January 18, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Dennis Mann, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., and Raymond Pruitt.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Sam Hilliard made a motion that the one (1%) percent sales tax election be accepted as per tally sheets (106 For, 147 Against). Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion that an election be called April 2, 1977 for the purpose of electing a mayor and two councilmen. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids were opened for the purchase of one four cylinder pickup and the sale of one 1968 Chevrolet pickup. Bids received for the 1968 Chevrolet pickup were from Canton Motors, $504.93; Joey Myers, $382.50; Glen Norman, $350.00. Canton Motors bid on the four cylinder pickup was $3244.93. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to award both bids to Canton Motors with Ben Brown seconding the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion authorizing Sam Hilliard to have radios installed in the maintenance vehicles. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor. Councilman Hilliard stated that W. F. Dean had given him a bid of $800.-$1000.

Dennis Mann made a motion to pass a resolution requesting all residents to display house numbers. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown made a motion authorizing Sam Hilliard to have a pit dug at the City dump. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion granting W. A. Reeves (Watkins Products) request to solicit within the city limits for an indefinite period pending no complaints. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made a motion granting permission to the Girl Scouts to solicit within the city limits. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard gave a report on the Cities Association of Van Zandt County. The association met with the Commissioners Court Monday, January 17th, to discuss their dissatisfaction at the service now being provided by Jordan Ambulance Service. Councilman Hilliard reported to the Council that Mr. Jordan stated that three (3) new ambulances would be added by March 1st. Mr. Hilliard said he also requested of Mr. Jordan that the ambulance drivers have some basic first-aid knowledge.

Councilman Hilliard reported that the county budget had not been amended as of this date allowing for $2000. to each fire department. Mr. Hilliard recommended that all fire departments keep a total of fires fought during the present year of 1977 and prorate the money being provided by the county as to the number of fires fought by each department in 1978. The next meeting of the Cities Association of Van Zandt County will be held February 21, 1977, with Wills Point as host.

Sam Hilliard stated that the city would need to purchase a new fire truck and a dump truck in the near future. Mayor Lewis requested Billy Jack Peace, Jr. to look into the cost of a fire truck and make a report to the Council.

Bill Skidmore, representing Texas Power & Light, presented a proposal for an average 34% rate increase to become effective January 26, 1977. The Council unanimously passed a resolution suspending the rate increase for an initial 120-days.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (9:30 p.m.).

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Executive Session adjourned.

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Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

February 15, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., and Raymond Pruitt. Dennis Mann was absent.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The First Monday employees who clean the grounds met with the Council and requested an increase in their salary. Sam Hilliard made a motion to raise their salary from the present $2.25/hr. to $2.50/hr. with this increase to become effective for the March First Monday. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Canton Rural Water System received permission from the Public Utilities Commission to increase their water rate. The new rate, $.50/M gals., will become effective with the March billing. (On February 21, 1977, Mrs. Claude Jagers advised that Canton Rural Water System had not received permission).

A discussion was held concerning the proposed rate increase Lone Star Gas has requested. Mayor Lewis requested Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner to draw up a proposal to be presented to the Council at a future date. The Council also unanimously passed a resolution requesting an additional thirty day extension.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. presented a report to the Councilon the costs of a new grass fire truck for the Fire Department. The Council requested Gerald Turner to meet with the Fire Department to see what funds they could contribute toward this purchase and report back to the Council.

Sam Hilliard made a motion for the passage of an ordinance prohibiting junked cars within the city limits. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown made a motion authorizing Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Gerald Turner to replace the damaged and missing street signs and to also proceed with the Traffic Sign Replacement program. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to handle the Texas Tourist Development Agency's tour of the First Monday grounds as had been previously. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

The rules and regulations for operating Lake Canton was discussed. Gerald Turner was requested to contact the Parks and Wildlife Department for any information and ideas they might have and report back to the Council.

Sam Hilliard made a motion authorizing Gerald Turner to complete the closing of the dam of the rearing pond at Lake Canton. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The extension of utility lines on Granada Square was discussed and it was decided that the City would not deviate from its present policy.

The drainage problem at Mike Phillips' house was discussed. A decision was made to disconnect the drain spout that has been connected to the City's drain line.

Mr. Wesley Bobo requested the extension of utility lines on Lazy U; the Council decided that the City would not deviate from its present policy.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to appoint Foy Riley as Election Judge for the April 2nd general election. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion authorizing Raymond Pruitt and Gerald Turner to deposit funds into a savings account. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (9:00 p.m.).

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard and seconded by Raymond Pruitt that the City pay off the three loans at the First National Bank in Canton. Also to invest whatever funds that are available in 90 day Certificate of Deposits. These funds will be used for street repair or water treatment plant improvements. All in favor.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. to adopt an ordinance offering a rate increase to Lone Star Gas. All in favor.

A referendum on the proposed City Park will be placed on the ballot of the general election on April 2, 1977. The wording will be as follows, "shall the City of Canton obligate itself to pay for one half of the $120,000.00 cost for the proposed City Park; also, shall the City obligate itself to maintain the park after its completion."

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard and seconded by Raymond Pruitt that Jack Thompson be hired permanently as a policeman. All in favor.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. that the City underwrite the purchase of a grass fire truck with the understanding that donations be solicited by the Volunteer Fire Department and all proceeds be given to the City, including the funds that were given by the Van Zandt County Commissioners, until such time that the fire truck is payed for. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned.

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Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

March 15, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Raymond Pruitt, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., and Dennis Mann.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes; Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The bids for the purchase of a fire truck were opened. Canton Motors' turned in a bid of $7,087.00; Norman's Pontiac turned in a bid of $6,906.00. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion authorizing $6,906.00 with the Fire Department making up the balance of the funds if they (the fire department) prefer to purchase the fire truck from Canton Motors. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Police Chief Hoss Williams presented a plaque to Councilman Peace for his years of service to the Police Department.

Billy Rawdon, Billy Montgomery, Danny Rogers, and Don Haley met with the Council requesting financial assistance for the Canton Youth Recreational Association program. Sam Hilliard recommended that the City budget $10,000.00 per year for the CYRA with the CYRA retaining administrative approval. The City Council was in agreement pending approval of the CYRA board.

A. C. Longino, representing the Parks & Wildlife Department, met with the Council to aid the City in formulating rules and regulations to operate Lake Canton. Raymond Pruitt and Gerald Turner were authorized to prepare an ordinance for presentation to the Council.

The two requests for a soliciting permit presented to the Council were both unanimously denied.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to allocate the $8400.00 the City will receive from Revenue Sharing to street repair. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made a motion allocating $137.00 for dues payable to the East Texas Council of Governments. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown requested $2,000.00 for improvements on the First Monday grounds, i.e., 4" water line to the restroom, fill dirt for the new grounds, painting the restrooms, and remodeling the office. Dennis Mann made a motion granting this request with Raymond Pruitt seconding the motion. All in favor.

The Council authorized Ben Brown and Gerald Turner to write a letter to the Highway Department requesting the installation of a light at the intersection of Hwy. 19 and Hwy. 64. This light would function only on First Monday week-ends.

Sam Hilliard made a motion designating two (2) parking places at the courthouse for the handicapped. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Police Chief Williams requested that the west side of the courthouse be cleared (Saturday, April 2nd) for voter parking since the general election will be held on First Monday week-end. The Council agreed to this request.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to grant a $3,000.00 tax exemption to persons over sixty-five (65) years of age pending approval of the bonding company. This exemption would become effective for the 1977 tax roll. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to allocate $75,000.00 toward street repairs. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made a motion to purchase pre-mix (approximate cost $1100.). Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard recommended that the City pass a resolution opposing Senator McKnight's Bill No. 251.

Sam Hilliard recommended that the City convert a present vehicle into a dump truck (approximate cost $200.). The Council unanimously voted to adopt this recommendation.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to secure employment of a high school student under the Manpower program to clean streets in the residential and commercial areas. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis recommended that the Council write a letter of commendation to Woodrow Janes for his twenty-one (21) years of service to the City. Sam Hilliard placed this recommendation into motion with Raymond Pruitt seconding the motion. All in favor.

The lights on the First Monday grounds were discussed. Ben Brown will make a report to the Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (9:45 p.m.).

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion that Ben Brown and Gerald Turner be authorized to hire additional part-time help for the First Monday office. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion that all legal notices be rotated in the two local newspapers. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

March 24, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Raymond Pruitt, and Dennis Mann. Sam Hilliard was absent.

A motion was made by Billy Jack Peace, Jr., seconded by Raymond Pruitt, that the ordinance for Lone Star Gas be prepared and presented to Lone Star Gas. All in favor.

The request by the CYRA for the City to pay for the utilities and note payment was discussed. Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Dennis Mann that the CYRA be given a total of $5500. in three installments on April 15, 1977, June 1, 1977, and July 15, 1977. All in favor.

Lake Canton was discussed. A copy of an ordinance was given to each Councilman to review. An ordinance will be prepared Monday, March 28, 1977, based on each Councilman's recommendations.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

April 5, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Raymond Pruitt, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Ben Brown, and Sam Hilliard. Dennis Mann was absent.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to employ an attorney to present any felony case that originates inside the city limits, and when the arresting officer is a city policeman, to the grand jury. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

April 19, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Dennis Mann, Raymond Pruitt, Sam Hilliard, and Ben Brown.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with the following amendments: (1) Page 1, par. 7 - Delete, Insert - The Unification Church and The People for Christ Church requests for a soliciting permit were both unanimously denied. (2) Page 3, par. 6 - Delete, Insert - Sam Hilliard made a motion for the Council to write a letter of commendation to Woodrow Janes for his twenty-one (21) years of service to the City. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The canvass of the General Election held April 2, 1977 was the next item on the agenda. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion that the election be approved as reported. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis presented plaques to Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Dennis Mann for their six and three year tenure, respectively, on the Council.

Gerald Turner, City Secretary, administered the oath of Office to Henry Lewis, Mayor; Howard Dunn, Alderman; and Gary Hatfield, Alderman.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to elect Howard Dunn as Mayor Pro Tem; Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ruth Newsome met with the Council requesting that a street light be installed at Amy Street and Sides Circle. Gerald Turner stated that Texas Power & Light had already been contacted regarding the placement of this street light.

Raymond Pruitt recommended that the Council sponsor a drive for the vaccination of dogs. He reported that Dr. Gibbs would set-up a clinic at the school for this purpose. Ben Brown made a motion authorizing Councilman Pruitt to handle this matter. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt reported on the proposed park. He stated that he would be meeting with the Fire Department regarding the proposed site and would report back to the Council.

The repairing of the City streets was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Lewis requested Gerald Turner to contact the Council members within the next two to three weeks so they could inspect the streets for the purpose of preparing a list of streets needing repair.

The Council unanimously agreed to close Lake Canton to any type of water activity and to post the appropriate signs. Gerald Turner was requested to obtain prices on the needed safety equipment and make a report to the Council.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to hire Kenneth Williams, CPA, for the purpose of the City's annual audit. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner made a report to the Council on the proposed Health Department requirements which will become effective June 24, 1977 with regard to its effect on the First Monday food vendors.

Horace Ethridge met with the Council requesting the placement of four-way stop signs at the intersection of Hwy. 198 and Hwy. 243. Raymond Pruitt made a motion authorizing Mayor Lewis to write a letter to Mr. Potter of the State Highway Department requesting the placement of these signs. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

S. C. Broyles met with the Council regarding the poor condition of Desert Willow Street. The Council requested Gerald Turner to contact Commissioner Wycough to see if he can repair this street as soon as possible.

Jo Boyd met with the Council requesting that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of Forrest Drive and Mill Creek Road. The Council requested Gerald Turner and Hoss Williams to make a report to the Council on their recommendation.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (9:00 p.m.).

The following items were discussed: (1) the hiring of new personnel, (2) land acquisition, (3) application for a grant, and (4) Councilman responsibilities.

Executive Session adjourned to Open Meeting.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt, seconded by Gary Hatfield, that Nancy Crim be hired as office personnel, replacing Shirley Hudson who submitted her resignation effective April 30, 1977.

Ben Brown made a motion that the City apply for a grant that will provide funds to develop a policy for the City employees. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion that Councilman Ben Brown's responsibility be First Monday; Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion that Sam Hilliard's responsibility be the Water & Sewer Department; Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion that Raymond Pruitt's responsibility be the Police and Fire Departments; Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion that Howard Dunn's responsibility be the office and Lake Canton; Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion that Gary Hatfield's responsibility be the streets and the dump ground; Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

May 3, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Gary Hatfield, Howard Dunn, Ben Brown, and Sam Hilliard. Raymond Pruitt was absent.

The City Council members, City Secretary Gerald Turner, and Glen McNeil of the Canton Herald drove over the streets that are in need of repair. The City Secretary is to prepare an estimate of the total area in need of repair along with an estimate of the total cost. Also, the City Secretary is to check with the commissioners in each district involved for assistance.

Mr. Grant and Mr. Woodruff of the Texas Highway Department discussed the request for a signal light at the intersection of Hwy. 64 and Hwy. 19. It was decided that the intersection would be left as is with the four-way stop signs. All present drove to the intersection of Hwy. 198 and Hwy. 243 to discuss the need of a four-way stop sign at that location. Mr. Grant explained that funds had been requested by his department to change the location of the north bound traffic of Hwy. 198 in order that a four-way stop sign could be used. The City Secretary is to continue to pursue this matter until it is corrected.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

May 17, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn and Gary Hatfield.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Howard Dunn presented the Financial Statement and it was approved as given.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion that stop signs be placed at the intersection of Forrest Drive and Mill Creek Road (one stop sign on Forrest, one stop sign on Mill Creek). Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Don Hackney met with the Council requesting permission for sail boating on Lake Canton. The Council stated they could not allow any water activity until all safety equipment had been purchased.

Bill Skidmore, representing Texas Power & Light, requested Council approval of an 11.52% rate increase to become effective June 26, 1977. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to suspend approval until next month's meeting. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Finis Brewer requested a loading zone in front of his business. There was no action taken on this request.

Billy Lively and Keith Tucker, representing the Little Dribblers Basketball Association, requested the City's sponsorship of the All-Star team at a cost of $750.00. Sam Hilliard made a motion to grant this request with the $750.00 being paid to the Association May 18, 1977. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown made a motion authorizing the purchases of the needed safety equipment for Lake Canton. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion authorizing Gary Hatfield and Gerald Turner to purchase oil and to advertise for bids for seal coating with all streets that are in need of repair being oiled and then seal coated with the balance of the funds allocated. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to waive the conducting of an observed depreciation study in regard to the City's appeal of Lone Star Gas Company's proposed rate increase. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to deny Bob McCown's (Collier's Encyclopedia) request to solicit within the city limits. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown made a motion allocating $750.00 for the clearing of timber on the First Monday grounds. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown made a motion to place "no parking signs" on Capitol Street, extending from Tyler to Edom street. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

L. R. Honeycutt, 681 Sides Circle, requested permission to dump sewer from septic tanks at the City dump at a fee of $.02/gal. The Council authorized Gerald Turner to write a letter to Mr. Honeycutt explaining that they could not allow him to dump at the City dump due to the potential health hazard and that dumping into the City's sewer system would overload its' system.

The Post Office requested that a "no parking sign" be placed at Capitol Street and Hwy. 64. The Council unanimously approved this request.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to purchase red lights for the Pontiac police car at an approximate cost of $400.00. Ben Brown seconded the motion. Four voted for (Raymond Pruitt, Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Howard Dunn); one voted against (Gary Hatfield).

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (9:30 p.m.).

Ben Brown made a motion that Shirley Hudson be allowed to work at First Monday at her former base salary. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Ben Brown and seconded by Sam Hilliard that all salaried employees be given a $60.00/month increase and that the hourly paid office personnel be given a $.20/hour increase. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

June 21, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Gary Hatfield, Howard Dunn, Raymond Pruitt, Sam Hilliard and Ben Brown.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Howard Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes; Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Dunn presented the Financial Statement and it was approved as given.

Mayor Lewis opened the bids for seal coating. They are as follows:

(1) M. G. Williams & Sons, Inc. bid $.75/sq.yd. on proposal #1 using type B grade 3 aggregate; no bid on proposal #2 using washed pea gravel.

(2) Smith & Miller Asphalt bid $.46/sq.yd. on proposal #1; $.44/sq.yd. on proposal #2.

(3) Jack Daniel bid $.52/sq.yd. on proposal #1; $.35/sq.yd. on proposal #2.

Howard Dunn made a motion to accept Jack Daniel's bid of $.35/sq.yd. using washed pea gravel. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis informed the Free State News that all requested information was to be submitted to the City in writing and all replies forthcoming from the City would be issued in writing.

Sam Hilliard recommended the City purchase a 500gpm pump to be installed at the Mill Creek Pump Station and to change the filter media, underdrain pipe, and valves at the main plant. The approximate cost is $10,000.00. Raymond Pruitt made a motion authorizing Councilman Hilliard to purchase the pump and handle the project at the main plant with the approval of the Health Department. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown requested funds to purchase 6 speakers for the PA system, 4 light poles, and additional electrical outlets for the First Monday grounds at an approximate cost of $900.00. He also requested $300.00 be allocated for advertising the July First Monday. Raymond Pruitt made a motion allocating $1200.00 to First Monday improvements and authorizing Ben Brown to handle the purchases. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis recommended increasing the charge for electricity to the dealers. He recommended a regular rate of $2.00 and a rate of $4.00 for concession stands. Howard Dunn made a motion to accept this recommendation with the rate change becoming effective July 1, 1977. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion allocating $600.00 for the purchase of buoys for Lake Canton. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt suggested the Council consider purchasing a barge for the swimming area at Lake Canton. The Council requested Raymond Pruitt secure prices and report to the Council at next month's meeting.

The Chamber of Commerce requested $1500.00 (payable November 15th) to purchase Christmas decorations for the west side of the courthouse. Raymond Pruitt made a motion granting this request with Sam Hilliard seconding the motion. Three, Raymond Pruitt, Sam Hilliard, and Ben Brown, voted for; two, Gary Hatfield and Howard Dunn, voted against.

Gary Hatfield made a motion that the Council appoint J. W. Terry, Ferman Barrentine, and Sherman Mabry (chairman) to serve on the Board of Equalization. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. T. L. Blake who lives at the corner of Little Rock and Big Rock streets met with the Council and stated that water backs up on her driveway because of a blockage from street repairs on Little Rock. The Council requested Gerald Turner to handle this matter.

Thelma Jagers, representing Canton Rural Water Association, met with the Council and stated that the 120-day extension granted by the City would expire June 25, 1977 and requested a delay of the new rate to August 4, 1977 or until Canton Rural Water received permission from the Public Utilities Commission.

Bill Skidmore, representing Texas Power & Light met with the Council making a final request for passage of a rate increase to become effective June 26, 1977. The average residential increase would be 2.53%, small businesses 16.8%, large businesses 20.15%, guard lights 20.0%, schools 20.0%, and municipal service 11.19%. Raymond Pruitt made a motion granting Texas Power & Light this rate increase; Howard Dunn seconded the motion. Four, Raymond Pruitt, Gary Hatfield, Ben Brown, and Howard Dunn, voted for; one, Sam Hilliard, voted against.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (9:00 p.m.).

The Council discussed the hiring of an attorney to assist the District Attorney in prosecuting the felony cases. The City Secretary was directed to write Mr. Eblen to ascertain if assistance will be required in handling these cases.

Salary for certain personnel was discussed.

Executive Session adjourned to open meeting.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that the City Judge's salary be increased by $100.00 per month.

Open meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

July 19, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Gary Hatfield, Raymond Pruitt, Sam Hilliard, and Ben Brown. Howard Dunn was absent.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. One correction was noted on page 1, par. 5 - the word informed changed to recommend. Sam Hilliard made a motion to approve the minutes with the above amendment; Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to purchase a barge for the swimming area at Lake Canton. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Harold D. Bonds, representing The Varsity Company, requested permission to solicit within the city limits. The Council stated they would check on his company and requested Mr. Bonds to leave references with the City Secretary. Mr. Bonds will be notified of the Council's decision after all information has been checked.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to open Lake Canton to fishing effective August 1, 1977. A 12", 12 limit catch will be applied to bass, channel cat, and tiger muskie. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Birdie Porter, who is employed by the City on First Monday week-ends to clean the restrooms, met with the Council requesting a raise for herself and Ernestine Janes. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to pay Ms. Porter $200.00/month for ninty days with renewed negotiations after this period. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to raise Ernestine Jane's salary to $3.00/hour for ninty days. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Finis Lee met with the Council concerning the drainage ditch behind her house at 1443 Forrest Drive. The Council instructed Gerald Turner to handle this matter.

Pete Playford requested a loading dock in front of his business on Dallas Street. Gary Hatfield made a motion to grant this request; Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion authorizing the allocation of $400.00 for advertising the August First Monday. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (8:00 p.m.).

The Executive Session was presided over by Councilman Raymond Pruitt in the absence of Mayor Lewis.

The hiring of Mr. Dave Veatch to fill the vacancy in the Police Department was discussed. The Council unanimously decided to employ Mr. Veatch for a 90-day temporary position according to the City's policy. At the end of this 90-day period, the Council will make a decision as to the employment of Mr. Veatch on a permanant basis.

Gary Hatfield made a motion, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that Leon Butler be paid $100.00/week. All in favor.

The Council unanimously decided to close the dump at noon on Saturday,

effective September 1, 1977.

Executive Session adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

July 27, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in an emergency meeting Wednesday morning, July 27, 1977, at the City Cafe to discuss the rabies outbreak. Mayor Pro-Tem, Howard Dunn, presided in the absence of Mayor Henry Lewis. Also absent was Councilman Gary Hatfield and Councilman Ben Brown.

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, for the City Secretary to prepare an ordinance prohibiting the sale or trade of wild animals within the City Limits of Canton. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Mayor Pro-Tem Howard Dunn

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

August 10, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting at 8:30 P.M. with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Gary Hatfield, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn, Sam Hilliard and Ben Brown.

Motion was made by Howard Dunn to authorize the digging of a pit at the City Dump. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The City Secretary was instructed to obtain the cost of a measuring device for the sewer treatment plant.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to authorize the construction of up to four rest areas with water fountains on the First Monday grounds. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Ben Brown to run utility lines to the proposed restroom site at the First Monday grounds with the understanding that the restroom be constructed of concrete blocks. Also, the City would be responsible for one-half of the cost of operating the restroom. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council adjourned to Executive Session.

Various personnel problems were discussed.

The Council continued in open session.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that Jan Malone be allowed to continue to work at First Monday at her present base salary, after her resignation from her regular duties.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

August 16, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn and Gary Hatfield.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read with the following amendments made:

(1) July 19th meeting - page 1, par. 6 - Sam Hilliard made a motion, seconded by Howard Dunn, to authorize Gerald Turner to meet with Birdie Porter for clarification of the number of days she is expected to work. These days being Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of each First Monday week-end. All in favor.

(2) July 27th meeting - page 1, par. 2 - Sam Hilliard made a motion, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, to amend the Wild Animal Ordinance to include being unlawful to own or possess wild animals within the city limits. All in favor.

(3) August 10th meeting - page 1, par. 5 - Paragraph to read: Ben Brown made a motion, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, to run utility lines to the proposed restroom site at the First Monday grounds with the understanding that the restrooms be constructed of concrete blocks at the expense of Angus Travis and Joe Hackney. Also, the City would be responsible for one-half of the cost of operating the restroom. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes with the above amendments. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Dunn presented the Financial Statement and it was approved as given.

Dan McLemore met with the Council regarding an unleashed dog which bit his son. The Council instructed Officer Wilhite to pick up the dog and take it to Canton Veterinary Clinic for observation.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to approve the fiscal 1977 budget of $235,000 and also to approve the 1977 tax roll of $20,277,924 with the tax rate being changed to $.33 1/3 per $100 on 100% evaluation. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The $3,000.00 tax exemption for persons over 65 years of age was discussed. The Council unanimously agreed to set September 1, 1977 as the deadline for filing.

Howard Dunn made a motion to purchase a car load of street patching material at a cost of $1,300.00. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to advertise for bids for a 1 ton dump truck with a flat bed at an approximate cost of $6,000.00. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to advertise for bids for a ditch digger with the following specifications: (1) less than 400 hours usage, (2) capable of digging and trench 12" in width and at least 52" in depth, (3) 4 cycle engine and 4 wheel drive. All bids must be turned in by 7:00 p.m. September 1, 1977. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council discussed the pruchases of a tractor, cement mixer, and police car but decided to postpone any action until a later date. The Council decided to order parts and have the present police car repaired.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (8:35 p.m.).

Motion was made by Howard Dunn, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, to grant Nancy Crim an increase of $.35/hr. effective September 1, 1977. All in favor.

Motion was made by Ben Brown, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, to grant Leo Stone an increase of $.25/hr. effective September 1, 1977. All in favor.

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Howard Dunn, to offer $15,000.00 for the purchase of approximately fifteen (15) acres of land adjoining our new city lake from Chester Ogletree. The City will pay $5,000.00 down with the remainder to be paid at $5,000.00 per year at 7% interest. It is understood that the seller is to furnish the title policy. Also, if the seller desires to survey the land, that the seller would be responsible for the cost. All in favor.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

September 1, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting on September 1, 1977, at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Howard Dunn, Ben Brown and Gary Hatfield. Councilmen Raymond Pruitt and Sam Hilliard were absent.

Bids were opened on a ditch digging machine. The only bid was from H & H Construction Company of Canton in the amount of $7,200.00. Motion was made by Ben Brown, seconded by Howard Dunn, to accept this bid. All in favor.

Motion was made by Howard Dunn, seconded by Gary Hatfield, that an Ordinance be passed to prohibit a left turn from the North-bound traffic on Buffalo Street into the new Elementary School. All in favor.

With no other business at hand. the meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

October 4, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting on October 4, 1977 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn and Gary Hatfield.

Residents from Dodson Street met with the Council to discuss problems with the street. Gary Hatfield made the motion, seconded by Howard Dunn, that the City lower the culverts and place them in a straight line on both sides of the Street. All in favor. The Mayor advised that if this does not solve the problem for the residents, they should come back to the next Council meeting.

Motion made by Howard Dunn, seconded by Gary Hatfield, that the City authorize the Chamber of Commerce to erect a portable building on the City property on Highway 19 at the water tower, with the understanding that the building would be subject to being moved on a six (6) month notice. All in favor.

No other business at hand, meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

September 20, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Raymond Pruitt and Howard Dunn. Gary Hatfield was absent.

The minutes from the previous meetings were read, with the following amendment made:

> August 16 meeting - page 2 - paragraph 3 - Sam Hilliard made the motion to advertise for bids for a 1 ton dump truck with a flat bed at an approximate cost of $6,000.00, with delivery date being December 15, 1977. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes with the above amendment. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Financial Statement was approved as read.

Residents from Dodson Street came before the Council requesting more work be done on this street. After a lengthy discussion, Sam Hilliard suggested that Gerald Turner check into the matter as to what can be done to remedy the situation and report back to the Council. The residents were advised that they will be notified of a called meeting in the near future to discuss this problem.

Mr. Jimmy Shelburn with the Soil Conservation Service met with the Council to discuss a contract for a long range plan regarding recreation facilities at Lake Canton. Mr. Shelburn was asked to find out the approximate cost of such a contract and report back to the Council.

The Lone Star Gas rate increase was discussed. Raymond Pruitt made the motion that Lone Star Gas be granted an increase of 10.7% on an average monthly bill of 8,000 cubic feet. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Improvements at the sewer plant were discussed. It was unanimously voted that Gerald Turner have a device installed for measuring the amount of sewage at the plant.

TP&L came before the Council requesting an easement for a utility pole at Lake Canton. Mr. Jimmy Shelburn with the SCS advised that this matter would have to be taken up with the SCS Office since this property is within the probable site for the City Park. Raymond Pruitt made the motion, seconded by Ben Brown, that TP&L be so advised. All in favor.

The appointment of a City Health Officer was discussed. Raymond Pruitt made the motion that Dr. Dan Hilliard be appointed City Health Officer. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

The parking problem at the high school was discussed. It was reported that this problem had been taken care of.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Sam Hilliard made the motion that Melvin Davis be employed on a 90 day probation period as a City Policeman, with a salary of $650.00 per month. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made the motion, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, to authorize Howard

Dunn and Raymond Pruitt to arrange for the Volunteer Fire Department to be reimbursed for the amount of money that was used out of their regular fund to pay for the fire truck, with this amount not to exceed $1,000.00. All in favor.

No other business at hand, meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

October 18, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Raymond Pruitt, Gary Hatfield. Howard Dunn was absent.

The minutes from the previous meetings approved as read.

The Financial Statement was approved as given.

Bids for a new dump truck were opened. Sam Hilliard made the motion, seconded by Gary Hatfield, that the Council accept the lowest bid, which was from Chrysler, for $6,734.30, this includes a V-8 engine. All in favor.

The Council discussed Bob Bartlett's request for utilities outside the city limits on Etheridge Road. Raymond Pruitt made the motion, seconded by Ben Brown, that Mr. Bartlett be granted utility service. All in favor.

The unemployment tax rate was discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion, seconded by Gary Hatfield, that the City accept the 1% tax rate for the years 1978 and 1979. All in favor.

The vendor parking problem prior to the First Monday weekend was discussed. Ben Brown made the motion, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, that the City collect for electricity everyday, as soon as the vendors begin coming in. The fee will be $1.00 for general use and $2.00 for campers with refrigerators and air conditioners. All in favor.

The loading zones in the City were discussed. Raymond Pruitt made the motion that 30 minute parking signs be put up on Main Street alongside City Hall and that all other parking be limited to two (2) hours. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council adjourned to Executive Session.

Ben Brown made the motion, seconded by Gary Hatfield, to authorize Raymond Pruitt to employ an attorney to prosecute a Class C misdemeanor. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

October 27, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting at 12:00 noon with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Gary Hatfield and Howard Dunn. Raymond Pruitt was absent.

The Firemen's Pension Fund was discussed. Motion was made by Howard Dunn, seconded by Gary Hatfield, that the City of Canton exempt itself from the requirements of the Firemen's Pension Fund. All in favor.

The tax exemptions were discussed and it was decided that this matter would be taken up at the next regular Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

November 15, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Gary Hatfield and Howard Dunn. Raymond Pruitt was absent.

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved as read.

The Financial Statement was approved as given.

The tax exemptions were discussed and tabled for a future meeting.

Mr. Claude Perkins requested permission from the Council to set traps on the Lake Canton property during trapping season. Gerald Turner was instructed to advise Mr. Perkins that no trapping could be done until the City's liability in matters such as these could be determined. Also, Gerald Turner was advised to state in the newspaper that no weapons other than shotguns could be used on the Lake Canton property, and those only during duck season.

T.P.&L.'s request for easement for a utility pole was discussed. It was decided that the matter be investigated further before a decision is made.

The City's surplus equipment was discussed, being:

One - 8N Ford Tractor
Two - 1953 GMC 2½ ton GI truck
One - 61 Ford 3/4 ton pickup
One - Ditch digger only for MF Tractor
One - Front blade only for MF Tractor

Howard Dunn made the motion, seconded by Ben Brown, that this equipment be opened for bids, to be decided at the next regular meeting.

Clearing of land on the First Monday grounds was discussed. Gary Hatfield made the motion, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that Ben Brown and Gerald Turner be authorized to spend $1,000.00 on the clearing of this land and reparing of the streets on the First Monday grounds. All in favor.

The City's policy on inactive streets was discussed. Gerald Turner was advised to check the original plat and report back at the next regular meeting on the inactive streets.

Mr. Douglas Granberry came before the Council concerning a sewer problem he had earlier in the week that had backed up in his house, ruining his carpet. Mr. Granberry requested that the City compensate him for his expense on replacing his carpet. Gerald Turner was advised to contact the City's insurance company and have an adjuster make an estimate on Mr. Granberry's carpet.

A request for a soliciter's permit by Mr. Mark Everett McClain was presented to the Council. Due to lack of references on application, the request was tabled for a future meeting. Mr. McClain is to be advised of this action.

The Council adjourned into Executive Session.

The Fire Department was discussed with Mr. Cecil Tawater and Mr. B. R. Mahaffey. It was decided that they would try to get some new volunteers for the Fire Department that will be available to help with the fires during the day.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

December 2, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The City of Canton met in a called emergency meeting on December 2, 1977.

Councilmen absent were Sam Hilliard and Gary Hatfield.

Billy Jim Curry met with the Council in regards to certain provisions included in the Billy Jim Curry Phase II Plat that was approved at the May 14, 1974 Council Meeting.

During the discussion of the required curb and guttering and the necessity of widening the street, Mr. Curry offered to sell the property (16A) to the City for $25,000.00. After considering the potential use of the property and due to the fact that it joins the Old City Lake property Councilman Pruitt made a motion to purchase the property with the understanding that the City would pay all closing costs up to $200.00 and 50% of the amount over $200.00. Seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary

December 13, 1977
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Gary Hatfield, Raymond Pruitt and Howard Dunn.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Statement was approved as submitted.

The bids submitted for the City's surplus equipment were opened and discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion that the bids be rejected and rescheduled for submission at another time. The motion was seconded by Howard Dunn.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion that the bid by Mr. R. D. Deen for $200.00 on a truck bed and trailer frame be accepted. Motion seconded by Sam Hilliard.

Mr. Harvey Fountain submitted a letter before the Council concerning the selling of his property in the Billy Jim Curry Plat II. The price he requested was $10,813.53. Sam Hilliard made the motion to refuse the offer. It was seconded by Howard Dunn.

Gerald was requested to contact him concerning the letter and answer any further questions.

The insurance the City now has with Wallace & Mann and Canton Insurance Agency was discussed with both parties present. The insurance will be jointly distributed between the two firms. Gerald was requested to contact Texas Municipal League on the Workmen's Compensation insurance and our attorney on the liability insurance at the airport.

The Animal Ordinance was discussed. Sam Hilliard recommended that it be studied as it was not acceptable in its' present form.

The Council adjourned into Executive Session.

The motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Ben Brown to give a Christmas Bonus of one week pay to each regular full time employee with one year or more continuous service, and $50.00 to each regular full time employee with less than one year continuous service. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Henry Lewis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner
City Secretary