

January 17, 1978  
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 to sell two G I trucks for \$267.60 and a 1961 Ford pickup for \$112.60 to Red Hill Wrecking. Motion was seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Mr. Dean Fountain, property owner on Old Kaufman Road, met with the Council and asked them to consider the fifty foot street. There was much discussion regarding trees on this property.

Mr. Hilliard made the motion to take easement up to within twelve inches of the nearest tree in return for Mr. Fountain to release the curb and guttering. This was in agreement with Mr. Fountain. Motion seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Mr. Bill Stefka, State Board of Insurance, presented the Firemen's Pension Fund program as set out in Senate Bill 411, Section 15. There was much discussion. Gerald Turner and Raymond Pruitt will study the presentation and report their findings at the next Council meeting on the Volunteer Pension Plan.

Jimmy Jordan of Jordan Ambulance met with the Council to find out their feeling on ambulance service for the Canton, Wills Point, Edgewood area. Mr. Lloyd Groves spoke on behalf of the City in reference as to whether Mr. Jordan screened his employees who work this area.

Mayor Lewis appointed Sam Hilliard to meet with the Commissioners Court to determine their letter regarding the \$5,000.00 and Gerald Turner to contact Wills Point and Edgewood regarding why they accepted the \$5,000.00 from the County.

Motion was made by Howard Dunn to table discussion until Mr. Hilliard could meet with the Commissioners Court. Seconded by Ben Brown. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis asked Mr. Jordan to leave the second ambulance in the County until February 1. Mr. Jordan indicated he would have to let the City know whether this was possible or not.

Mr. Alvin Blackstone, resident of Canton, met with the Council regarding speeding traffic on Athens, College and Goshen Streets. Ben Brown made the motion to place four way stop signs at each of the above streets. Seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.

Mike Chitty, Attorney from Terrell, Texas, representing the Canton Rural Water System, asked the Council whether it would be possible for the City to supply water to the Canton Rural Water System for the Willow Springs area. This would be an increase of 50-60%. Mr. Hilliard indicated he thought the filtering system would take care of this extra amount of water and he would have no objection.

Gerald Turner is to contact Mr. Chitty prior to February 1 regarding the Council's decision.

Mr. Tom Parsons of Texas Power & Light made a presentation on the proposed rate increase of 18.4%.

Mr. Hilliard made the motion to delay one hundred twenty (120) days. Motion seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Mr. Hilliard indicated his feelings as to participation in the Texas Municipal League regarding the increase in the rate presented by Texas Power & Light.

Howard Dunn made the motion to have the following serve as officials for the City election on April 1 with Foy Riley serving as judge. Seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Lloyd Groves, Carlye Mae Wallace, Eunice Travis, Foy Riley

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard to set the deadline for tax exemption over 65 years as July 1. Seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis asked Gerald Turner to study the request from Lois Myers regarding selling jewelry door to door. Mrs. Myers has been notified that the matter was tabled.

Gerald Turner read a certificate which was presented to Lloyd Groves, Volunteer Fireman.

The Council adjourned into Executive Session.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

January 26, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in an emergency called meeting to discuss the Ambulance Service and Firemen's Pension Fund. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Sam Hilliard, Raymond Pruitt and Howard Dunn. Gary Hatfield was absent.

The City Council agreed to authorize Mr. Sam Hilliard to present an offer to Mr. John Teague of Grand Saline Ambulance Service for Mr. Teague to provide temporary emergency ambulance service to the Canton area under these conditions:

1. That \$25 will be paid to Mr. Teague for each emergency call where the patient is carried to a hospital for emergency treatment if the call was received by Mr. Truman Knox, any peace officer or the City of Canton.
2. The Canton area will include the City of Canton, the Canton School District, or any Canton rural route.
3. This agreement will not change the status of Jordan Ambulance Service subscribers.

The City Secretary was instructed to contact each Rest Home and explain the above to each Rest Home Administrator. Also, the Secretary is to advise all peace officers of this agreement.

The Firemen's Pension Plan was discussed. The City Council agreed to place the necessary funds into a savings account (provided that the Volunteer Fire Department contribute \$2,000.00 per year) to fund the Firemen's Pension Plan. The interest received from \$22,000.00 plus the \$2,000.00 per year from the Volunteer Fire Department and \$170.00 per year from the State will provide the required funds through the year 1987.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

February 21, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The 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 with the following correction:

A study is to be made of the filtering system to determine its production before an answer can be given to the Canton Rural Water System.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to write a letter to Judge Ray requesting the \$5,000 for ambulance service. Motion seconded by Ben Brown. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt indicated that Lloyd Groves did not want to serve as an official for the City election on April 1. Motion made and seconded to delete Mr. Groves as an official. All in favor.

Motion was made by Sam Hilliard to pay dues to the East Texas Council of Government. Seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Judge Campbell spoke to the Council regarding number of cases pending and the approximate number of cases disposed of during the last six months.

Mayor Lewis authorized Gary Hatfield and Gerald Turner to be responsible for having another pit dug at the City Dump. Seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis authorized Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner to work up the specifications for a tractor with a sickle and rotary mower with a frontend loader and to secure bids on both a used and new tractor. The tractors we now have will be used as a trade-in.

Howard Dunn made the motion to secure bids on a new pickup also. The 1967 Chevrolet pickup the City now has will be used as a trade-in. Motion seconded. All in favor.

The Council approved Shell Oil Company to drill holes on the Canton Lake property. Gerald Turner will negotiate with their representative with the cost of \$50 per hole to be minimum.

Sam Hilliard was appointed to meet with the Commissioners Court as the Ambulance Service Representative.

Labor Day activities, including a street dance, will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Chief of Police, Hoss Williams, asked the Council what their feelings were regarding parking on the square. It was decided to place a notice in the newspapers asking employees working on the square not to park on the square. Effective March 1 two hour parking will be enforced.

Mayor Lewis will write letter to Judge Ray regarding employees in the court house and ask them to please park on the County lot. He will also suggest that when summons for jury duty are mailed that they also advise these individuals who report for jury duty to also park on the County lot.

Billy Lively, representing the Little Dribblers, asked for assistance from the City to help finance this program for the boys and girls involved in the program. Raymond Pruitt made a motion to give the Little Dribblers \$1,000.00. Seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis will write letter to the Canton Independent School District regarding the back board broken when being adjusted by one of the Little Dribbler coaches indicating that the City will pay one-half the replacement cost or up to \$250 if the school would pay the other half.

The Council adjourned into Executive Session.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

The Council went back into open session and Howard Dunn made the motion to grant a \$9,000.00 homestead exemption in 1978 for property taxes for persons over 65 years of age. Seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

March 21, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Statement was approved as given.

The bid from Canton Motors for a new pickup was opened and the price quoted was \$3,694.90 with an allowance of \$200.00 for the 1967 Chevrolet pickup as a trade-in.

Howard Dunn made a motion to purchase the pickup from Canton Motors and advertise for bids on the 1967 Chevrolet pickup. Seconded by Ben Brown. All in favor.

Bids for a new tractor with a sickle and rotary mower were opened from Norman's Pontiac, Coleman Implement and Van Zandt County Ford Tractor. The bids will be studied by Gerald Turner and Henry Lewis before making a recommendation to the Council.

Billy Montgomery, Don Haley, Gerald Capps and Billy Rawdon met with the Council in behalf of the Canton Youth Association. Howard Dunn made the motion to give the CYRA \$6,000.00 with payments being made in April, June and August. Seconded by Ben Brown. All in favor.

Howard Dunn made the motion to pass a City Ordinance banning trucks over 10,000 pounds gross weight on residential streets. Trucks used for delivery to a residence will be excluded. Seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Jim Fuller met with the Council requesting permission for a Blue Grass Festival to be held on the First Monday Grounds August 18, 19 & 20, 1978. He indicated this was a family type function.

Mayor Lewis authorized Gerald Turner and Raymond Pruitt to work out the arrangements regarding this function and to let Mr. Fuller know by April 1 if it will be permissible to hold this function on the First Monday Grounds.

The Animal Ordinance was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Animal vaccination was discussed. It was noted that the local veterinarian will be having one in April.

Water and sewer rates outside the City limits discussion was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Wayland Burns of Empiregas Company of Canton met with the Council requesting permission to erect an office building and additional storage tanks to be located on Highway 64 next to their storage tanks presently there. Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt to give them permission to build with connections, at their expense, on City water and sewer. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Turner will issue a written authorization from the City to Empiregas.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to send Hoss Williams to a Criminal Investigation School to be held at Texas A & M on April 25, 26 & 27, 1978, with a registration fee of \$61.80 plus \$50.00 expenses to be paid by the City. Seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

The Council adjourned into Executive Session.

The Council met in Open Session.

Mayor Lewis indicated he felt that the name of the Canton Airport should be changed from Canton Airport to Canton-Hackney Airport and after ten years, revert back to Canton Airport.

Mayor Lewis was authorized by the Council to talk with Mr. Hackney regarding the change. If Mr. Hackney is in agreement, the motion was made by Howard Dunn to so do, seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

March 23, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a called meeting at noon on March 23, 1978, with Howard Dunn, Mayor Pro tem, presiding in the absence of Mayor Henry Lewis. Members present were Sam Hilliard, Ben Brown, Gary Hatfield and Raymond Pruitt.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to purchase the following equipment from Van Zandt County Tractor Company:

One model #4100 Ford Tractor  
One model #515 Sickle Mower  
One model #772A Front End Loader

The purchase price will be \$10,332.00 less a trade-in of \$2,400.00 for a used MF Diesel Tractor with trencher and front blade and a 8 N Ford tractor leaving a net price of \$7,932.00. Also, a model 5 x 5 rotary mower will be purchased from Norman's Pontiac-GMC at a price of \$490.00.

Motion was seconded by Ben Brown. All in favor.

Various problems relating to water production was discussed. A motion was made by Raymond Pruitt that Sam Hilliard and Gerald Turner proceed with plans for improvements and to bring an estimate of the total cost back to the next Council meeting. Ben Brown seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

April 7, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in an emergency called meeting on Friday, April 7, 1978, at 7:00 a.m. with Mayor Lewis presiding. The following members were present: Ben Brown, Howard Dunn, Raymond Pruitt, Sam Hilliard and Gary Hatfield.

A motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Gary Hatfield that funds be authorized to lay a raw water line from Lake Canton to the pump station on Mill Creek. All in favor.

Due to the emergency existing, the material will be purchased immediately.

A canvass of the election was next on the Agenda. Motion was made by Sam Hilliard and seconded by Ben Brown that the results of the election be made official. The results are listed below:

Gerald Burgess - 267  
Howard Paul Stegall - 242  
Raymond Pruitt - 182  
Sam Hilliard - 168  
Ben Brown - 126  
Victor Fugate - 103

A total of 372 ballots were cast.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

April 18, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

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

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Statement was approved as given.

Mr. Sam Hilliard reported on the new raw water line which had been laid and the cost being \$20,000.00.

Mayor Lewis presented plaques to Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Brown, outgoing Councilmen, in appreciation of their service. Gifts were also presented to Messrs. Hilliard and Brown from the office employees.

Gerald Burgess and Howard Paul Stegall were sworn in as the new Councilmen by City Secretary, Gerald Turner. Raymond Pruitt also received the Oath of Office.

Anita Wilson, resident on Woodland Drive, requested a four-way stop sign be placed at Woodland and Wildwood. This discussion was tabled until the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by Raymond Pruitt to increase the rental fee for food vendors at First Monday \$5.00 and other vendors \$2.00. This increase will become effective for the June First Monday. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Gary Hatfield for the Council to authorize Gerald Turner and Gerald Burgess to make overnight camping facilities on the five acres across the creek on the First Monday Grounds. Howard Paul Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to accept the budget for 1978-1979 as presented. Seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.

Annexation of Lake Canton was discussed and tabled until the next Council meeting.

Howard Dunn made the motion to annex the school property on Highway 243 with the school bearing the expense of field notes to bring it within the city limits. Seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to appoint Gary Hatfield as Mayor Pro tem. Seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to appoint Howard Stegall as the representative to the East Texas Council of Government. Seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion that Mayor Lewis be appointed to serve as the Ambulance Service Representative. Seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Hoss Williams, Chief of Police, asked that the City consider a traffic light at the entrance of the school property on Highway 243 to be used for safety purposes when functions are being held on this property at night.

Howard Dunn made a motion for the Corp of Engineers to continue with the Flood Control Plan for Dry Creek. Seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to authorize Gerald Turner and Howard Dunn to secure a firm to audit the City records. Seconded by Howard Paul Stegall. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield discussed several streets that needed repair work. Mayor Lewis authorized Gary Hatfield and Gerald Turner to advertise for bids for street repairs on Woodland, Dodson, Cypress and Big Rock.

Raymond Pruitt indicated nine tickets were given at the new lake for fishing and six were from out of the county for over possession of crappie.

Raymond Pruitt and Gerald Turner are to meet with Game Warden John Greenlee and bring back a recommendation to the next Council meeting.

Mr. Pruitt indicated Mrs. Dillard, resident on Tower Street, had a problem with a vine growing in her yard. Gerald Turner said he would take care of this.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Employee salary increases and leasing of an office building were discussed.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to increase the salary of Melvin Davis \$100 per month and to place him on the payroll as a permanent employee. Seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

A motion was made by Howard Dunn to increase the monthly salary of George Kenney, Shirley Hudson and Linda Ham by \$75. Seconded by Howard Paul Stegall. All in favor.

Howard Dunn made a motion to increase Hoss Williams, Gene Wilhite, Bobby Pruiett, Woodrow Janes, Truman Easley and Gerald Turner's monthly salary by \$125 and all hourly personnel to receive a minimum of \$2.65 per hour. Seconded by Howard Stegall. All in favor.

A motion was made by Raymond Pruitt to relocate the Police Department from the City Office to 205 E. Tyler Street. The First National Bank will furnish the office building rent free. The only expenses to the City will be utilities. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Burgess was appointed to be in charge of First Monday Operations and the City Dump.

Howard Paul Stegall was appointed to be in charge of the Water and Sewer Departments.

The councilmen met in open session and a motion was made by Raymond Pruitt to increase electricity fees on the First Monday Grounds \$1.00 to become effective for the June First Monday. Motion seconded by Howard Paul Stegall. All in favor.

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Henry Lewis, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner, City Secretary

May 3, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a called meeting on Tuesday morning, May 3, 1978, at 7:00 a.m. with Mayor Lewis presiding.

Councilmen present were Gerald Burgess, Howard Stegall, Raymond Pruitt and Gary Hatfield. Howard Dunn was absent.

Also present were Pam Weller and Pat Walker of the Canton Residential Center.

There was discussion regarding the recent fire at the Canton Residential Center; however, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

May 16, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Gary Hatfield, Gerald Burgess and Howard Stegall. Howard Dunn was absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with the following correction:

The councilmen met in open session and a motion was made by Gary Hatfield to increase electricity fees on the First Monday Grounds \$1.00 to become effective for the June First Monday. Motion seconded by Howard Stegall. All in favor.

A bid for street repair work was opened from Smith Construction Company. Gary Hatfield made the motion to accept the bid from Smith Construction Company for pea gravel at 45¢ per square yard. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

It was also agreed that the maximum to spend for street repair at this time would be the \$8,000.00 which was already allocated for street repair plus \$4,500.00.

One bid for the 1967 Chevrolet pickup was opened; however, it was decided not to sell the pickup at this time.

Attorney Mike Chitty, representing the Canton Rural Water Supply, met with the Council to find out if the City was going to grant the increase to Canton Rural Water for the Willow Springs Community.

Gerald Turner recommended that the City make the water available to the Willow Springs Community. Raymond Pruitt made the motion that this increase be allowed. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor..

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to postpone the Texas Power & Light rate increase thirty days. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Burgess made the motion that the City purchase a new sewer rodder machine. Seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor. Mayor Lewis authorized Gerald Turner and Howard Stegall to purchase this equipment.

The request for an exemption of fees at the City Dump was declined.

John Greenlee, Game Warden, met with the Council to discuss the Lake Canton Fishing Regulations and recommended that the City go to the State Law allowing ten bass ten inches long per person, a maximum of twenty-five catfish (channel or blue cat) per person and twenty-five crappie per person. Mr. Greenlee also recommended that there be an ordinance indicating no trot lines allowed in the lake.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to place a \$25 fee for all out-of-county fisherman per year per vehicle effective June 1, 1978. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Hoss Williams, Chief of Police, asked approval to send letters to Texas Power & Light, the Canton Volunteer Fire Department and General Telephone Company for their assistance in the evacuation. Approval was granted.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:



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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

June 6, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in an emergency called meeting at 6:45 a.m. with Mayor Henry Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Gary Hatfield, Gerald Burgess, Howard Stegall and Howard Dunn.

Delbert Norrell requested the City of Canton to hold an Antique Car Show on the First Monday Grounds on August 11, 12 & 13, 1978.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion that the request be granted with the following provisions:

1. That the City of Canton will operate the show and receive all income for lot rentals.
2. That non-related vendor lots be limited to less than 10%.
3. That the rights for food and drink concessions be advertised and awarded to highest bidder.
4. That an amount not exceeding \$750.00 be authorized for advertising.

Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Gary Hatfield that the City advertise for bids for a double tennis court complete with lights to be built on the Old City Lake property. Also to advertise for bids to complete the existing tennis courts with the exception of lighting. All in favor.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt and seconded by Howard Dunn to authorize \$500.00 for improvements on the runway of the Canton-Hackney Airport. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

June 20, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The Canton City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Gerald Burgess, Howard Stegall, Gary Hatfield and Howard Dunn.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Statement was approved as given.

A motion was made by Howard Dunn to place a stop sign on the corner of Stacey and Oak Streets as requested by Mr. S. C. Broyles. Motion was seconded by Howard Stegall. All in favor.

Mrs. Kathy Risner spoke on behalf of the two new clubs in town, the Progressive Women's Club and the Women's League. She indicated they were willing to help in any way possible.

Mr. M. B. Pittman discussed fishing at Lake Canton and burning of garbage. Mayor Lewis authorized Gerald Turner to handle the burning of garbage.

Bill Skidmore of Texas Power and Light met with the Council regarding the rate increase. Howard Dunn made the motion to accept the 5.4% increase. The motion was seconded by Gerald Burgess. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to ask Sherman Mabry, Ferman Barrentine and J. W. Terry to serve on the Board of Equalization. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

There were no bids to be opened for the tennis courts.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to authorize Gerald Burgess and Gerald Turner to spend up to \$2,000.00 for repair on streets on the First Monday Grounds with a six inch base. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to pass a City Ordinance prohibiting glass containers at Lake Canton and the Old City Lake and the adjoining property of each. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made a motion to reopen Lake Canton effective June 23, 1978. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The City Police will open the gate at 5:00 a.m. and close the gate at 10:00 p.m. Signs will be placed at Lake Canton near the swimming area indicating to "Swim At Your Own Risk".

Gerald Burgess made a motion to pass a City Ordinance regulating parking of vehicles in Hillcrest Cemetery. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion authorizing an additional \$6,000.00 to be spent for street repair. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to authorize Gerald Turner to bill water customers an amount of \$25.00 when they damage water valves. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis gave a report to Council members regarding the Ambulance Service meeting he attended.

Howard Stegall made a motion to extend the water line up to the home of Ray Watson with Mr. Watson paying for all material. Motion was seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

It was decided by the Council to temporarily utilize present employees to take care of Lake Canton.

The letter from Mr. Clyde Todd was discussed and it was unanimously decided that the ruling from the City Secretary would stand.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

July 18, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Gerald Burgess, Howard Stegall and Gary Hatfield. Howard Dunn was absent.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Statement was approved as given.

Mrs. Margie Ragsdale asked the Council if the City would be interested in selling frontage property at the old City Lake. Mayor Lewis indicated not at this time.

Several residents from Dodson Street met with the Council to discuss the repairs being made to their street. Gary Hatfield made a motion to contact a firm in Tyler with the proper machinery to repair Dodson Street properly. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Lewis authorized Gerald Turner and Gary Hatfield to take care of this matter.

David Wren, representative from the Historical Society, explained plans of the Historical Society and asked permission from the Council to be responsible for the upkeep of Hillcrest Cemetery. Mr. Wren also indicated plans for restoring a dipping vat and placing of historical markers at each.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to accept the Fire Department Lease Proposal. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

A suggestion was made by Elaine Seymour for the City to consider a bike trail which could also be used for jogging, when preparing plans for the City Park.

It was suggested that a joint meeting of the Women's Clubs and the City Council be held Wednesday night, August 2, at 8:30 p.m. for all interested persons in the park project. Saturday, July 22, 8:00 a.m. was also set as a work day at the old City Lake.

Howard Stegall made the motion to increase the rate of all water customers outside the city limits \$1.00 per month to be effective on the September billing. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor. This increase is due to the increase in expenses.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to authorize Howard Stegall and Gerald Turner to secure an easement for the new storage tank, buy two pumps, storage tank and for the improvement to the filter system. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor. Estimated cost will be \$20,000.

Sam and Curtis Hilliard, representing Hillcrest Cemetery Trustees, met with the Council to discuss the position the Historical Society held in mowing and cleaning Hillcrest Cemetery, and questioned the authority of turning over funds to them.

Sam Hilliard said the City had no legal authority to turn any money over to anyone without contacting the Cemetery Association.

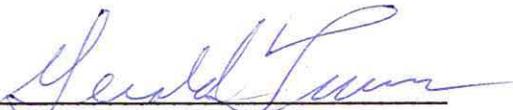
Mayor Lewis asked Mr. Hilliard to present a letter to the City stating his reasons of why the City was not in authority.

Meeting adjourned to executive session.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

August 15, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess, Howard Dunn and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Financial Statement was approved as given.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to approve the annual audit. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

The requests to solicit, from Combined Marketing Exchange Underwriters and Equity National Insurance Company, were discussed. It was decided that more information needed to be obtained before a decision could be made.

Bids for a new police car were opened from Phil Ryan Chrysler and Canton Motors.

Motion was made by Raymond Pruitt to accept the bid from Phil Ryan Chrysler of \$6,000 with the delivery date to be Friday, August 18, 1978. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made the motion to leave the tax rate of \$ .33 1/3 per \$100 on 100% evaluation, the same as last year. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gerald Burgess gave an updated report on the City park.

Mayor Lewis appointed Gerald Turner to advertise for bids for concrete work on the tennis courts and for the VFW.

Mayor Lewis recommended that the City keep the copy machine we now have.

Gerald Turner reported on the progress of Dodson Street.

Gary Hatfield reported on the Antique Car Swap Meet. He indicated they made a profit of approximately \$500. Gerald Burgess made a motion to spend this money for advertisement for a Car Swap Meet to be held the second weekend in September, 1979. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

A study of the audit report will be made and a report given at the next Council meeting.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to accept the bid for concession rights at the Antique Show submitted by Rodney Kamel of Tyler. Mr. Kamel's bid was 21% of the gross sales after sales tax is withdrawn. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Two requests to solicit, from Combined Marketing Exchange Underwriters and Equity National Insurance Company, were discussed. It was decided that after obtaining more information a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Gary Hatfield made the motion to try for 90 the Lone Star Gas collections. \$150 will be the fee charged Lone Star Gas for collection with one-half this amount going to the ladies in the City Office. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to executive session.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to pass a City Ordinance regulating parking on parking lots. The Ordinance states no parking on a parking lot between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless conducting business within the establishment. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made a motion to advertise for bids for police cars equipped with police equipment. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

August 21, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a called meeting at 6:30 a.m. with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess, Howard Dunn and Gary Hatfield.

Gerald Burgess made the motion that Lewis Concrete be awarded the tennis court contract on the basis of being the low bidder at 85 cents per square foot. Howard Stegall second the motion. All in favor.

Lewis Concrete and Hadley Concrete had identical bids of \$1.35 per square foot on the V. F. W. building. Lewis Concrete was awarded that bid on winning the coin toss.

Motion was made by Gary Hatfield to authorize a loading zone for the Locker Room Pro Shop. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

September 19, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Jim Fuller appeared before the Council to express his appreciation for being allowed to use the First Monday Grounds for the Blue Grass Festival. The City's 20% portion of the gate was \$1,016.35 with actual profit of approximately \$500. Gerald was requested to present the Council with an itemized account of the expenditures at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Fuller requested that the Council consider allowing him to use the grounds again on August 24-26, 1979.

Mr. Glen Harris asked that the stop sign on Stacey and Oak Streets be removed. The motion was made by Gary Hatfield to relocate the sign on Oak Street and Highway 198. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

The motion was made by Raymond Pruitt to appoint Dr. Dan Hilliard as the City Health Officer for the coming year. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Tom Henderson, Mr. Wiley Pennell, Jr. and Mr. Tom Moore with Lone Star Gas Company appeared before the Council to request a rate increase of 13.66%. Mr. Henderson's reasons for this request were (1) increase cost of gas and (2) rising cost of operating.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion that Gerald Turner request the full suspension as allowed by law. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Bob Eubank with Eubank Ambulance Service of Mabank submitted a membership plan for ambulance service to the Council. (Copy retained with minutes)

His proposal was for the City to endorse the ambulance drive and provide housing for the drivers. Housing was to be made available by November 1, 1978.

Gerald Burgess made the motion that the City furnish these provisions for one year and also endorse the solicitation. The motion was seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Gerald Turner was requested to put an ad in the paper to this effect.

Mr. Eubank stated that their attorney would supply the City Attorney with the information needed to construct an Ordinance stating they be the only Ambulance Service allowed in our City.

Mr. Sam Hilliard, representing Hillcrest Cemetery Trustees, appeared before the Council. He submitted a letter as requested. He stated that the Trustees of the Trust Fund have no objection for any organization or individual helping to improve and maintain the Cemetery, but they do request that all money given the City be under their supervision. He further requested a letter from the City stating their intentions of this matter.

Gerald Burgess made the motion to request an itemized account of the funds allotted the Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made the motion that the monies allowed by the Revenue Sharing (\$13,595) be allocated to the Park. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Paul Stegall made the motion that Gerald Turner and Gerald Burgess buy a load of oil sand mix for the repair of the First Monday streets, and some iron ore gravel for the dump ground road. The motion was seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Howard Stegall made the motion to change the policy making the City responsible for sewer lines at the end of the main sewer line and not at the property line. The motion was seconded by Howard Dunn. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to accept Chief Hoss Williams' evacuation plan as submitted to the Council. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor. (Retained in minutes)

Gerald Turner was requested to obtain an estimate as to the cost of the construction of the water tower.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion that B. R. Mahaffey be made the new Fire Marshall, and also that his expenses to school be paid by the City. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to the Executive Session.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion that Chris Gibson be hired to work in the Water and Sewer Department. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

September 28, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in an emergency meeting at 6:30 a.m. with Mayor Protem Hatfield presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess, Howard Dunn and Gary Hatfield. Mayor Lewis was absent.

Gerald Burgess made the motion to authorize money be made available to repair the water well on Highway 19. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Howard Stegall made the motion authorizing the water tank to be installed on Mill Creek Road. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to authorize digging of another pit at the City Dump Grounds. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

October 17, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion that the Historical Society be given a ninety day period of time to continue their project. The bills applying to the remaining \$679 are to be submitted to the City for payment. Motion seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.

Howard Dunn made the motion to pay the Texas Municipal League Dues of \$250 for next year. Seconded by Gary Hatfield. All in favor.

The motion was made by Gary Hatfield and seconded by Howard Dunn to submit a proposal asking the Blue Grass Festival for one-third of the proceeds for next years' activities. Three in favor and two opposed - Howard Stegall and Raymond Pruitt.

Gerald Turner was instructed to get a proposal from CATV Cable Service to present at the next Council Meeting. He was also asked to get estimates on a ground storage tank (200,000 gal.) and the price for erection.

Gerald Burgess was asked to check into getting someone to take care of First Monday on Sunday nights.

Gary Hatfield made the motion not to allow anyone to cut fire wood at Lake Canton. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

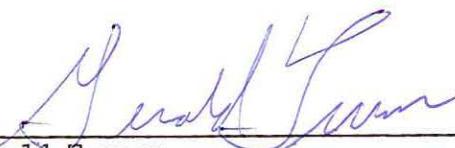
Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to increase the salary of Glen Goodson to \$750. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

November 21, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Gerald Burgess recommended to accept the Fire Department Lease with a thirty day extension. Howard Dunn made a motion to this effect. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion that Gerald Turner and Howard Stegall secure an engineering firm to make a study on improvements to the water and sewer system. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made the motion for Gerald Turner to advertise for bids for a new rest room to be built on the First Monday (slab and cement blocks) and also advertise for bids on a bridge. Bids will be opened at the next Council Meeting. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids for fence around the tennis courts were opened. Gary Hatfield made the motion to accept the lowest bid of \$4200 from Foster Fence. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

There were no bids to be opened on lighting for tennis courts.

The Council agreed with the proposal presented from the Soil Conservation Service to share the cost of repairs to be made at Lake Canton.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

Howard Dunn made the motion to increase the salary of the following employees by \$30 a month: Chris Gibson, Jack Day, Gilmer Coil, George Kinney and Clint Turner to \$3.00 an hour. Motion was seconded by Raymond Pruitt. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to increase the First Monday salary of the following employees by \$25 per month: Hoss Williams, Gene Wilhite, Truman Easley, Woodrow Janes, Linda Ham and Gerald Turner. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion to pay a Christmas Bonus of one week's pay to all employees with one or more years service and to prorate those employees with less than one year's service.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

December 20, 1978  
City of Canton, Texas

The City Council met in a regularly scheduled meeting with Mayor Lewis presiding. Members present were Raymond Pruitt, Howard Dunn, Howard Stegall, Gerald Burgess and Gary Hatfield.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

The financial statement was approved as given.

Gerald Turner was requested to secure additional information regarding the request to solicit.

Bids for lights for the tennis courts were opened. Howard Dunn made the motion to accept the bid from Reed Electric of \$2475. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids for repair work on the caterpillar were opened. Howard Stegall made the motion to accept the bid from George P. Bain of \$4844.18. Gary Hatfield seconded the motion. All in favor.

Bids for the rest room on the First Monday Grounds were opened. Howard Dunn made the motion to accept the following bids:

Slab - Lewis Concrete - \$5,875

Cement Blocks - Spencer Daniel - \$5,450

Plumbing Supplies - Universal East - \$11,361

Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

Gary Hatfield made the motion authorizing Gerald Turner to purchase and erect a sign on Highway 19 for the purpose of advertising First Monday. Gerald Burgess seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session.

The meeting adjourned to Open Session.

Howard Stegall made the motion to authorize a water tap for a Concrete Company to be located on East Highway 64 by the Canton Youth Recreation Association. Howard Dunn seconded the motion. All in favor.

Raymond Pruitt made the motion authorizing Gerald Turner to take care of various requests made by the Fire Department. Howard Stegall seconded the motion. All in favor.

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Henry Lewis  
Mayor

ATTEST:



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Gerald Turner  
City Secretary

# EUBANK ambulance service, inc.

601 S. 3rd Street, P. O. Box 303  
Mabank, Texas 75147

EUBANK AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. offers a membership plan to the Van Zandt County residents which offers the following services:

- \* Ambulance service, as medically necessary, for 12 months within a 50 mile radius at no additional charge.
- \* Use of Oxygen and/or special equipment while being transported at no additional charge.
- \* Transportation to/from Dallas, Tyler and local Hospitals, as medically necessary, at no additional charge.
- \* Transportation beyond the 50 mile radius, as medically necessary, at the low rate of \$0.50 per mile one way charge.
- \* Family members will include husband, wife, and unmarried children under the age of 21 years living at home.
- \* Members and Non-members will be allowed 30 minutes waiting time at no additional charge after which the charge will be \$5.00 for each additional fifteen minutes.
- \* Our Main Office will file Medicare/Medicade applications for refund of money paid by non-members for services rendered and will cooperate with individuals and their private insurance companies in submitting claims for our services rendered after payment has been made. Members will receive a refund from the Medicare program, on a one time basis per membership year, for their membership fee after the first ambulance trip.
- \* This membership is not an insurance policy and each member will be limited to eight (8) ambulance service trips per year at no additional charge.
- \* Individual memberships will cost \$18.00 and Family memberships will cost \$30.00 for a one year membership subscription.

The membership drive will open on September 21, 1978 with memberships becoming effective on November 1, 1978 and an expiration date of October 31, 1979. In order that new residents may be included, they may apply for membership upon moving into the county, at the same rates, with all memberships expiring at the same time.