

January 20, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding and the following members present: Sam Hilliard, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Russell Eubank, Dennis Mann, and B. R. Mahaffey.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with the following corrections: Page 2, par. 1, line 3 - unrestricted changed to restricted; Financial Statement, First Monday Fund, Beginning Balance - \$37,087.01 changed to \$31,033.62.

Troy Webb of the Attorney General's Office, Cecil Bradford of the Texas Air Control Board, Victor Cain of the Texas Department of Health, and R. L. Laird met with the Council in regards to the City Dump problem.

Sam Hilliard made the motion that application be made to the Executive Commission to permit the City of Canton to burn building materials, tires, brush, etc., at the City Dump due to money limitations. The City may continue carrying brush, building materials, tires, etc., to the City Dump for the next 60 days. If application is denied, there will be no brush, building materials, or tires accepted at the dump. No one working for the City shall start any fires at the dump. Covering of refuse will be done according to the allowance of receipts. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

B. R. Mahaffey made the motion that Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner be authorized to spend \$900.00 for street repair material. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilman Eubank made the motion that we accept the \$2000. settlement on the 1973 Ford police car that the insurance company proposed. This does not include any personal injury settlement on Bobby Pruiett. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Councilman Eubank made the motion that we authorize Mayor Lewis and Billy Jack Peace, Jr. to purchase 2 new police cars. A trade-in adjustment will be made on the remaining police car. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made the motion that we replace the tap at Junior Murphrey's residence. The tap is to be replaced on the main, not the manhole. The contractor of the house is to be responsible for lowering the pipe. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner was instructed to put a "No Parking" sign in front of Junior Murphrey's house to alleviate the parking problem resulting from the Church of Christ church.

The report that two aluminum boats, costing \$27./boat, had been purchased was made to the City Council by B. R. Mahaffey.

Sam Hilliard reported that #2 water well has lots of water, but a problem of nitrogen gas. Also, the water line for the new Pizza Hut has been laid and the water line at Hertiage Manor has been repaired.

The City agreed to join the East Texas Council of Governments at a fee of \$137.00.

Sam Hilliard made the motion that The Calling of Election will be the first Saturday in April. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Sam Hilliard made the motion that any employee who did not take his vacation in 1975, will be paid for the one week in 1976. In the future, however, each employee will take his or her vacation; there will be no more paid vacations. Also, each city employee will notify the City Secretary by April 1, of his or her vacation request which will be approved by the Council.

A time sheet will be kept on each employee. A minimum of 1/2 day can be counted toward an employee's vacation. Any time-off less than the 1/2 day cannot be counted as a part of vacation; the employee's pay will be docked for the specified time. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made the motion that all hourly personnel receive a \$.20/hr. increase; all salaried personnel a \$40./month increase. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

February 17, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Russell Eubank, Dennis Mann, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., B. R. Mahaffey, and Sam Hilliard.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion to delete the last paragraph of the Executive Session's meeting; Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Russell Eubank made the motion to approve the minutes with the above deletion; Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The cleaning of the First Monday grounds was the next item discussed. Dennis Mann recommended letting the contract on a 60-day trial period; if the work meets with the Council's satisfaction, a 10-month contract with a cancellation clause would be awarded. Other specifications which the bid would include are (1) one man and one woman to maintain the restrooms on Saturday and Sunday. Hours being 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. April through September and 8:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. for the balance of the year, (2) City to furnish toilet tissue, paper towels, and soap; bidder to furnish cleaning materials, (3) cleaned no later than Wednesday with inspection of the grounds on Thursday morning by Dennis Mann and Gerald Turner. Sam Hilliard placed this recommendation into motion; Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Since the bids submitted did not include the above specifications, they were returned and requested to resubmit their bids at next month's meeting.

The construction of a fence at the Old City Lake was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Lewis recommended the authorization of Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner to construct a 5-strand barbed wire fence on the south side as far as necessary. B. R. Mahaffey placed this into motion with Dennis Mann seconding the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis recommended naming the new city lake "Lake Canton". Sam Hilliard placed this into motion along with the authorization of B. R. Mahaffey and Gerald Turner to have a sign painted to go across the gate. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

It was unanimously decided by the Council that the City would not allow the free hauling of dirt out of Lake Canton. Sam Hilliard made the motion to sell dirt out of Lake Canton at \$2.00 per load. B. J. Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council unanimously agreed to set hours for public entrance to Lake Canton. The entrance gate will be opened at 8:00 a.m. daily and closed at 5:00 p.m. Hours during the fishing and boating season will be set at a later date. Motion to build a gate with the appropriate sign was made by Sam Hilliard. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The entrance to Alf Foster's property was discussed. It was decided by the Council to request Mr. Foster to meet with the Council at next month's regularly scheduled meeting.

Texas Oil & Gas requested permission to run seismic tests along the upper end of the lake. B. R. Mahaffey made the motion to grant this request with Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner being in charge of the project. B. J. Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Bicentennial Celebration was the next item discussed. Mayor Lewis' recommendation was for the City to deposit \$1.00 for each resident (approximately \$3,000.00) in a Federal Savings & Loan Association. In 100 years, this amount would grow to \$1,000,000.00. No decision was made on this recommendation. The Council also discussed other bicentennial activities but no decisions were made.

John T. Blount requested a water tap at the corner of FM-1255 and January Street. Sam Hilliard made the motion to grant this request. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Henry Lewis read a letter to the Council which he had written to Mr. John F. Skelton of Texas Power & Light. The Council approved the mailing of this letter.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. requested Gerald Turner to make a report to Texas Power & Light on the street lights that are out. Sam Hilliard reported that the stop sign on the west side of Goshen and Athens Streets needed to be replaced. Hoss Williams stated that it had been reported and would be replaced the following morning. The placement of no-parking signs on Boundary Street was discussed. Dennis Mann made the motion that permanent 30-minute parking signs be placed on Boundary Street. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

B. R. Mahaffey gave his report on the dump grounds and the Fire Department. He recommended that 1-2 representatives from each city in the county meet to discuss the financial help needed from the county to operate each city's fire department.

Russell Eubank, Sam Hilliard, and Dennis Mann reported on their assigned areas.

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

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Russell Eubank, that Shirley Hudson be hired permanently at a salary of \$3.00 per hour. Also, that Jan Malone's salary be increased to \$3.10 per hour. All in favor.

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Russell Eubank, that the following changes be made with the Water & Sewer employees:

TITLES

Woodrow Janes - Water Superintendent  
Truman Easley - Construction Superintendent  
J. C. Cross - Street Superintendent

\*SALARIES

Woodrow Janes:	Base	\$700.00
	Weekend	30.00
	First Mon. (2 days)	60.00
	Total	\$790.00
Truman Easley:	Base	\$700.00
	Weekend	30.00
	First Mon. (2 days)	60.00
	Total	\$790.00
J. C. Cross:	Base	\$550.00
	Weekend	30.00
	First Mon. (1½ days)	45.00
	Total	\$625.00

\*These salaries will be paid on a monthly basis rather than hourly.

All Councilmen were in favor.

The Council agreed to advertise that a reward of \$500.00 would be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone selling drugs illegally.

The Council agreed to allow Jack Thompson to attend the 6-week police training school in Kilgore, beginning in April, in order that he may receive the required certification to continue as a police officer.

The Council authorized to hire a 4th policeman, not yet named, on June 1, 1976.

Motion was made by Billy Jack Peace, Jr., seconded by Dennis Mann, that Eugene Wilhite and Bobby Pruiett's salary be increased to \$675.00 per month plus \$30.00 for First Monday work. All in favor.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr., that Hoss Williams and Gerald Turner's salary be increased to \$875.00 per month. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary



# CITY OF CANTON

PHONE 567-4300

P. O. BOX 245

CANTON, TEXAS, 75103

February 17, 1976

John F. Skelton  
President  
Texas Power & Light  
P. O. Box 6331  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Skelton:

In granting Texas Power & Light's rate increase request August 19, 1975, the Canton City Council granted a rate increase equivalent to the lowest rate increase secured by any city in the system. The Canton City Council did not feel the 11.2% rate request was justified, but with the City of Canton's limited resources, it was decided to grant the increase in such a way as to receive the benefit from a larger city's effort. Therefore, when Waco secured a 9.6% rate increase, the City of Canton received the benefit.

The City of Canton was not entitled to a refund for the difference between 9.6% and 11.2%, since, the 11.2% did not go into effect before the Waco compromise. Likewise, should Tyler secure a rate increase of less than 9.6%, the City of Canton is entitled to the same rate and is, also, entitled to a refund for the previous billing at the 9.6% rate.

I am sure you are aware of this, but in light of the City of Tyler's situation, I wanted to restate the City of Canton's understanding.

Very truly yours,

Henry Lewis  
Mayor

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent data collection procedures and the use of advanced analytical techniques to derive meaningful insights from the data.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of technology in data management and analysis. It discusses how modern software solutions can streamline data collection, storage, and processing, thereby improving efficiency and accuracy.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data management, such as data quality, security, and privacy. It provides strategies to mitigate these risks and ensure that the data remains reliable and secure throughout its lifecycle.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes by summarizing the key findings and recommendations. It stresses the importance of a data-driven approach in decision-making and the need for continuous monitoring and improvement of the data management process.

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March 16, 1976  
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, B. R. Mahaffey, and Sam Hilliard. One Councilman, Russell Eubank, was absent.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. One amendment (page 1, par. 6) was made. Sam Hilliard recommended the sale of dirt from Lake Canton to be \$1.00 per load for the Canton School. Dennis Mann placed this into motion with Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconding the motion. All in favor. Dennis Mann made the motion to approve the minutes with the above addition; Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Horace Ethridge, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, asked the City to share the cost of the Chamber's membership plaques. Mayor Lewis recommended a donation be made to the Chamber for them to use at their discretion. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion that the City donate \$400.00. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Barbara DuPree, Manager of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, met with the Council regarding recreational facilities at Lake Canton. Dennis Mann made a motion for further study to be made on this project and present it to the Council at a later date. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Alf Foster met with the Council regarding the placement of the gate at the entrance to his property. Mayor Lewis recommended the Council authorize Sam Hilliard and B. R. Mahaffey to make a recommendation as to the placement of this gate. Dennis Mann placed this into motion; Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Messrs. Elmore and Phelps met with the Council requesting the instigation of commercial water rates. Mayor Lewis recommended further study be made and to discuss at next month's meeting.

The Magic Jeannie presented a bid of \$695.00/month for the cleaning of the First Monday grounds. Mayor Lewis requested Councilman Dennis Mann and Gerald Turner to obtain a breakdown of the cities' cost for a comparison with the bid. A decision will be made at next month's meeting.

Lee Newman, Hart Engineering Firm, met with the Council to discuss the boat ramp at Lake Canton. It was decided by the Council to advertise for bids and open the bidding at City Hall on April 1, 1976 at 2:00 p.m.

Faughlette Jackson requested the City to submit a bid for rental on her property at the corner of Edom and Buffalo Streets. Mayor Lewis recommended Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Dennis Mann to see if the City needs this property for parking and present their decision at next month's meeting. B. R. Mahaffey placed this into motion; Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lillie Stanberry requested a water tap be made at her residence on East Hwy. 64. The Council unanimously decided to approve this request.

Delbert Bennett requested a water tap on Lot 5, 6, Blk. 2 of the Cherry Creek addition. Dennis Mann made a motion that more information was needed before the Council could make a decision. B. R. Mahaffey seconded the motion. All in favor.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. gave his report on the Police Department. He presented the Policeman's work schedule prepared by Chief of Police Hoss Williams. He also stated the new police car would be in by April 1. Councilman Peace requested Gerald Turner to report the street lights that are out.

Dennis Mann gave his report on First Monday. Mayor Lewis recommended authorizing Gerald Turner to have new streets layed on the grounds. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. placed this into motion; Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard and B. R. Mahaffey gave reports on their assigned areas.

Sam Hilliard recommended the City Secretary send a letter (Registered Mail) to the Texas Air Control Board requesting permission to burn brush at the City Dump. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. placed this into motion; B. R. Mahaffey seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned (9:55 p.m.) a Session (9:55 p.m.).

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

April 20, 1976

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City of Canton

Dear Councilmen,

We, the homeowners in the Northeast section of the  
Jury + Country Addition request the city's immediate  
attention to our dilemma. We have virtually no drainage  
system and our yards keep washing with gullies. The  
houses on the north side of the street are having  
their foundations affected by the run-offs. Please  
give this petition your serious attention.  
Thank you,

Name

Address

Mrs. E. Sue Nelson

1300 Forest

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Newburn

1302 Forrest

Mr. & Mrs. James E. Broadway

1305 Forest

Mr. & Mrs. F. Eiland, Barbara Eiland

1307 FOREST

Mrs. Sue Caldwell

1304 Forrest

Jerry A. Shiss

1306 Forrest

Donna Jay

1310 Forest

Mrs. & Mr. L. A. Myriad

1313 Forrest

Mrs. Benny Westmoreland

1314 Forest



Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dixon 1316 Forrest Dr.

Mr & Mrs. A. C. Morse 1318 Forrest Dr.

Mr & Mrs. Gary A. Newell 1321 Forrest Dr.

Mr & Mrs. Aubrey McWhirter 1325 Forrest Dr.

Mrs. A. H. Johnson 1327 Forrest Dr.

Mr - Mrs. H. Redmon 1303 Forrest Dr.

MR. - MRS. PAYTON LEE 1443 FORREST DR.



April 20, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The Following members were present: Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Sam Hilliard, Russell Eubank, and B. R. Mahaffey. Dennis Mann was absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion to approve the minutes; Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion that the results of the election be approved. Russell Eubank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis gave the oath of office to Raymond Pruitt, Ben Brown, and Sam Hilliard.

Mayor Lewis addressed the city employees and the Council.

Motion was made by Billy Jack Peace, Jr., seconded by Raymond Pruitt, that each of the following Councilmen have certain reporting duties for the various departments:

Ben Brown	First Monday & Dogs
Dennis Mann	City Lake & City Streets
B.J.Peace, Jr.	Fire Department & Police Department
Sam Hilliard	Water & Sewer Department, Cemetery, & Dump Grounds
Raymond Pruitt	Office, Financial, & Recreation

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (8:20 p.m.).

Motion was made by Ben Brown, seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr., that Henry Lewis and Sam Hilliard be authorized to hire an attorney and do whatever is necessary to obtain a Type II permit to operate the City Dump. All in favor.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

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

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

Raymond Pruitt presented the Financial Statement and his report on the Office. Since the present billing machine is broken, Mr. Pruitt recommended the purchase of a new accounting machine. Doug Waldrop representing NCR and Joel Baker representing Burroughs Corporation presented proposals to the Council. NCR's bid was \$13,996.63; Burrough's bid was \$13,170.00. Mr. Pruitt recommended a decision be made in Executive Session. Mayor Lewis and the Council were in agreement.

Sam Hilliard gave his report on the Water & Sewer Department. He stated the installation of the 6" water line for the school had been completed and a new fire plug had been installed. Mr. Hilliard requested the Council to consider purchasing another vehicle and also new communications equipment for the present vehicles.

Ben Brown presented his report on First Monday. The additional roads will be completed as soon as the weather permits with the cost being approximately \$1,000.00. Mr. Brown recommended discussing the cleaning of the grounds in Executive Session with a final decision being made.

Dennis Mann presented his report on the city's streets. His recommendation was to cost share with the county commissioner the expense of repairing the streets. The cities' share would be \$12,500.00.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. presented his report on the Police Department. He requested Gerald Turner to notify Texas Power & Light of the street lights that are out.

Donald Key met with the Council requesting assistance in controlling the creek which runs behind his house. It overflowed this past week-end resulting in water coming into his house. He requested the city to clean the creek which would allow better drainage. Sam Hilliard made a motion authorizing Dennis Mann to contact the owner of this property requesting permission for the City to clean the creek. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Redmon, 1303 Forrêst Drive, presented a petition requesting the cities immediate attention to the inadequate drainage system in the northeast section of the Town & Country addition. Mayor Lewis requested Sam Hilliard to check into this problem and make a report to the Council.

Billy Rawden, Danny Rogers, and Don Haley met with the Council requesting financial assistance for the CYRA program. Raymond Pruitt made a motion that the City donate \$2,500.00 payable at a rate of \$500.00/month for 5 months. This amount will be payed out of the First Monday Fund with payments starting April 21, 1976. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Messrs. Elmore and Phelps met with the Council regarding commercial water rates. They had met with the Council at the March 16th meeting requesting the instigation of these rates. The Council stated it could not grant this request.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made the motion that city employees receive a 2-week vacation after 5 years of service. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard placed into motion for the City, as its Bicentennial project, deposit \$1.00 for each resident (approximately \$3,000.00) in an institution offering the largest rate of return; in 100 years, this amount would be approximately \$1,000,000.00. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. The Council felt that while other cities were spending money they would like to leave this money as a gift to the future generations of Canton.

Renewal on the insurance covering City Hall was discussed. Sam Hilliard made the motion to insure the building for \$30,000.00, contents for \$15,000.00. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Councilmen gave reports on their special assignments.

Sam Hilliard requested that health inspections be made periodically on businesses. Mayor Lewis requested Gerald Turner to check with other towns on their inspection policies.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. stated that several signs (dead-end) needed to be placed at Lake Canton. Mayor Lewis requested Gerald Turner to handle this matter.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Dennis Mann had been requested by Mayor Lewis at last month's meeting to obtain additional information on the property at Edom & Buffalo Streets offered for rental by Faughlette Jackson. Mrs. Jackson requested \$30.00/month with a 12-month lease agreement for use by the City 6 days a week; she retains use of the property on Sunday. Their recommendation since it would help relieve the parking problem downtown was to rent this property and inform Judge Ray of this decision so the county employees could be encouraged to use this facility. Dennis Mann placed this into motion; Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt recommended the deposit required for water and sewer services be raised to \$25.00. Dennis Mann placed this into motion; Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (10:45 p.m.)

Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, that Sam Hilliard be authorized to hire a new employee for the Water & Sewer Department at a salary of \$650.00/month. All in favor.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt, seconded by Dennis Mann, that Sam Hilliard be authorized to install a rebuilt motor in the 1967 Chevrolet pick-up. All in favor.

Motion was made by Ben Brown, seconded by Dennis Mann, that Raymond Pruitt be authorized to hire a new employee for the office, on a temporary basis, at a salary of \$2.50/hr.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Raymond Pruitt, that the City purchase a Burroughs billing machine at a price of \$13,170.00. One-half of this amount will be paid on delivery and the balance on January 1, 1977. All in favor.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Sam Hilliard, to advertise for bids on a 4-cylinder pick-up, white in color, with a 4-speed transmission, heavy duty springs, and heavy duty radiator. Bids to be opened May 18, 1976.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt, seconded by Ben Brown, to advertise for the sale of the 1974 Pontiac police car. Bids to be opened May 18, 1976.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr., that we use the Revenue Sharing money of approximately \$12,500.00 to cost share with the county commissioner on a 50/50 basis for material (labor free) to repair the streets. Dennis Mann and Sam Hilliard will report to the Council.

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Ben Brown, that Jan Malone's and Shirley Hudson's salary be increased by \$.25/hr.

Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that J. C. Cross's salary be increased by \$75.00 to \$625.00/month.

Motion was made by Billy Jack Peace, Jr., seconded by Raymond Pruitt, that Truman Easley and Woodrow Janes be paid \$700.00/month base salary plus \$93.75 for 25 hours of work at First Monday. Also, Mr. Easley, Mr. Janes, and Mr. Cross's regular work week will consist of 5 days per week, 8 hours per day.

Motion was made by Ben Brown, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that Gerald Turner's salary be increased by \$50.00/month to \$925.00.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

May 18, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and unanimously approved with the following changes and/or amendments: (1) Page 1, par. 8 - Delete Sam Hilliard made a motion authorizing Dennis Mann to contact the owner of this property requesting them to clean the creek. Insert Sam Hilliard made a motion authorizing Dennis Mann to contact the owner of this property requesting permission for the City to clean the creek. (2) Page 2, par. 5 - Paragraph to read: Sam Hilliard placed into motion for the City, as its Bicentennial project, deposit \$1.00 for each resident (approximately \$3,000.00) in an institution offering the largest rate of return; in 100 years, this amount would be approximately \$1,000,000.00. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. The Council felt that while other cities were spending money they would like to leave this money as a gift to the future generations of Canton. (3) Page 2, par. 6 (Insurance Renewal) - Sam Hilliard made the motion to insure the building for \$30,000.00, contents for \$15,000.00. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor. (4) Page 3, par. 3 - Delete \$5.00 deposit for hauling. Dennis Mann placed this into motion; Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor. (5) Page 4, par. 3 (Street Repair) - Insert Dennis Mann and Sam Hilliard will report to the Council.

Raymond Pruitt presented the Financial Statement.

Chili Campbell who serves as City Judge gave a progress report on his office.

Sherman Mabry met with the Council requesting a portion of City owned acreage be developed as an industrial site. He stated bringing new industry to Canton was the third request the citizens had based on the survey prepared by Texas Power & Light.

J. F. Jackson, 1611 Woodland Drive, met with the Council concerning a water problem. He asked the City to write a letter to the Texas Highway Department requesting assistance in the diversion of water that runs from Hwy. 243 onto his property. Sam Hilliard placed this into motion; Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made the motion to appoint Sherman Mabry, Willis Terry, and Wendall Oliver to serve on the Board of Equalization. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids were opened on the purchase of a new vehicle. Courtesy Pontiac of Tyler bid \$3217.00; Canton Motors bid \$3265.00. Dennis Mann made the motion to accept Canton Motors' bid. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids were opened on the sale of a 1974 Pontiac. Canton Motors bid \$751.00; Glen Norman bid \$652.50. Dennis Mann made a motion to accept Canton Motors' bid. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt gave a report on the park proposed to be built at the old city lake site. Councilman Pruitt requested adoption of a resolution

requesting assistance from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to develop the park. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. placed this into motion; Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown gave his report on the First Monday grounds. He requested funds for the development of eight acres. This would add eighteen streets making approximately eight hundred additional lots. Archie Scoggins turned in a bid of \$19,627.52. Since the City could do the necessary work cheaper, Councilman Brown recommended the Council reject Mr. Scoggins' bid. Sam Hilliard made a motion to authorize Ben Brown and Gerald Turner to develop half the acreage, approximately 400 lots, at whatever cost necessary to be completed by the June First Monday week-end. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt requested Gerald Turner contact several auditing firms for bids to conduct the City's annual audit. Mr. Turner is to make a report to the Council at next month's meeting. Councilman Pruitt also recommended that the City obtain prices on a Postage Meter and report findings at next month's meeting.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. presented the Police Report. He requested Mr. Turner report the street lights that are out to Texas Power & Light.

Dennis Mann presented his report on the streets.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Dennis Mann informed the Council that Faughlette Jackson had withdrawn her offer of the property at Edom and Buffalo Streets.

Sam Hilliard reported to the Council his findings on the water problem as requested from the previous meeting. Councilman Hilliard's recommendation was for the City to build retaining walls, culverts, etc. where needed to eliminate this problem. He recommended spreading this over the summer months repairing Mr. Redmons first at an approximate cost of \$1200.00. Mr. Hilliard will send a memo to each Councilman for their signature on each project and its cost before beginning the work. Raymond Pruitt placed this into motion; Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. J. E. Reece, 1165 Clay Street, requested the installation of a street light. Mayor Lewis requested Dennis Mann and Gerald Turner to handle this matter.

Mayor Lewis was authorized to write a letter of commendation to Harold Miller on behalf of the J. R. Young family. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. placed this into motion; Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

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

Motion was made by Dennis Mann, seconded by Sam Hilliard, that the City of Canton approach Chester Ogletree with an offer to exchange a parcel of land which the City now owns that is open and would require frequent mowing with a parcel of land that Mr. Ogletree owns that is heavily wooded which would be more desirable for development into a park and recreational area. This offer would require the approval of the Soil Conservation Service before the exchange would be effective. All in favor.

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard, seconded by Ben Brown, that any person or group of persons desiring to solicit within our City must have written permission by the City Council. All in favor. A notice to this effect

will be published in the local newspapers advising that any violator is subject to a \$200.00 fine.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. will meet with Sherman Mabry regarding his request for land for an industrial site and bring his recommendation back to next month's meeting.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Dennis Mann, that the Policemen's salary be increased as follows:

Chief: Base salary be increased \$50.00 to \$835.00 plus First Monday pay of \$90.00 making a total of \$925.00/month.

Patrolemen: Base salary be increased \$30.00 to \$705.00 plus First Monday pay be increased from \$20.00 to \$50.00 making a total of \$755.00/month.

Four, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Dennis Mann, Ben Brown, and Raymond Pruitt, voted for; One, Sam Hilliard, abstained. Mayor Lewis was vigorously opposed to this action being taken. Mayor Lewis then recommended operating the Police force with three men to hold down expenses in the Police Department. The City Council took no action.

Executive Session adjourned.

Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

June 15, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion authorizing negotiations for a land site for any company wishing to locate a business here. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. J. F. Jackson, 1611 Woodland Drive, met with the Council concerning the water problem they have had. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to authorize Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner to open up the ditches on both sides of the road allowing for better drainage. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

At the May 18th meeting, the Council unanimously decided that any person or group of persons desiring to solicit within our City must have written permission by the City Council and that any violator will be subject to a \$200.00 fine. Sam Hilliard made a motion that this be made in the form of an ordinance. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt presented the Financial Statement. Dennis Mann made a motion to approve the Financial Statement. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

The VFW Post 9171, Ladies Auxilliary, and the American Legion Post 300 requested permission to hold a street dance on July 3rd, 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Proceeds will go to the Fire Department. Dennis Mann made a motion to grant this request with the site being agreed upon at a later date. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Faye Plessis met with the Council regarding the problem with dogs the City is experiencing. Ben Brown made a motion to pass an ordinance levying a maximum \$200. fine on any owner whose dog is picked-up on the streets or on someone elses property. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tommy Roberts met with the Council concerning an unduly high water bill he had received for the period ended May 15'76. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to adjust his bill to \$20.00. (This being his average monthly bill). Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Tarpely Duke met with the Council requesting a voidance of the ordinance prohibiting the sale of fireworks within the City limits. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to grant a 10-day exemption for the Fourth of July. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Because the City has previously experienced water shortages during the summer months, Councilman Hilliard recommended the purchase of two chemical feeders. This would enable the City to use water from Lake Canton when needed. The cost of these two machines would be \$4,035.00. Dennis Mann made a motion to purchase this machinery; Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The building of a new road at the City dump was the next item discussed. This road would run from the existing road to the new landfill site. Gerald Turner reported the City could buy the gravel for under \$500.00 and request the commissioners to provide the labor. Dennis Mann made a motion to authorize Mr. Turner to meet with the commissioners and request their assistance in the building of this road. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The selection of an auditing firm was the next item on the agenda. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to secure Kenneth Williams, CPA of Quitman, to do the City's annual audit. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner reported the boat ramp at Lake Canton would be completed this week.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion for the purchase of a 20' flexible hose for the Volunteer Fire Department. The cost would be approximately \$700-\$800. Mr. Peace stated this hose was needed because of the poor accessibility to some of the fire plugs. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor. Councilman Peace also informed the Council that the insurance on one of the firetrucks will soon expire due to the age of the truck.

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. presented the Police report. Councilman Peace made a motion to place City Limit and Speed Zone signs on the Old Kaufman Road and West College Street with Hoss Williams and Gerald Turner being authorized to purchase and place these signs. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hoss Williams, Chief of Police, reported to the Council the possibility of City Policeman Jack Thompson's time being extended by the CETA Manpower Program to September.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to enforce a 1-hour parking limit in the downtown area. This would also include First Monday week-end. A fine of \$5.00 is to be levied against violators. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to not charge the CYRA for water for the period ended May 15'76. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor. This action was taken because the CYRA received an unusually high water bill which they felt was unjustified. The Council stated they would not adjust any future bill.

Councilman Pruitt requested the Council be present at a public hearing to be held Tuesday, June 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. regarding the proposed city park.

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

Dennis Mann made a motion to pay the total of \$40,000.00 for Lessie Douthit's property plus having an all-weather gravel road built on the City's property to the Douthit Cemetery. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned.

Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Gerald Turner  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

# CITY OF CANTON

PHONE 567-4300

P. O. BOX 245

CANTON, TEXAS, 75103

July 21, 1976

To Mayor Henry Lewis:

Regarding: Approval of typing our tax roll

Western Data Services, Inc.  
116 North Rogers  
Waxahachie, Texas 75165

Sales Representative - Raymond Geye

Western Data will furnish forms in 6 parts and the tax roll.  
They will type a delinquent roll at a cost of 7¢ a value line  
or a minimum charge of \$50.00.

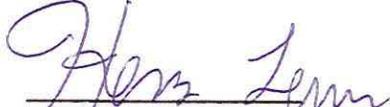
Their cost is 20¢ a value line for the current roll. This would  
make our cost be approximately \$400.00. This includes the cost of  
binders.

Any #10 envelope will be sufficient for the tax receipts.

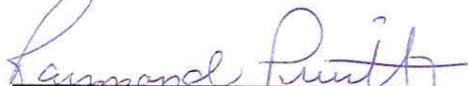
If they receive our roll by August 1 they can have them completed  
by September 15th. A letter will be furnished to this effect.

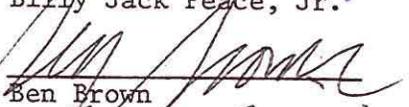
Cost last year:	\$487.00 forms
	40.00 envelopes
	150.00 extra typing (Betty Dailey)
	84.00 binders
	<u>\$761.00</u>

This company at present type the tax roll for Canton Independent School  
and the City of Grand Saline in our area.

  
Henry Lewis, Mayor

  
Billy Jack Peace, Jr.

  
Raymond Pruitt, Councilman

  
Ben Brown

  
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If the City of Canton should have an emergency and have to evacuate the citizens, we will ring the fire phone.

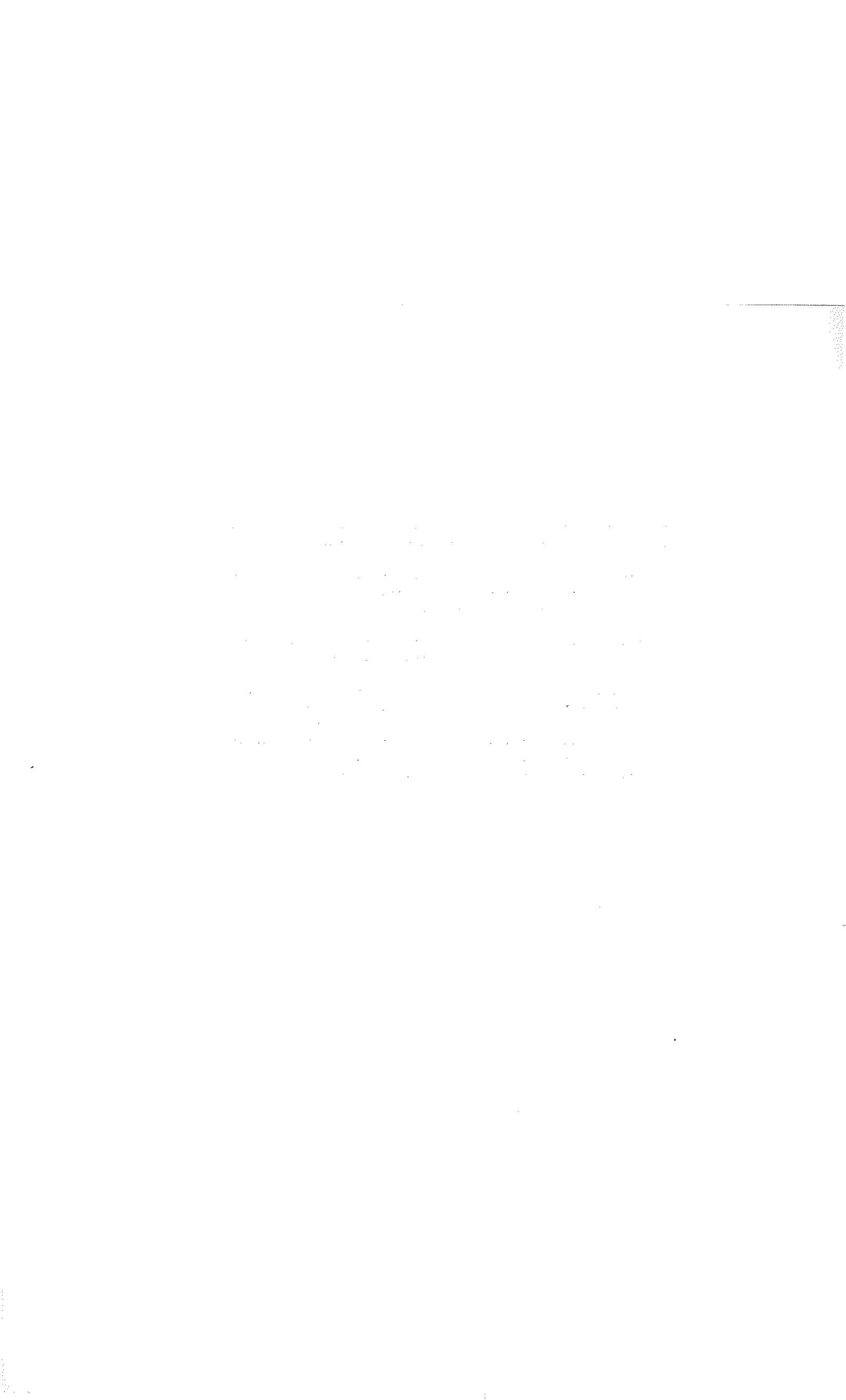
Each fireman has a designated area in town which he will be responsible for notifying. Each fireman will have two people to help him alert his area.

The fire alarm will be sounded five times, there will be a pause, and it will be sounded five more times.

It is my recommendation to use the National Guard Armory facilities in Terrell, Athens, Tyler and Kaufman.

Ambulance service for rest home patients will be provided by both Barker-Hilliard and Eubank's Funeral Home in Canton and also from Wills Point, Van and Grand Saline.

Hoss Williams



July 20, 1976  
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.

Raymond Pruitt presented the Financial Statement.

Mr. David Myers of Kirby Vacuum Cleaner Service met with the Council to secure a permit to sell within the City limits. He was granted a 90-day permit to sell and service vacuum cleaners door-to-door. The motion was made by Billy Jack Peace, Jr.; Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Sam Hilliard and seconded by Dennis Mann that the street dance sponsored by the VFW Post 9171 and the Ladies Auxilliary be rescheduled for Saturday, July 31st. All in favor.

After a lengthy discussion on parking around the square, Sam Hilliard made the motion that the parking time be changed to a 2-hour limit in the downtown area. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. that \$5500. be allocated to purchase three (3) acres of land and relocate the VFW building, subject to approval by the Volunteer Fire Department. Also, that \$2500./month be set aside from the First Monday Fund until January 1, 1977, to help with the financing of the park. Three, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Dennis Mann, and Raymond Pruitt voted for the motion; one, Ben Brown, opposed the motion; one, Sam Hilliard, abstained.

A request was made by County Commissioner E. E. Wycough to secure dirt from the City dump. A motion was made by Sam Hilliard and seconded by Dennis Mann to grant this request. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dennis Mann and seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. that a gate be relocated on the new City Lake property. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned to Open Meeting.

A motion was made by Ben Brown and seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. that all businesses in the downtown area be limited to one (1) loading zone. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion that a 6" water line be run out to the school property on Hwy. 243 at no cost to the school. Also, a 20' blanket easement be obtained for the water line. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Dennis Mann and seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. to allow Starnes Trucking Service to dump eight (8) loads of garbage from outside the City limits @ \$12.50/load at the City dump each month. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

August 6, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

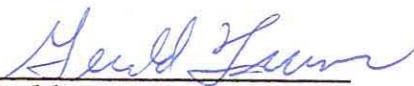
The Canton City Council met in a called meeting with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Sam Hilliard, Ben Brown, and Raymond Pruitt. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. and Dennis Mann were absent.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to offer \$120,000.00 for the Douthit property and a maximum of \$8,000.00 for the road to C. D. Douthit's house. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

August 17, 1976  
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., Ben Brown, Raymond Pruitt, and Sam Hilliard. Dennis Mann was absent.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and the following amendments made: (1) Page 1, par. 7, Paragraph to read: "A motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Billy Jack Peace, Jr. that \$5500. be allocated to the Volunteer Fire Department for the purchase of three (3) acres of land. Also, that \$2500./month be set aside from the First Monday Fund until January 1, 1977, to assist with the financing of the proposed park. Three, Billy Jack Peace, Jr., Dennis Mann, and Raymond Pruitt voted for the motion; one, Ben Brown, opposed the motion; one, Sam Hilliard abstained." Raymond Pruitt placed this amendment into motion with Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconding the motion. All in favor. (2) Page 2, par. 4, Paragraph to read: "Sam Hilliard made a motion to lay a 6" water line to the school property on Hwy. 243 via the closest point from existing water lines at no cost to the school. Also, a 20' blanket easement be obtained for the water line. All in favor." Sam Hilliard placed this amendment into motion with Ben Brown seconding the motion. All in favor. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes with the above amendments. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt presented the Financial Statement. Sam Hilliard made a motion to approve the Financial Statement as given; Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mrs. Estelle Mabry requested the mowing of tall grass at Elm and Big Rock and Elm and Hwy. 198. Mayor Lewis requested Gerald Turner to handle this matter.

The property owned by the county which the City had been leasing for First Monday use was discussed. Sam Hilliard made a motion authorizing Mayor Lewis and Gerald Turner to meet with the County Commissioners regarding future use of this property. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown made a motion to appoint Dan Hilliard, M.D. as City Health Officer. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Ben Brown requested funds to advertise the September First Monday. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to allocate \$300.00 and to authorize Mayor Lewis and Councilman Brown to purchase this advertisement. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The relocation of dealers with animals was discussed. The Council decided to locate them on the north side of the Travis property. Mr. Turner stated that three (3) utility poles (approximate cost \$75./ea.) would need to be set at this location. Sam Hilliard made a motion authorizing Ben Brown and Gerald Turner to do whatever is necessary to accommodate these dealers. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard presented his report on the Water & Sewer Department. He recommended the purchase of testing equipment for this department at an approximate cost of \$350. Ben Brown made a motion authorizing Councilman Hilliard and Gerald Turner to purchase the equipment. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard recommended the placement of an "Authorized Personnel Only" sign on the intake structure at Lake Canton. He recommended this be enforced by the passage of an ordinance. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to pass such ordinance with Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconding the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion authorizing Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner to have a gate installed from the First Monday grounds into the north end of Hillcrest Cemetery. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to lay water lines on Hwy. 64 West starting at Dodson Street and extending approximately 1500' with the homeowners paying \$1./ft. of the cost. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis requested Dennis Mann and Gerald Turner to present a list of the streets that need repairing at next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned (9:00 p.m.).

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

September 21, 1976  
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., Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, and Raymond Pruitt. Dennis Mann was absent.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Raymond Pruitt presented the Financial Statement and it was approved as given.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to purchase a Postage Meter Mailing Machine from Pitney Bowes at a cost of \$646.00. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner presented a list of the streets needing repair as requested by the Council at last month's meeting. Sam Hilliard made a motion authorizing Gerald Turner to contact the County Commissioners regarding this project. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard recommended the hiring of an additional employee on a 90-day trial basis for the purpose of reading the water meters. This employee would work five (5) days per month at a salary of \$100./month. Ben Brown made a motion to approve this recommendation. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council unanimously decided to bill the school \$675.00 (representing material only) for a 4" water line extension and to obtain a blanket easement for this line.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (8:30 p.m.).

A request for severance pay by a former employee, Mrs. Finis Lee, was discussed. Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Sam Hilliard that the matter be checked into with the Labor Board and discussed at the next Council meeting. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion that an exchange of land between Chester Ogletree and the City be completed with the City bearing the cost of relocating all fences, legal fees, and surveying costs. Chester Ogletree will grant the City a flood easement and privileges of ingress and egress across his property to City officials and employees. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

October 19, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Raymond Pruitt presented the Financial Statement and it was approved as given. Mayor Lewis recommended that all invoices be presented to the Council for the next two months.

Bob Starnes and Lowrey Cook, representing Great American Reserve Insurance Company, presented a proposal for a retirement plan for the city employees. The Council stated they would study this proposal and make a decision at a later date.

Billie Rose Slaughter, representing the Chamber of Commerce, met with the Council regarding the Christmas decorations for the downtown area. The Chamber of Commerce have purchased new decorations at a cost of \$4,163.80. Mrs. Slaughter requested the City contribute 25% (approximately \$1,000.00) of this cost. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to approve this request with Dennis Mann seconding the motion. All in favor.

Jackie Huddle and Donald Barrier met with the Council requesting the relocation of the gate at Lake Canton so as to provide them access to their property. Messrs. Huddle and Barrier will bear all costs of this relocation. Sam Hilliard made a motion to grant this request. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Members of the Canton Rural Water Corporation met with the Council to discuss a rate increase. Since the present contract between the City of Canton and the Canton Rural Water Corporation allows rate negotiations once every five years, the Council stated it would be beneficial to Canton Rural Water if the clause could be changed to yearly negotiations. Therefore, Dennis Mann made a motion to increase the water rate to \$.50/M gals. if the clause is changed to a yearly negotiations; \$.75/M gals. if the five year clause is maintained. Also, Canton Rural Water Corporation would be granted a 120-day extension (beginning Nov. 1, 1976) before this rate increase would become effective, allowing Canton Rural Water time to apply for a rate increase with the Texas Utilities Commission, plus an additional 120-days if a ruling has not been obtained by the end of the initial 120-days. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made a motion to appoint Raymond Pruitt as the Council's representative to the East Texas Council of Government. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to deny the request from the Unification Church to solicit funds within the City limits. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The 1976 tax roll of \$66,783.77 was unanimously approved by the Council. The tax rate of \$1.00 per \$100.00 based on 33 1/3% of market value was also approved with 50% of collection being set aside for bonded indebtedness and 50% of collection used for operating expenses.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (9:10 p.m.).

The Council discussed Chester Ogletree's property at Mill Creek. The Council decided to advise Mr. Ogletree that the City would adhere to the previous settlement whereas the City and Mr. Ogletree agreed to exchange the property on an acre for acre basis with the City being responsible for all costs of surveying, legal fees, and re-location of fences.

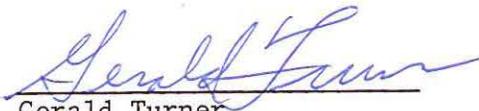
Raymond Pruitt made a motion for the City to pay the cost of hauling gravel to the new road at the City dump. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council unanimously approved the requirement of an additional water deposit of \$25.00 plus a \$5.00 reconnect fee in the event services were disconnected due to failure of payment.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

October 26, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

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

C. L. Stanford, Attorney, representing Chester Ogletree, met with the Council. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion that the City offer Chester Ogletree \$1,000.00 per acre for the approximate sixteen (16) acres in lieu of the exchange of land. The offer to purchase at \$1,000.00 per acre will expire on the third Tuesday night (November 16th) of November, 1976. The offer to exchange the land, as had been previously agreed to by Mr. Ogletree along with his attorney, Mr. Stanford, at a prior meeting, will remain in effect for an indefinite period of time. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to pass an ordinance prohibiting fishing until the spring of 1977 at Lake Canton. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

The modification of contract with Canton Rural Water Corporation was approved. This modification will allow the rates, set by the City of Canton, to be reviewed on a one-year basis, rather than a five-year basis.

Ben Brown made a motion to allow the City Secretary to attend the annual conference of the Texas Municipal League which will be held in Dallas on November 13th and 14th, 1976. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
GERALD TURNER  
City Secretary

November 16, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

Executive Session

Billy Jack Peace, Jr. made a motion to hire Howard Stuart, effective January 1, 1977, as a police officer with his salary being set at a later date. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Executive Session adjourned (7:00 p.m.)

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with the following amendment: Page 2, par. 7 - Delete paragraph, insert - Dennis Mann made a motion requiring a \$20.00 reconnect fee when services are disconnected due to failure of payment. Billy Jack Peace, Jr. seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt presented the Financial Statement and it was approved as given.

Dennis Mann made a motion to purchase street patching material with this money being paid out of the Revenue Sharing Fund. Sam Hilliard seconded the motion. All in favor.

Lone Star Gas (represented by Tom Moore, local representative; Mr. Janecki of Corsicana; Mr. Panell of the Dallas office; and Tom Henderson, District Manager of the Athens Office) met with the Council requesting a 14% rate increase. After a lengthy discussion, Lone Star Gas agreed to meet with the Council at a future date to provide additional information requested by the Council.

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

Personnel discussed; no action taken.

Legal matters concerning Lone Star Gas's request for a rate increase was discussed. The Council unanimously approved the authorization of Councilman Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner to meet with Lone Star Gas for the purpose of obtaining additional information.

Executive Session adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

December 14, 1976  
City of Canton, Texas

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Sam Hilliard made a motion to approve the minutes and Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to call a special election, January 15, 1977, to propose a one (1%) percent city sales tax with the cities' property taxes being reduced by a minimum of 25% if passed. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion authorizing Sam Hilliard to advertise for bids on a four cylinder pickup with the bids being opened at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dennis Mann made a motion to purchase a water pump from Bowles & Edens at a cost of \$980.00. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to replace the existing 6" water line with a 8" line that connects #4 well to the overhead storage tank on Hwy. 19. Dennis Mann seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard made a motion to grant Willis Loven's (Kirby Vacuum Cleaners) request to solicit within the city limits. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Sam Hilliard presented a report on the Cities Association of Van Zandt County. The association met with the Commissioners Court Monday, December 13, to discuss several problems the cities of the county are experiencing; among them is the cost of operating the individual fire departments. The Commissioners agreed to amend the county budget in January to allow the payment of \$2000.00 to each fire department in the county per year. The Cities Association of Van Zandt County also approached the Commissioners on contributing funds for the maintenance of landfills in each precinct. Councilman Hilliard stated that the Cities Association of Van Zandt County will meet every three months with the next meeting being held February 14, 1977.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session (8:45 p.m.)

Sam Hilliard made a motion that Bobby Pruiett be allowed to return to work in the Water & Sewer Department per Mr. Pruiett's request. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Council authorized Henry Lewis and Gerald Turner to complete the lease agreement on the airport property.

Executive Session adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary