank, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that the City pay Gene Wilhite his salary plus all expenses to attend the required training school. All were in favor.

The Mayor recommended that Gerald Turner and Hoss Williams work an agreement with Bobby Fruiett to fill in for Gene Wilhite while Gene is attending the training school. Motion was made by Sam Hilliard that the Mayor's recommendation be approved. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Council then went into executive session to discuss personnel problems and legal matters with an attorney.

Bob Bartlett met with the council in behalf of Weldon Starnes regarding Weldon Starnes' franchise with the City to haul garbage. The question of allowing exemptions of hauling by Weldon Starnes was discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the City get an opinion from Charles Crow, attorney, concerning the franchise before any action is taken. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Council also requested that the City be furnished with an operating statement from Weldon Starnes listing all of the related expenses and the names and addresses of all persons and businesses that he is hauling for, including inside and outside the city limits.

The 5' strip of land adjoining the City Airport on the east side, which is owned by Clayton Bolt, was discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the Mayor arrange for the purchase of this strip of land. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The executive session was concluded.

Gerald Turner was instructed to advertise that the city had fire wood for sale at the city dump at \$5.00 per cord, un-cut. Also that the City has Bois D' Arc timber for sale at the First Monday Grounds.

The Mayor and City Secretary were instructed to write a letter to Governor Dolph Briscoe telling him how much the City appreciated him visiting our town.

Motion was made to adjourn by Russell Eubank. Seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
CITY SECRETARY (Acting)

October 13, 1974
Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called emergency meeting Sunday, October 13, 1974, at 5:00 P.M. with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. Dennis Mann, Sam Hilliard, Herman Heard and Russell Eubank were present. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. was absent.

The Land Rights Agreement concerning the Burnett, Jackson and Hilliard property was discussed. Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Dennis Mann, that the City approve the amount of \$1,000.00 per acre as listed on the agreement. All were in favor.

Gerald Turner was instructed to obtain the owners policy on the Burnett property and also the warranty deed on the Hilliard and Jackson property.

During a discussion of personnel, authorization was given the Mayor to hire another girl to work in the office.

No other business, the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary *ACTING*

November 12, 1974
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. (late), Russell Eubank, Herman Heard, Dennis Mann and Sam Hilliard.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read. Dennis Mann reported that the City employees had been properly bonded as requested.

Gerald Turner reported that the City had received \$10.00 from the wood for sale and that there were more people cutting wood now. The minutes were approved as read.

Mr. J. W. LaNoir met with the council regarding the work done on Stacey Street. He stated that the work Mr. Jack Daniels had done was a very poor job, and needed to be redone. Mr. Daniels, who was present, stated he would look in to the matter.

Mr. Bishop met with the council regarding the speeding cars on Buffalo Street. Hoss Williams stated that the speed limit along that street was 30 m.p.h. and that he had given several tickets in that area. Mayor Lewis asked Hoss Williams to keep a close watch on this area and see if there is any improvement in the speeding and report back to the council at the next meeting.

The Financial Report was discussed. Russell Eubank asked if the bookkeeping system was being brought up to date according to the standards set by law. Gerald Turner explained that the books were being set up accordingly. Russell Eubank suggested that we get the accountants here to see what kind of bookkeeping system is being set up. Sam Hilliard suggested that the dump permits be printed up in a book, numbered, with stubs for each permit in order to keep more accurate records of the dump permits. Gerald Turner is to take care of this matter. The Financial Report was approved as given.

Mr. Irby Mills met with the council suggesting that the City look into the possibility of providing street markers and numbers for the residences. Mr. Mills mentioned that the Jaycees were looking for a project and he had mentioned this to them. Gerald Turner stated that the City has some street signs at the City Barn and he would check and see what we have and what additional signs would be needed to provide the City with street markers. Gerald Turner had checked with Mr. Phil Gant about a price for the street signs and numbers, but Mr. Gant has not yet reported back. Gerald Turner is to check with the Jaycees to see if they will take care of this matter as a project and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Lloyd Shinn met with the council regarding the extension of a sewer line to his new building at the intersection of Hwy 19 and Hwy 243. Gerald Turner presented a map and explained the problem. Sam Hilliard

recommended that we get Wisenbaker and Fix Engineering Company down here to check out the problem and see if the sewer line can be laid. Gerald Turner is to get the engineers here and report back to the council.

Next on the agenda was the summer water rates. The summer water rates were put in effect April 15 through October 15. (The rate included 3,000 gallons of water for \$4.00 instead of the 1,000 gallons of water for \$1.00) The Mayor recommended that the rates be left the same as in effect at the present time. All in favor.

The drainage problem on Dodson Street was brought up before the council. Gerald Turner stated he had been to Dodson Street to look the situation over and that the culverts needed to be moved and the street regraded. Sam Hilliard recommended that we get Wisenbaker and Fix Engineering Company out to look the problem over and decide exactly what needs to be done. Gerald Turner is to check into this matter and report back to the Council.

The V. F. W. electric bill was discussed. The V. F. W. acknowledged that they owed the bill and requested that the Council allow them to pay \$25.00 per month minimum until the bill is paid in full. Sam Hilliard made the motion that we accept the \$25.00 per month payment. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The First Monday restrooms were discussed. Gerald Turner presented blueprints for the restrooms prepared by Buddy Pirtle. Mr. Pirtle's price to build the restrooms was \$10,240 total price. Billy Jim Curry's cost to build the restrooms was \$8,870 total price. The Council tabled this matter for the time being, to be brought up at a future meeting.

General Telephone Company was discussed. Sam Hilliard suggested that the Council contact the attorneys in Canton to help the City contest the proposed injunction. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Mayor Lewis and Dennis Mamm contact the local attorneys and see what can be worked out on this and report back to the Council immediately. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Next on the agenda was the Humane Society's request for enforcement of the leash law at First Monday. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the leash law be repealed and notification be published in the newspapers stating same. Dennis Mamm seconded the motion. All in favor.

There was a request before the Council by Mr. Billy Ballard and Mr. Sherman Mabry for work to be done on the streets in the Mitchell Addition. Mayor Lewis stated that the City had spent all the money available for street work this year, but that this matter would be brought up when funds were available at a future meeting.

The Council went into Executive Session.

The Mayor appointed each councilman to be in charge of various department. These are as follows:

Billy Jack Peace, Jr.	City Emergency Services
Dennis Mann	Streets and Public Relations
Russell Eubank	Office + Vehicles
Sam Hilliard	Dump Ground, Cemetery & Water and Sewer
Herman Heard	First Monday
Mayor Lewis	City Finances and City Lake

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Each councilman will have complete authority over these departments.

The policy of Christmas bonuses for the City employees was discussed and Gerald Turner is to bring a report at the next council meeting concerning this.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann and seconded by Sam Hilliard that the Mayor be authorized to do whatever is necessary to collect the \$5,000 bond on the former City Secretary, Mrs. Janice Martin Reid. All in favor.

Executive Session concluded.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann and seconded by Herman Heard that the meeting time be changed to 7:00 P.M. All in favor.

Gerald Turner is to contact the Sabine River Authority about water rights to the proposed lake which is to be built in the Sabine River near Mineola.

The parking problem on Main Street next door to the old Post Office building was discussed. Herman Heard made the motion that the no parking signs be moved from the East side of Main Street to the West Side of Main Street. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made the motion, seconded by Russell Eubank, that the following changes be made in depositing the City's money:

That \$2,600.00 be transferred from the Water and Sewer Operating Fund to the Water and Sewer Interest and Sinking Fund each month.

That \$500.00 be transferred from First Monday Fund to General Operating Fund each month.

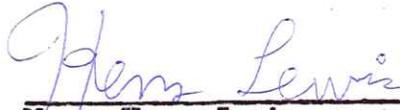
That \$500.00 be transferred from the First Monday Fund to the General Sinking Fund each month.

That all tax money collected be deposited equally between the General Operating Fund and the General Sinking Fund.

That \$15,000.00 be transferred from the First Monday Fund to the General Sinking Fund immediately.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.


 Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:


 City Secretary *CACING*

December 10, 1974
 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., Dennis Mann, Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard and Herman Heard.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Dennis Mann requested the Council allow him to spend \$500.00 to compare work done by Jack Daniels to work done by the City on road repair. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Dennis Mann be authorized to spend \$500.00 for the purpose of comparing the two on a section of road. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Russell Eubank suggested that a cash register be purchased for the City Office. Mr. Eubank explained that more accurate records of money taken in could be kept with the use of a cash register. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Russell Eubank be authorized to spend whatever money feasible to purchase a cash register for the office. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The drainage problem on Dodson Street was discussed. Gerald Turner stated that Ronnie Fix of Whisenbaker, Fix & Associates had looked the problem over and suggested that curbs and gutters would help remedy the problem. Mayor Lewis stated that the City could not put curbs and gutters in at the present time, but that this be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

Gerald Turner stated that he had contacted the Sabine River Authority and that the lake they were building was approximately 10 to 12 years away. Gerald Turner was advised to contact the Sabine River Authority again in December, 1975, to be put on the list to use the water from this lake. (Make note in minutes).

Sam Hilliard suggested that someone be appointed to take care of the City vehicles insofar as repairs, upkeep and purchasing new vehicles is concerned. Mr. Hilliard suggested that since Russell Eubank is over the office, that he also be appointed to oversee the vehicles. A correction to the minutes of November 12, 1974 should be made to this effect.

Dennis Mann made the motion that the minutes be approved as read. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. recommended that Hoss Williams be allowed to keep Bobby Pruiett through the Holiday Season due to the increased burglaries during this time. Herman Heard made the motion that Hoss Williams be allowed to keep Bobby Pruiett through the holiday season. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard requested authorization to go before the Commissioner's Court regarding the roads to the dump grounds. Dennis Mann made the motion that Mr. Hilliard's request be granted and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis recommended that the Council authorize \$300.00 for the purpose of advertising First Monday for January, 1975. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that Mayor Lewis and Herman Heard be authorized \$300.00 for the purpose of advertising First Monday for January. Russell Eubank seconded the

motion. All in favor.

Herman Heard suggested that a gas line be run to the First Monday office for the purpose of heating the office. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Herman Heard be given authorization to have the gas line run to the First Monday office and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Financial Report was discussed. Sam Hilliard suggested that we set a particular time of the month to deposit money from the Water & Sewer Operating Fund and the General Operating Fund into the General Sinking Fund so that the amount would accumulate monthly to meet the bond requirements at the end of the year. The Financial Report was approved as given.

The Lloyd Shinn sewer problem was next on the agenda. Gerald Turner stated that Mr. Stringer wanted an easement in the amount of \$1,200.00 to allow Mr. Shinn to run a sewer line across his property. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the City pay \$600.00 toward the easement since the City had acquired inaccurate information regarding the existing sewer line. This would leave Mr. Shinn owing the remaining \$600.00. Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. The City Secretary is to get the proper signatures on the easement prepared.

The bill from Whisenbaker, Fix & Associates for \$6,000.00 was presented. Mr. Pat Dephampolis was present representing Whisenbaker, Fix & Associates. Mayor Lewis recommended that the City pay \$2,000.00 now and pay \$1,000.00 per month, beginning January, 1975, until the bill is paid in full. Herman Heard made the motion that the Mayor's recommendation be adopted and Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor. Gerald Turner is to issue the check in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Mr. Dephampolis to take with him and begin the \$1,000.00 payments in January, 1975.

General Telephone's Petition was mentioned. Mayor Lewis stated that an Answer had been filed on behalf of the City.

Hillcrest Cemetery was next on the agenda. Sam Hilliard recommended that the City place a charge of \$25.00 for each grave opened in the Cemetery, such amount to be placed in trust in the Cemetery Fund at Athens Federal Savings & Loan. Gerald Turner is to write a letter to all funeral homes in Canton and Athens and any others that have used the Cemetery in the past, explaining this

policy to them. Mayor Lewis recommended that we adopt the policy practiced last year insofar as the Cemetery Fund is concerned. Sam Hilliard made the motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation and Herman Heard seconded the motion. All in favor. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Mr. Bill Welchel be hired to care for the cemetery for \$100.00 per month. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mill Creek Lake Project was discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion that \$200,000.00 be put in Treasury bills. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Gerald Turner is to take care of this matter.

Mayor Lewis recommended that a Ground Breaking Ceremony be held for the beginning of the Mill Creek Lake Project. Gerald Turner is to take care of this matter.

Vacation pay for Truman Easeley and Woodrow Janes was discussed. Sam Hilliard stated that Mr. Easeley and Mr. Janes had not taken their vacation for this year and were not going to be able to take it before the first of the year due to the heavy work load. He suggested that they be paid for their vacation. Sam Hilliard made the motion that Truman Easley and Woodrow Janes be paid for their week's vacation and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. Mr. Hilliard recommended that all City employees make arrangements to take their vacation sometime during the year. If an employee is not able to take his vacation and desires to be paid for same, he must have this approved by the City Councilman over his department.

Council went into Executive Session.

Christmas bonuses were brought up. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that all City employees with one year of service or more be given \$50.00 bonus and that employees with under one year service be given \$5.00 for every month that they have been employed, such amount not to exceed \$50.00. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Mill Creek Lake condemnation cases were next on the agenda. Russell Eubank made the motion that Mayor Lewis be given the authorization to make an offer to settle the remaining condemnation cases out of Court. Mayor Lewis is authorized to offer \$1,000.00 per acre for the purchase of the property and \$200.00 per acre for the easement. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The subject of meters being read was discussed. Herman Heard made the motion, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that the City employees read each meter every month and not estimate them. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made the motion that the City collect from Weldon Starnes 25% of the money collected by Mr. Starnes on loads of garbage hauled to the dump grounds by Mr. Starnes' commercial customers. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

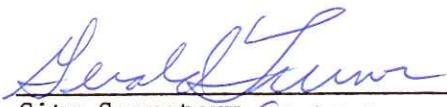
Herman Heard made the motion that Mayor Lewis be authorized to advise Weldon Starnes that he is to pay the City for all money collected on trash that is hauled to the City Dump that is not covered in our monthly billings. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The subject of building permits was next on the agenda. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion, seconded by Dennis Mann, that a building permit must be issued and available utilities inspected by the City employees before construction is begun on any building. The cost of the building permit will be doubled if same is not obtained, and available utilities inspected, before construction is begun on the building. The City will not be obligated to provide water and sewer services to a building if the contractor does not obtain the building permit and have the building inspected prior to construction. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Henry Lewis

ATTEST:


City Secretary *(Acting)*