WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall at a workshop meeting. Mayor Teal presided and all members with the exception of Ronnie Fugate were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker met with the council to discuss future leasing of the proposed civic center on First Monday weekends with options.

Hoss Williams met with the council to discuss a personnel issue.

The amending of employee insurance was discussed.

The meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Gerald Turner, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The City Council met at 6:30 in the City Hall at a regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Dennis Teal presided and all members were present.

The minutes of the Dec. 10th Council Meeting were read along with the minutes of the Workshop meeting of 1/5/87. The Planning & Zoning Minutes of 12/21/87 and 12/29/87 were also read. Jack Etheridge motioned to accept the minutes with Don Hackney seconding. All were in favor.

The financial statement was reviewed by Don Hackney. Raymond Pruitt motioned to accept the financial statement with Jack Etheridge seconding. All were in favor.

County Judge Lester Slaton and Commissioners Junior Warren and Ebb Andrews met with the Council to discuss the property donated by the city for the Van Zandt County Library. Mayor Teal appointed Raymond Pruitt and Don Hackney to meet with Judge Slaton, Ebb Andrews and Junior Warren on February 2nd to further discuss the construction of the library.

The Council also voted to join a seven-county region of the East Texas Council of Governments to form an industrial development group. Raymond Pruitt motioned to participate in this program with Jack Etheridge seconding. All were in favor.

Mayor Teal presented a plaque to Cindy Tuley in appreciation of her efforts with the Fire Department in its "Christmas for Kids" project.

Another plaque was presented to the Senior Citizens Organization in appreciation of its efforts toward improving it program and building.

Henry Lewis addressed the Council with three requests:
(1) He requested approval to increase the First Monday vendor rates in the 4000 section effective 35 days after the city's receipt of a certified letter from him stating this request.
(2) He explained that his lease with the city on the First

Monday 4000 section expires in a littler over four years. Mr. Lewis then asked the city to consider it's option of releasing this property so that negotiations may be started prior to the expiration.

(3) Mr. Lewis explained his plans for restoring property he has purchased which contains a ditch excavated by the city in the late 60's or early 70's. He then asked that in the future, the city consider the expense it may cause itself or others in restoring land in which the city has used.

Gary Traylor met with the Council to discuss avenues of funding for the proposed civic center. The building would be located on the First Monday Grounds. The Council feels that the civic center would pay for itself in rentals throughout the month. Ronnie Fugate motioned with Jack Etheridge seconding to allow Gary Traylor to continue his pursuit of funding for the proposed facility. All were in favor.

Don Barrier asked for the city's contribution for the C.Y.R.A. summer program. Lonnie Browning, President of the Chamber of Commerce requested $1,000 for additional Christmas decorations next year. Both were asked to present their requests to the city in written form so that these requests may be considered when the budget is adopted.

Wade Whitaker asked the city to consider an ordinance to prevent First Monday from spreading into Canton neighborhoods and streets. Raymond Pruitt motioned to have the city attorneys review drawing up such an ordinance. A second was made by Jack Etheridge and all were in favor.

Mayor Teal read a letter of commendation written by the First National Bank on the conduct of Canton officer Jack Stroud in handling a recent matter.

Mayor Teal stated that one of the city's ordinances regarding the rental of X-rated movies is in violation of a federal law. A motion was made by Don Hackney with Jack Etheridge seconding to authorize the city's legal advisors to investigate this matter and to form the most strict code that could legally be upheld by the City of Canton. All were in favor.

Discussion was held concerning the First Monday lots rented by Francis O'Donnell. Mrs. O'Donnell had been dissatisfied with the new marking and rental fee of her spaces. Jack Etheridge motioned with Don Hackney seconding to continue the original rental fee of her spaces. All were in favor.

The council voted to set aside $1,000.00 per month for the next 72 months to be used toward a new fire truck. The motion was made by Jack Etheridge with Howard Stegall seconding. All were in favor.

Discussion was held concerning a state grant to refurbish the City Park. The council felt that the city can refurbish the park at a lower cost than the outcome of the grant. Don Hackney motioned to write a letter to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department declining the state grant with Ronnie Fugate seconding. All were in favor.

Meeting recessed and the council retired to executive session.

During the executive session, the council approved the request of Chief of Police Hoss Williams who asked that his contract labor be changed over to full time employees.

After returning to open session, the meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall for a regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Dennis Teal presided and all members with the exception of Ronnie Fugate were present.

The minutes of the January 19th Council Meeting were read by Rita Ragsdale. A correction was made in that the City Council was in favor of Van Zandt County joining the Seven-County Region of the East Texas Council of Governments. Jack Etheridge motioned with Raymond Pruitt seconding to accept the minutes with the correction made. The motion was passed by unanimous consent without objection.

The financial statement was reviewed by Don Hackney. Jack Etheridge motioned to accept the financial statement. A second was made by Raymond Pruitt and all were in favor.

Don Hackney motioned with Raymond Pruitt seconding to call for the 1988 City Council Election on May 7th. All were in favor.

Mayor Teal appointed himself and Raymond Pruitt to serve on the Motel/Hotel Tax Committee. The appointment was accepted by unanimous consent without objection.

Discussion was held concerning a request by Marcie A. Goss for a water tap outside the city limits. Raymond Pruitt motioned with Don Hackney seconding to approve Ms. Goss' request. All were in favor.

Mr. Bonny Sumner addressed the Council concerning Kaufman and Terrell Streets. He explained that both streets dead-end about 60 feet into his property. Mr. Sumner's request was to close the two streets on the east side of Highway 19. Raymond Pruitt motioned to approve this request providing Mr. Sumner be responsible for any legal fees or surveys. A second was made by Don Hackney and all were in favor.

Raymond Pruitt spoke on behalf of the Canton Volunteer Fire Department requesting assistance from the City to build a lighted parking lot behind the Fire Station. The parking lot would also be used as a landing pad for the Flight for Life Helicopter. The Fire Department had received two bids with a cost of $1.25 per square foot. Raymond Pruitt motioned to donate $10,000.00 to the Volunteer Fire Dept. for the construction of said parking lot. A second was made by Howard Stegall and all were in favor.

Discussion was also held concerning needed improvements to the old city park softball field. Jack Etheridge motioned to approve expenditures of $1,500.00 for needed supplies with the labor being done by volunteers. A second was made by Raymond Pruitt and all were in favor.

Chief of Police, Hoss Williams, spoke to the Council in regards to possibly sponsoring a training course in Sky Warn Weather Spotters if interest warrants such a course. The Council was in agreement with Chief Williams and asked him to inquire into possible interest. Chief Williams also received approval for two of his men to attend this type of course in Athens. After discussing the warning sirens, the Council gave Chief Williams authority to have a defected siren repaired.

One bid was received for the 1987 Audit from Jack Smith in the amount of $3,200.00. Howard Stegall motioned to accept Mr. Smith's bid with Jack Etheridge seconding. All were in favor. Mr. Smith then informed the Council that he would like to begin his initial work the first weekend in March. Mayor Teal requested that a letter be mailed to Mr. Frank Stringer informing him of the time of audit and inviting him to attend.

The meeting then recessed and the Council retired to executive session.

City employee, Luther Owen, met with the Council in executive session to discuss his salary. Mayor Teal appointed Don Hackney and Jack Etheridge to contact Mr. Owen as to the Council's decision.

After returning to open session, the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

WORKSHOP
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall at a scheduled workshop meeting. Mayor Dennis Teal presided with all members present.

The Council began the workshop in executive session with Attorney Roxie Cluck.

After beginning open session, Beth Whitaker discussed the proposed Civic Center/Museum with the Council. Mrs. Whitaker expressed the need of some drafting work to be done in the near future. The Council asked Mrs. Whitaker and Ronnie Fugate to begin meeting with architects and to make a recommendation to the Council.

Mr. B. R. Mahaffey then spoke to the Council with concern of a drainage problem by his home on East Goshen Street. The Council asked Al Campbell to review this problem.

Discussion was also held concerning brush pick up. The Council asked Al Campbell to have articles run in the newspaper stating that brush would need to be placed at the curb and in no more than four foot lengths.

The meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 15, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall for a regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Dennis Teal presided and all members with the exception of Raymond Pruitt were present.

The minutes of the February 16th Council Meeting and the March 1st Workshop were read by Pat Morris. Jack Etheridge motioned with Ronnie Fugate seconding to accept the minutes as read. All were in favor.

Upon Don Hackney's review, a motion was made by Jack Etheridge to

accept the financial statement. A second was made by Ronnie Fugate and all were in favor.

Chief Hoss Williams expressed to the Council his appreciation to city employee, Gil Coil and his crew for their assistance during the bomb scare in January. He also commended Gil and his crew for their efforts in catching stray animals.

Mayor Teal then read a proposed Resolution from the Governor's office declaring the month of April Child Abuse Month. Don Hackney motioned that the City adopt this resolution for April, 1988. Ronnie Fugate made a second and the motion passed by unanimous.

Mr. J. W. Carter addressed the Council concerning a drainage problem on Granada Square. He explained that his problem has existed for some time along with very little water pressure. The Council stated that they would look into this matter and receive a recommendation from the City's engineer.

Discussion was held concerning the TBC Softball Club's request to build a concession stand at the softball field. The materials would cost approximately $1,608.60 and the club would furnish all labor. Ronnie Fugate made a motion for the City to provide the materials. A second was made by Jack Etheridge and all were in favor.

Mr. Jim Wise requested that a water line running through his property on a 10 foot easement, which serve Best Western Motel, be moved into the 40 foot easement between the Dairy Palace and Chick's Gulf. This would allow him to construct on his property. Ronnie Fugate motioned with Jack Etheridge seconding to grant this request providing that the proper easements by filed by the property owner. All were in favor.

Don Hackney excluded himself from the meeting as Mike Hackney addressed the Council on behalf of H & T Parking. Mike Hackney expressed his wish to reclaim a small portion of the land leased to the City on the southeast corner of H & T's property. The property is leased on a month to month basis by the City and contains approximately 14 First Monday spaces. Jack Etheridge motioned with Ronnie Fugate seconding to accept Mike Hackney's request. The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

Mayor Teal explained that the committee from the First Baptist Church had contacted him requesting that a referendum not be placed on the May election ballot concerning the closing of Edom Street. However, they would like a public hearing at some time to make a formal request of closing the street. Mr. Curtis Hilliard questioned the Council of their legal authority to close a City Street. Mayor Teal explained to Mr. Hilliard that they were checking with an attorney concerning the legalities and were waiting for the attorney's findings. No action was taken.

City Secretary, Al Campbell informed the Council as to his discussion with the Highway Department concerning the location of a First Monday Monument. The Highway Department was unable to consent to the location requested by the City, therefore, the monument would need to be moved back more from the highway.

Mr. Campbell went on to discuss the needed funds of $8,000 to $10,000 required to purchase a new pump for the Highway 19 Well. Don Hackney motioned with Howard Stegall seconding to approve the expenditure for the needed pump. All were in favor.

The Council reviewed a drawing of a proposed archway for the First Monday entrance on FM Rd. 859. Don Hackney suggested the archway be 25 feet tall with 24 inch lettering. The Council also stated that guard lights would need to be installed. Rayford Hutcherson informed the Council that the cost would be $650.00 or higher. Ronnie Fugate motioned to approve expenditures not to exceed $1,000. A second was made by Jack Etheridge and all were in favor.

Henry Lewis addressed the Council on behalf of the Van Zandt County Chevrolet Dealers Association. The Association would like to donate a vehicle to the City for the purpose of holding a drawing during December's First Monday Weekend. The City would be responsible for the promotion of the drawing along with the security of the vehicle during the interim. The winner would then be responsible for the tax, title, and license. Mr. Lewis asked that the Council consider this offer as it would expire April 15, 1988. He also stated that the Association would like the City to take possession of the vehicle within 90 days.

Mr. Lewis also spoke to the Council in reference to the 4,000 area of the First Monday grounds. At a previous time, Mr. Lewis had been given a letter of agreement by the City to sign should he want the lot rentals in the 4,000 area to be in uniform with the other lots. Mr. Lewis needed to know if this letter would still be effective once signed. After reviewing the letter, Jack Etheridge motioned to accept the letter as valid once revised to reflect the current First Monday rates. Ronnie Fugate made a second and all were in favor. The decision was also made that once the letter is signed, the vendors in the 4,000 section be given 30 days notice prior to the rate increase.

Mr. Lewis also asked permission to install, at his expense, a pipe fence in place of an existing wooden fence that divides a portion of his property from the City's. As Mr. Lewis is extending his R.V. parking spaces to meet this fences, a low pipe fence would be more convenient for the R.V.s, it would also continue to disable vehicles from entering the grounds and be more sightly as the wooden fence is in need of some work. The Council stated that they would consider this request and discuss it further at a called meeting in two weeks.

The meeting then recessed and the Council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session, the meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 29, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall for a called meeting. Mayor Teal presided and all members were present.

Bids were opened for concreting the parking lot of the fire department. Ronnie Fugate motioned with Jack Etheridge seconding to award the bid to Lewis Concrete for the amount of $9,740.00. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Bids were then opened for the maintenance of the First Monday Grounds. The Council appointed Raymond Pruitt and Ronnie Fugate to study the bids and make a recommendation to the Council at a later date.

The Council approved a clause, requested by Canton Independent School District, to be added to the First Monday scholarship given a senior each year. The clause allows the city to investigate the background of the recipient.

They also agreed to make a request of the school that the city have input in selecting the recipient, requesting representation

by Gail Bethune and Maxie Turner for this year.

Discussion was also held concerning a drainage problem on Granada Square and the parking problem in downtown Canton.

The Council agreed to contact the Highway Department concerning a crosswalk on South Highway 19, the possibility of lowering the speed limit in the same area, and control of trucks at Highways 19 and 243.

The meeting then recessed and the Council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session, the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall for a called meeting and workshop. Mayor Teal presided and all members with the exceptions of Howard Stegall and Ronnie Fugate were present.

Lonnie Browning, President of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, presented each of the councilmen with a new City/County map. Mr. Browning pointed out that the maps include the county road numbers and also the school districts. He informed the Council that the maps are available at the Chamber of Commerce office for $1.75 each.

Mrs. Clyde Wilkerson addressed the Council with concern of a burnt-out house on Dodson, explaining that she and several residents were concerned with the dangerous and hazardous conditions of this property. Mayor Teal assured Mrs. Wilkerson that the City would notify Kay Hughes, executor of the estate, of the existing problem and request it cleaned up. Also, that the Council would investigate an ordinance allowing the City to remove sub-standard buildings at the owner's expense.

Discussion was held on the 1988 proposed city budget. Don Hackney motioned to approve the budget and to review it in 120 days. A second was made by Jack Etheridge and all were in favor. The Council was also in agreement to begin working on 1989's budget up to 6 months in advance.

Discussion was then held concerning the airport. Don Hackney explained that the overflow pipe was under water at a pond build on the east side of the airport. Al Campbell was asked to investigate this matter and also to replace a small and large sock at the airport as the existing ones are tearing apart.

Mayor Teal informed the Council of a complaint of flooding problems on Dodson Street. He then asked Al Campbell to check into this and report his findings to the Council.

Mayor Teal also advised the Council that the First Baptist Church no longer wished to pursue closing Edom Street. The Council asked Al to continue in getting a legal opinion on the City's authority to close such a street for future reference.

Rayford Hutcherson spoke to the Council regarding drainage problems on the First Monday Grounds. He requested permission to

lay approximately 800 feet of 18 inch pipe along an existing 18 inch line, at a cost of $7,000.00 for the additional pipe. Jack Etheridge motioned with Raymond Pruitt seconding to have engineer Ralph Stokes study this problem and present a recommendation to the Council prior to granting Rayford's request. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

Rayford also informed the Council that 58 new R.V. spaces would be ready by the next First Monday Weekend. The Council decided to allow R.V. renters the opportunity to rent the same R.V. space for the following month prior to taking new reservations.

The meeting then recessed and the Council retired to executive session.

During executives session, discussion was held concerning land and legal contracts.

After returning to open session, a motion was made by Raymond Pruitt for the City to assume operations in all aspects of animal control for the City of Canton. Don Hackney made a second and all were in favor.

Raymond Pruitt then motioned with Jack Etheridge seconding to promote Al Campbell to the position of City Secretary. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

SEE PAGE 210-A for APRIL 19, 1988 MEETING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 10, 1988
7:00 P.M.

The City Council met for a called meeting and workshop at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Dennis Teal presided and all members were present.

Bids on the landfill were opened as follows:

Leon Thornburgh	70 cents per cubic yard
Hutcherson Dirt	70 cents per cubic yard
Pete Peters	80 cents per cubic yard

The bids are to be reviewed by the City's engineers prior to any decision.

Mrs. Wilkerson addressed the Council as to any progress concerning the clean up of a burned out house on Dodson. The Council explained that the said property was in litigation at this time, however, the City has spoken with the properties attorney and he is aware of the situation. The Council then asked Al Campbell to send a letter in reference to the high grass and weed ordinance, so that the yard will be kept up during the interim.

Jack Etheridge asked about an easement between Debbie Street and Forrest Street, that has a fence blocking entry. The City is to check into the legal standing for such a case.

The Council also asked Al Campbell to get prices on placing steps with handrails on the First Monday grounds. The steps would be placed down the hill by the bandstand.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 1988, 6:30 p.m.

The City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall for a regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Dennis Teal presided with all members present.

Raymond Pruitt motioned to accept the minutes as written. A second was made by Jack Etheridge and all were in favor.

Attorney Bobby Sanders presented an agreement to the Council on behalf of the "Friends of the Library". He advised that the County was willing to sign the agreement providing that should the building ever discontinue serving as the main library, the building and property would be auctioned and all proceeds given to the "Friends of the Library". Don Hackney motioned to enter into the agreement. A second was made by Jack Etheridge and all were in favor. Mayor Teal then signed the agreement on behalf of the City of Canton.

Mayor Teal also expressed the Council's appreciation to Bobby Sanders for his donated time and efforts in drawing up the agreement for all parties concerned.

Diane Price spoke to the Council on behalf of the Canton Tennis Association. Mrs. Price noted several items in need of attention. Al Campbell explained that the lights at the tennis courts were scheduled for repair by the following day. Mayor Teal also stated that the tennis courts would be placed on a regular trash schedule to alleviate trash piling up. The council asked Chief Williams to have his men patrol the area more frequently. Upon discussion of the courts being re-surfaced at an approximate cost of $14,000.00, Mayor Teal explained that figures would need to be obtained and a written request received so that it could be considered for the 1989 Budget.

In old business, Al Campbell informed the Council that an attorney was in the process of reviewing ordinance pertaining to sub-standard buildings. Upon review, a conclusion would be presented as to the best ordinance suitable for the City of Canton.

Rayford Hutcherson then presented a written quotation for a new P.A. system to cover the First Monday Grounds. After discussion, the Council asked Al and Rayford to draw up specs for a P.A. System and to advertise for bids.

Hoss Williams then requested that the City adopt two ordinances pertaining to Defensive Driving Courses and proof of liability insurance. The ordinances would allow the municipal court to obtain $10.00 from each person presenting proof of either to the court for dismissal of a ticket. Jack Etheridge motioned to adopt the ordinances. Don Hackney made a second and the motion carried with Raymond Pruitt abstaining.

The meeting then recessed and the Council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session, Raymond Pruitt motioned to dissolve all affiliation with the Van Zandt County Humane Society, to include canceling the City's monthly water charges. A second was made by Jack Etheridge and all were in favor. To continue animal control in Canton, the Council chose to build an animal shelter to be operated by the City.

Meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

The Council also decided to pay $50.00 to Mark Ogletree for blueprint work done on the Civic Center.

Upon discussion, the Council decided to place funds from the Bluegrass and Western Swing Festivals into the Special Events Account.

The meeting then recessed, and the Council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session, the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 17, 1988
6:30 p.m.

The City Council met in City Hall for a regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Dennis Teal presided with all members present.

The invocation was given by Ronnie Fugate, and the minutes of the April 19th Council meeting and the May 10th workshop were read by Pat Morris. Howard Stegall motioned to accept the minutes as read with Don Hackney seconding. All were in favor.

Don Hackney reviewed the financial statements. Jack Etheridge motioned to approve; Ronnie Fugate seconded; all were in favor.

The May 7 election returns were canvassed. A total of 315 votes were cast for three places on the City Council. Don Hackney received 248 votes, Beth Whitaker 236 votes, Raymond Pruitt 187 votes, and Sam Hilliard 132 votes. Don Hackney motioned to accept the election totals, with Ronnie Fugate seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Teal presented Howard Stegall a plaque expressing appreciation for his ten years of service to the City as a Council member.

New council member Beth Whitaker, along with Raymond Pruitt and Don Hackney were sworn in by Al Campbell. The oath of office was repeated.

Don Hackney motioned that Ronnie Fugate be re-elected as Mayor Pro Tem. Jack Etheridge seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The ordinance for X-rated videos was tabled to await its completion.

In a report for the Street Committee, Al Campbell stated that materials for reconstruction of Avenues A, B, and C, would cost $17,000.00 to $20,000.00 per street. The cost to seal coat College Street would run $8500.00 to $8700.00. Edom Street will be reclaimed. Total cost of the project will be approximately $100,000.00. Raymond Pruitt motioned to accept the report. Jack Etheridge seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Ronnie Fugate asked for estimates by the next Council meeting to build a fishing pier on Lake Canton. A committee was appointed regarding repair of the Dipping Vat and placement of picnic tables by the area. The committee members selected were Beth Whitaker, Raymond Pruitt, Ronnie Fugate, Linda Brown, and Lonnie Browning.

In discussion concerning placement of steps down the hill behind the bandstand on the First Monday grounds, the Council decided the liability carrier should be contacted for their preference as to temporary vs. permanent steps. The results to be reported by the next workshop.

Raymond Pruitt reminded the Council that summer water rates go into effect June 15, 1988 to August 15, 1988.

Al Campbell discussed with the Council the possibility of finding an active retired person to work on Planning and Zoning, one or two days per week. The Council decided a survey should be conducted to obtain permit fees of other cities, and to place this item on the June agenda.

Al Campbell advised the Council of complaints received regarding use of skate boards. Police Chief Williams stated an ordinance should be passed to deal with this issue. Mayor Teal stated an attorney should be obtained to draft an ordinance, and place consideration of same on next month's agenda.

Discussion was held concerning a buffer between Glen Lakes Subdivision and adjoining property leased by the City from Billy Jack Deen. The Council elected to recess before the closed session to examine the property.

Bids on the police car were opened as follows:

Canton Motors - 1988 Ford Taurus	$12,500.00
Lewis Chevrolet - 1988 Celebrity	$11,995.00

After discussion, Ronnie Fugate motioned to accept the low bid submitted by Lewis Chevrolet. Jack Etheridge seconded the motion. Motion carried with Don Hackney and Raymond Pruitt opposing.

Meeting recessed to examine the Deen property. Meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m. The Council elected to have a fifty foot buffer from the fence line, then slope for twenty feet. Cedar trees will be planted leaving a total buffer of seventy feet, with the natural undergrowth and trees. This agreement is to be drafted on a legal document if feasible. Billy Jack Deen and Glen Wallace verbally agreed to this arrangement.

The meeting recessed and the Council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session and no action taken during the executive session, the meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

SEE PAGES 212-A + 212-B for June 21, 1988 MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING
JULY 5, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was brought to order by Mayor Teal. Attending were Beth Whitaker, Don Hackney, Ronnie Fugate, and Jack Etheridge.

The hearing was called for discussion concerning street repairs on Avenues A, B, and C.

Mayor Teal discussed the history of Canton and why the streets are in the shape they are in.

The consulting engineer, Ralph Stokes, agreed to talk with the

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 21, 1988, 6:30 p.m.

The Canton City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall for a regularly scheduled meeting. Mayor Teal presided and all members were present.

Ronnie Fugate motioned to accept the minutes of the May 17, 1988 regular council meeting, Planning and Zoning Committee meeting of June 14, 1988, and the Board of Adjustment meetings of May 31, 1988, and May 16, 1988 as written. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to approve the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee for a zoning change received from Bonny Sumner. Mr. Sumner requested his property located at the corner of Shady Lane and Highway 243 be changed from residential to commercial. Don Hackney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mike Hackney presented a proposal to build an east gate entrance to First Monday from Highway 19. He stated some dealers would be willing to share half the cost, estimated to be approximately $18,000.00. Mayor Teal appointed Ronnie Fugate and Beth Whitaker to assist Mr. Hackney in drawing plans and specifications for bids after looking into possible cost. The item is to be placed on next month's agenda.

Viola Cartwright presented a check for $50.00 to the City from the Van Zandt County Retired Teachers Association thanking the Council for the privilege of using the Senior Citizens Building. The organization works with underprivileged, teaching them reading and writing. The Council donated the check back to be used in their literacy program.

James Pruitt of Avenue B address the Council expressing concern regarding the unfinished bar ditches and the road work in progress in his area. Council agreed to have consulting engineer Ralph Stokes look at the project and speak with Mr. Pruitt regarding his concerns.

Council assignments were given by Mayor Teal as follows:

FIRST MONDAY
Raymond Pruitt - Co-chairman
Ronnie Fugate - Co-chairman

OFFICE
Jack Etheridge - Chairman
Dennis Teal

WATER & SEWER
Jack Etheridge - Chairman
Beth Whitaker

FINANCIAL REPORT (at meetings)
Don Hackney

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Beth Whitaker - Chairman
Jack Etheridge
Ronnie Fugate

STREETS
Beth Whitaker - Chairman

AIRPORT
Don Hackney - Chairman
Raymond Pruitt

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Jack Etheridge
Raymond Pruitt - Chairman

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
Raymond Pruitt - Chairman
Beth Whitaker
Joe Collins - Chamber Director

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Dennis Teal
Jack Etheridge - Chairman
Ronnie Fugate

Don Hackney introduced and motioned to adopt the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISPLAY, SALE AND RENTAL OF VIEWING MATERIALS HARMFUL TO MINORS IN THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS

Jack Etheridge seconded the motion and all were in favor.

212-B

First Monday Scholarship Awards of $1,000.00 each were presented by Mayor Teal to last year's recipient Stacey Ham and this year's recipient Jan Bethune.

Ronnie Fugate motioned to create a part time position of Building Inspector to work with the Planning and Zoning Committee. Building Permit fees are to be restructured to cover the cost. Jack Etheridge seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Item IX regarding ICS telephone lines between the Courthouse and the new annex were deleted from the agenda prior to the meeting time.

Discussion was held concerning lights and water on the Soccer fields; obtaining estimates on a fishing pier, and boat dock and obtaining a certified animal control officer. No action was taken.

Raymond Pruitt motioned to find another attorney to prepare a Garage Sale Ordinance if the one promised is not received by the morning of June 23, 1988. Ronnie Fugate seconded and all were in favor.

A trailer to transport First Monday visitors was discussed. Mayor Teal appointed Ronnie Fugate and Raymond Pruitt to check into the possibilities and place this item on next months agenda.

Raymond Pruitt motioned to purchase a water truck not to exceed $10,000.00 in cost. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion was held concerning purchase of a new garbage truck. Al Campbell was asked to obtain information for specifications and price ranges to advertise for bids should Council decide to purchase.

Council retired to executive session. After returning to open session, Jack Etheridge motioned to approve employee salary adjustments. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

residents of these Avenues about what needed to be done in order to have a proper street. Several residents expressed their concerns, with Mr. Stokes explaining the options they had in repairing their streets.

Mr. Stokes explained that the bar ditches that were being dug would work just fine, and that they were not finished yet. He explained that finishing them out and planting grass would look very nice and would also be an alternative to curb and gutter.

Several residents stated that they would like to have curb and gutter. Mayor Teal explained that the city would not pick up the entire cost of this. If the residents wanted curb and gutter, they would be charged approximately $7.00 to $7.50 a lin. foot for the work. This, he explained could be paid out a little every month through their monthly water bill.

It was decided that a petition was to be signed by each resident in favor of curb and gutter. A vote would then be decided as to what action would be taken.

On resident from each avenue was put in charge of getting the signatures needed on the petition.

Jan Malone	847 Avenue A
Glen Tarpley	741 Avenue B
Jimmy Pierce	Avenue C

The petitions are to be returned within the next two weeks.

The meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 19, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Mayor Teal presided and all members were present.

Raymond Pruitt motioned to approve the minutes of the June 21, 1988 Regular meeting as written. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

The Financial Statements were reviewed by Don Hackney. Jack Etheridge motioned to approve with Raymond Pruitt seconding. All were in favor.

Phil Elledge of Stokes and Associates reported on the progress of road construction on Avenues A, B, and C. He stated preliminary plans would be completed within a week and projected completion from start to finish to be approximately four months. Petitions for curb and gutters signed by the residents of these avenues were presented to the Council. Mayor Teal instructed the street committee to meet with the residents to discuss payment plans. Ronnie Fugate motioned to continue the project. Beth Whitaker seconded and all were in favor.

Ronnie Fugate reported that the estimates on the fishing pier were not completed. This item is to be placed on next month's agenda.

Jim Fuller requested permission from the Council to dump raw

sewage from his dry toilet business at the sewer plant. Council asked Phil Elledge to make an assessment and recommend proper charges. Jack Etheridge motioned that Mr. Fuller meet with Beth Whitaker and himself for discussion of this matter. Raymond Pruitt seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion was held concerning a municipal swimming pool. No action taken.

The First Monday Transport items was rescheduled for next month's agenda.

Beth Whitaker motioned adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AND REGULATING GARAGE SALES IN THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS AND INCLUDING ITS EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

The fee to obtain a permit for a sale to be $3.00. Jack Etheridge seconded the motion and all were in favor.

City checks and employee mileage were discussed. No action was taken.

Jack Etheridge motioned the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE ERECTION, CONSTRUCTION, DISPLAY AND REMOVAL OF OUTDOOR SIGNS IN THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS AND INCLUDING ITS EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The East Gate Entrance for First Monday was rescheduled for next month's agenda.

Mayor Teal reported the first draft was ready on an ordinance regulating the use of skateboards. This item is to be placed on next month's agenda.

Ronnie Fugate asked all to encourage John Fincher on his work building a lifesize First Monday statue.

Jack Smith presented the completed audit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1988 to the Council. The Audit Committee is to review his recommendations and the audit report. This item is to be placed on next month's agenda.

Discussion was held concerning application for a solicitors permit received from Thomas W. Ray. Jack Etheridge motioned to approve and Beth Whitaker seconded. Raymond Pruitt, Don Hackney, and Ronnie Fugate opposed. The motion was defeated.

A committee composed of Ronnie Fugate, Jack Etheridge, and Beth Whitaker was selected to look for high weeds, junk cars and areas in need of general clean-up. Letters are to be mailed asking property owners to attend to problem areas.

Council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session, Ronnie Fugate motioned to refund to employees the excess amounts for health insurance due to errors which occurred when the City changed to another health insurance carrier.

Meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met for a called meeting in the Canton City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Teal presided and all members were present.

Pam Oltman who resides outside the city limits on FM Rd. 1203 addressed the council regarding the lack of water pressure at her residence. Mayor Teal explained the policy of the City has been to make improvement expenditures only inside the city limits. Raymond Pruitt advised Ms. Oltman that the city would have Ralph Stokes, consulting engineer, look into the situation. The Council will advise the residents of his recommendation at the regular meeting in two weeks.

Ron Groom representing the Van Zandt County Appraisal District requested a water tap on Highway 64 West just beyond the cemetery. He stated the water requirements for the new building would be minimal. Jack Etheridge motioned to approve the tap contingent on a favorable report from the consulting engineer and attorney. Beth Whitaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Raymond Pruitt inquired as to the progress made on the hiring of an animal control officer. Gil Coil recommended Jack Day be hired.

Ronnie Fugate advised he had met with Lula Mae Scates regarding the $800.00 water tap fee outside the City limits. Ms. Scates felt the fee was too high. The Council reviewed the tap fees. No action was taken.

Raymond Pruitt motioned for Al Campbell to check on the purchase price of several port-a-potties for the First Monday grounds. Ronnie Fugate seconded and all were in favor.

Council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session, Raymond Pruitt motioned for approval for the Mayor to sign work orders to be presented by Stokes & Associates, consulting engineers for the street work on Avenues A, B, & C. Ronnie Fugate seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall for the regular scheduled meeting. Mayor Teal presided and all members were present.

Raymond Pruitt motioned to accept the minutes of the July 19, 1988 regular meeting and the called meeting of August 2, 1988 as written. Jack Etheridge seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Don Hackney reviewed the financial statements. Raymond Pruitt motioned to approve and Jack Etheridge seconded. All were in favor.

Joe Collins of the Canton Chamber of Commerce advised the council of a meeting and breakfast to be held at the Senior Citizens Building. Senator Ted Lyon and his staff will be guest speakers.

Tim Michaels of the Hotel Motel Tax Board advised the council of the rental of two billboards in Dallas and Longview promoting Canton. He stated the Board intended to purchase more advertisement and is working on getting a locater map of the attractions in Canton other than First Monday. Beth Whitaker motioned that the Hotel Motel Tax board consist of three motel owners and Jack Etheridge and Ronnie Fugate are to represent the Council. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

Jim Roby of East Texas Cable Company met with the Council concerning the transfer of the franchise. Roxie Cluck, acting City Attorney explained the original ordinance contained a clerical error in section 3(b). Jack Etheridge introduced and moved the adoption of the following resolution:

"CONSENTING TO PROPOSED TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE FROM EAST TEXAS CABLE COMPANY, A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP TO EAST TEXAS CABLE COMPANY, A TEXAS CORPORATION.

Don Hackney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to accept the 87-88 fiscal year audit prepared by Jack Smith. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned that the council approve the recommendation of the Board of Adjustment that the request of Elliott R. Wilson to change the zoning to commercial from residential for his property located at 658 South Highway 19, in the Jesse Stockwell Survey, Abstract No. 760. Beth Whitaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to approve the resolution proposal by the Van Zandt County Appraisal Districts Board of Directors to purchase land and build office facilities as outlined. Beth Whitaker seconded and all were in favor. Al Campbell stated the Board fully understood that in the event low water pressure problems occurred, correction would be at their expense.

Pat Oltman who resides outside the City Limits on FM 1203 was advised by the Council that no financially feasible solution to the low water pressure problems in her area could be found by the cities consulting engineers. The Council asked that Al Campbell obtain information regarding the cost of having a water distribution analysis prepared. This item is to be placed on next month's agenda.

Vic Weatherholt advised the council of his Bed and Breakfast Guest program. He stated he makes pre-arrangements including collection, for homeowners, matching applicants with hosts. Beth Whitaker asked that he get back with the council regarding the number of potential residents interested in participation.

Don Hackney introduced and moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF SKATES, SKATEBOARDS, BICYCLES, AND OTHER SIMILAR CONVEYANCES ON THE SIDEWALKS, STREETS AND OTHER COMMON AREAS OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OF CANTON, TEXAS

Beth Whitaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The First Monday Transport was tabled until the October meeting. A committee consisting of Al Campbell, Beth Whitaker, and Don Hackney was appointed to investigate the costs involved in building a transport and shuttle.

Ronnie Fugate reported the cost of building on a shaped multi-purpose fishing and boat pier 85' long with a 10 x 20 platform would be less than $5,000.00. He motioned to construct the pier. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The east gate entrance item was tabled.

Dub McCreary met with the Council concerning the purchase of the alleyway behind his business located at 920 South Highway 19. Al Campbell advised Mr. McCreary of the need to check on the location of the utility lines, and of the requirements that the state must meet.

Jack Etheridge motioned to execute the needed documents, Ronnie Fugate seconded. All were in favor.

The "Port A Potties" item was tabled for further study.
The Dipping Vat report was tabled.
The Special Report was cancelled.
Beth Whitaker reported the Hayfest was falling into place.

Al Campbell recommended that the Street Committee consider going ahead on Avenue A as designed by the engineering firm, but postpone work on Avenues B, C, and Towles Road until spring. This would enable the committee to complete a one year plan. Jack Etheridge, Beth Whitaker and Don Hackney were selected to work on this plan.

The Animal Control Officer was tabled as Jack Day wished to remain with his present employer.

Al Campbell recommended that the City lease a water truck for 30 days until a suitable truck could be purchased. Raymond Pruitt motioned that the water truck be leased. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned for ten minutes before executive session.

After returning to open session, Raymond Pruitt motioned that Johnny Higginbotham be hired to evaluate the electricity on the First Monday grounds and advise the council on whether the present electricity available is adequate. The City is to pay Mr. Higginbotham $1,150.00 for the evaluation. Don Hackney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Raymond Pruitt motioned that the City rent the Eubank Building for $300.00 per month. The building will be used for the Hayfest and as a meeting place for R.V. gatherings.

Meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

CANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 31, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met for a called meeting August 31, 1988 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall with Mayor Teal presiding. Raymond Pruitt and Beth Whitaker were absent, all others were present.

Jack Etheridge motioned to approve the 1988 tax rate of 0.0994 per $100.00. Ronnie Fugate seconded and all were in favor.

Bids were opened on two police cars as follows:

Canton Motors	$13,600.00
Lewis Chevrolet	$14,500.00

Don Hackney motioned to accept the low bid of $13,600.00 from Canton Motors. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met for a scheduled Public Hearing regarding street improvements on Avenues A, B, C, West Lane, and Towles Rd., with Mayor Teal presiding. Those in attendance were Jack Etheridge, Don Hackney, Beth Whitaker, and Ronnie Fugate. Raymond Pruitt was absent.

Mayor Teal asked the property owners present if there were any objections to proceeding with the proposed assessments. Henry Lewis voiced concern that his estimated assessment was to be $26,000, nearly one half the $52,000 estimated total cost. He stated he would not hold up the project but would like to explore donating land to the city, or any other options, in order to lower his total cost. Council suggested he meet with consulting engineer, Ralph Stokes and Al Campbell regarding these options.

After discussion regarding costs and contractor guarantees, the Mayor asked for a show of hands of those opposed to the proposed street improvements and assessments. Two persons were opposed, all others in attendance were in favor.

The final vote of the Council on the street improvements and the assessments to the property owners is to be taken at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 1988.

The Public Hearing adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CANTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1988
7:00 P.M.

The Canton City Council met for a scheduled workshop meeting in the Canton City Hall, with Mayor Teal presiding. Those in attendance were Don Hackney, Jack Etheridge, Raymond Pruitt, Beth Whitaker, and Ronnie Fugate.

The building of a fishing pier and boat dock on the New City Lake was discussed. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting Tuesday, September 20, 1988.

Discussion was held concerning First Monday and the hotel-motel tax.

The meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met in regular session in the Canton City Hall with Mayor Teal presiding. Those in attendance were Jack Etheridge, Don Hackney, Beth Whitaker, and Ronnie Fugate. Raymond Pruitt was absent.

Jack Etheridge motioned that the minutes of the August 16th regular meeting, with corrections added, and the August 31st called meeting be approved as written. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

The financial statements were reviewed by Don Hackney. Jack Etheridge motioned to approve and Don Hackney seconded. All were in favor.

Joe Collins of the Canton Chamber of Commerce reported to the Council on the Economic Development meetings and seminars scheduled.

Mayor Teal read a Proclamation "DECLARING OCTOBER 29, 1988 AS SHARE YOUR LIFE DAY." There will be a county wide blood drive for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital of Texas for Crippled Children.

Teralyn Gibson of the Downtown Merchants Assn. requested permission to hold a street dance and various contests October 29th on the Courthouse Square. As the street dance would involve closing off a street, the Council advised that she meet with City Secretary Al Campbell and Police Chief Williams.

Vic Weatherholt of the Bed and Breakfast Program advised the Council that the program was progressing and that 13 families were hosted last First Monday.

Henry Lewis, represented by Ralph Stokes, presented his sewer line project plans to the Council. The project involves 2675 ft. of line, and will tie in existing structures on the Lewis land to the new sewer mains east of Mill Creek. Mr. Lewis' cost will be $40,000. All easements and the line will be assigned to the City of Canton. Al Campbell recommended construction of the line. Jack Etheridge motioned to approve the project and Beth Whitaker seconded. All were in favor.

Ronnie Fugate reported on the fishing pier and boat dock, stating it was recommended that the dock be lengthened by 20 ft., making the dock 60 ft. long. This would add $800.00 to the cost, bringing the total cost to $2400.00. Ronnie Fugate motioned to approve the additional cost and Jack Etheridge seconded. All were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to appoint Al Campbell as building inspector for a period of two weeks. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

Discussion was held concerning closing off West Lane. No action was taken.

Acting city attorney, Roxie Cluck, read the proposed ordinance levying assessments for street improvements on Avenues A, B, C, West Lane, and Towles Rd. Mayor Teal asked if there were any comments or questions from the property owners present concerning the project. Consulting engineer, Ralph Stokes, answered several questions as did Ms. Cluck.

With no further questions or comments forthcoming from the property owners, Don Hackney motioned to amend the proposed ordinance to allow 5 years for repayment, in place of 2 years, for the assessed property owners. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Don Hackney motioned for the adoption of the following:

ORDINANCE LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET
IMPROVEMENTS (CURBING AND GUTTERING)

Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to close West Lane. Acting city attorney Roxie Cluck advised that petitions and separate hearings would need to be held to close a street. Jack Etheridge motioned to table this item for further study. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

Al Campbell advised the Council of the need to contact several engineering firms for guidelines and cost estimates concerning a water distribution analysis for the entire system. Jack Etheridge motioned to obtain the guidelines and cost estimates. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to approve the water tap request received from W. E. Keeton, who resides outside the city limits on West Highway 64, provided Mr. Keeton pay for all costs incurred above the cost of a normal water tap fee. Ronnie Fugate seconded and all were in favor.

Beth Whitaker requested that a copy of the Sign Ordinance be attached to all garage sale permits issued.

Don Hackney reported requests received from property owners for signs informing drivers of the distance to the First Monday entrance on Hwy. 859. Al Campbell is to contact the State Hwy. Dept. concerning this matter.

Travis Hughes, of the Senior Citizens Committee, presented the Council with a proposal to add a craft room to the Senior Citizens Building. He requested the proposal be considered in the next budget.

The Council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session, Ronnie Fugate motioned to table two applications for solicitors permits received from Bob Stueker Juergen and Allen Brandenburg.

Meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CANTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1988
7:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met in the City Hall for a called workshop meeting, with Mayor Teal presiding. Those attending were Jack Etheridge, Beth Whitaker, and Raymond Pruitt. Those absent were Don Hackney and Ronnie Fugate.

Sandra Williams met with the council regarding a problem with the First Monday concession waiting lists.

Several others spoke to the council regarding a non-profit auction held on the First Monday grounds.

Discussion was held concerning building a swimming platform on the Old City Lake and repairing the boat launch ramp at the New City Lake.

Raising the amount of deposit held on water accounts, and requiring future apartment complexes to be master metered was discussed.

A petition, signed by the residents of Granada Square, requesting street and curbing repairs was discussed.

After discussion regarding various aspects of city business, the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CANTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met in the City Hall for a scheduled workshop meeting, with Mayor Teal presiding. Those in attendance were Raymond Pruitt and Beth Whitaker. Those absent were Don Hackney, Ronnie Fugate and Jack Etheridge. Lacking a quorum, the meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The City Council met in regular session in the City Hall with Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Fugate opening the meeting, and Mayor Teal arriving later. Those in attendance were Don Hackney, Jack Etheridge, Raymond Pruitt, Beth Whitaker and Ronnie Fugate.

Raymond Pruitt motioned that the minutes of the Sept. 20th regular meeting, the Public Hearing & workshop meeting Sept. 13th, and the workshop meetings of Sept. 27th and Oct. 4th be approved as written. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Don Hackney reviewed the financial statements. Jack Etheridge motioned to approve and Raymond Pruitt seconded. All were in favor.

Wade Whitaker urged the council to support emphasis on the prosecution of criminal offenders and to urge citizens to participate in crime prevention programs. Mayor Teal pointed out the Drug Investigation Fund contained in the budget, and the 17 indictments obtained as the result of undercover investigation.

Mayor Teal introduced a Proclamation declaring OCTOBER 23-30 AS RED RIBBON WEEK AND DRUG FREE AMERICA WEEK, and encourages its citizens to participate in drug awareness and drug education activities, making a visible statement that we are strongly committed to drug free, healthy lifestyles.

Raymond Pruitt motioned for adoption of the Proclamation and Don Hackney seconded. All were in favor.

Margy Ragsdale presented a letter signed by residents of the area of Tower St. and Woodland Dr., bringing to the council's attention the low water pressure existing in the area. She was advised that the city intended to select an engineering firm to conduct a water flow study within the next 2 to 3 months, in order to determine the cause of the low pressure. When the cause is located, the council will decide on the course of action to be taken to correct the problem.

Bids on food concessions for the Arts and Crafts Show were opened as follows:

Patterson Enterprises, Carthage, TX	$450.00
Richard & Ann Smith, Canton, TX	$176.00

Jack Etheridge motioned to accept the high bid of $450.00 from Patterson Enterprises. Raymond Pruitt seconded and all were in favor.

On First Monday improvements, Raymond Pruitt reported the radios needed to be replaced, and motioned to purchase 6 new radios at a cost of $2700.00. Funds for this purchase will be taken from the $3000.00 per month from Emergency and Savings that is being added to the First Monday Museum Fund for repayment of the funds used to pay off the loan on the Industrial Building. This repayment is to be temporarily suspended for this purchase and for the purchase of new golf carts. Jack Etheridge seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Beth Whitaker, Al Campbell, Rayford Hutcherson, and Ronnie Fugate were appointed to shop for golf carts and make a recommendation to the council.

Mayor Teal requested reports from the Street and Clean-up Committees be placed on the November agenda.

Al Campbell reported the possibility of advertising for bids on the First Monday clean up, including the restrooms and garbage pick up on the grounds.

Mayor Teal reported on the Mayor's Meeting to be held Oct. 21st to

discuss new regulations concerning solid waste disposal. These new regulations will seriously affect all the cities in the county, as well as the county. The County Commissioners have been invited to attend the meeting. Mayor Teal stated if cooperation could not be obtained with the cities and the county, Canton may be forced to forbid acceptance of any garbage coming from outside the city.

After discussion concerning various aspects of city business with no action taken, the council retired to executive session.

The Council returned to open session with no action to be taken.

Meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CANTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met in the City Hall for a scheduled workshop meeting. Those in attendance were Don Hackney, Jack Etheridge, Raymond Pruitt, and Beth Whitaker. Ronnie Fugate was absent.

First Monday parking income, employee vehicles, office supplies, First Monday electricity collections, and water deposits were discussed. First Monday parking and water deposits are to be placed on the agenda for the regular council meeting November 22, 1988.

Tim Michaels, representing the motel owners, met with the council. Mr. Michaels stated the motel owners had paid the tax quarterly in the past but the ordinance states payments are to be made monthly. The motel owners prefer to continue quarterly payments. Mayor Teal stated the city had more of a problem with not having more input and approval of how the money is to be spent, before it is spent. Raymond Pruitt said he would like to see some of the money go to Special Events for promotion of activities other than First Monday. Councilman Pruitt stated the city would like to work with the motel owners, expand the board, and set up new rules and regulations for this tax fund. This item is to be placed on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

Concerning the landfill, Mayor Teal stated if there were no objections, he would like to direct eh City Secretary to immediately stop taking items such as bedsprings, wire, large appliances, etc. from outside the city. Only regular household garbage will be accepted from outside the city after November 2, 1988. On the November regular meeting agenda, Mayor Teal stated, he would like the council to consider at least doubling outside the city rates, then on the December regular meeting agenda, the council should consider no longer taking solid waste from outside the city.

A letter prepared by the Mayor informing citizens of the new rules and regulations which will dramatically affect costs of solid waste disposal. The council unanimously agreed that the letter should be mailed to the citizens as soon as possible.

Roxie Cluck, acting city attorney, discussed with the council the establishment of a general business, a temporary business, and a flea market operators permit.

Ms. Cluck also discussed a proposed ordinance to govern the use of travel trailers and motor homes as living quarters.

Meeting adjourned.

Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, City Secretary

CANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall with Mayor Teal presiding. Those in attendance were Jack Etheridge, Don Hackney, Raymond Pruitt, Beth Whitaker, and Ronnie Fugate.

Jack Etheridge motioned that the minutes of the November 1 workshop meeting and the regular meeting October 18, 1988 be approved as written. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

O.D. Daniel, of Customized Software presented and explained reports to the council of supplies, programs, support, and repairs for the past year.

Joe Collins, representing the Chamber of Commerce, updated the council of the Chamber's activities. He reported the appointment of a Tourism Committee and of a bicycle tour planned for April.

Item VI was cancelled prior to meeting time. Mr. Davies rescheduled his request for extension of a 6" water line to his property on Hwy. 64 for the December meeting.

Due to the absence of Reba Thompson, Item VII was moved to last on the agenda.

Mr. Villy D'Jerf, who currently is leasing the Industrial Building, advised the council of his progress with his plastics business. He now has 10 employees but will soon employ 5 or 6 more. He has a contract to develop another plastic product which will require an additional 20 employees. He reported his employees earned an average of $7.00 to $9.00 per hour.

Mayor Teal explained that Mr. D'Jerf's lease has expired and is now on a month to month basis. The city is in the process of forming an Industrial Foundation and Mr. D'Jerf's attorney will be working with the city's attorney to make arrangements through the Industrial Foundation for him to obtain the property. Mayor Teal assured Mr. D'Jerf the council was in support of his project and that all the original agreements are still in tact.

Mayor Teal reported that changing the street name had caused Mr. D'Jerf problems. Al Campbell suggested that the industrial properties be called Bob Bartlett Industrial Park and change the street name back to Industrial Road. Don Hackney requested this item be placed on the December agenda.

Beth Whitaker reported the Street Committee had been working with the residents of Avenue A and had made changes that may be useful later. She reported many potholes had been filled but others still need repair. The Mayor requested monthly reports from the committee.

Jack Etheridge reported the Clean up Committee was making progress. The creek on First Monday grounds had been cleaned, as

well as the boat ramp and the dock. He requested that the city attorney review the Grass and Weed and Junk Car Ordinances for proper procedure for enforcement.

Raymond Pruitt requested that new rules and regulations be prepared for the members of the school organizations who park cars on the First Monday grounds. This item is to be placed on the December agenda.

Jack Etheridge motioned that fees for electricity on First Monday be collected with the lot rental fee and the rate for electricity be set at $5.00 for one lot, and $10.00 for two or more lots. The new procedure and electricity fees are to be effective in January for the February First Monday. Beth Whitaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Raymond Pruitt motioned that RV parking rates be raised to $15.00 per day, effective February 1, 1989. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Ronnie Fugate motioned that the fee for the holding area for First Monday be increased to $10.00 per day, effective February 1, 1989. Entrance into the area will not begin until after 5:00 p.m. the Friday before First Monday weekend. Raymond Pruitt seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Al Campbell reported he and Johnny Mallory had been working toward meeting the federal guide-lines for contract labor and would have the contract specifications ready for the council's review at the next workshop meeting. These contracts will involve cleaning of the municipal buildings, the cleaning and work in the restrooms on the First Monday grounds, and the clean up of the First Monday grounds, including garbage pick up on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during First Monday.

Raymond Pruitt motioned to raise the motel tax to 4%, with one and one-half percent going to the Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, and one and one-half percent to the Special Events Fund. Both the Chamber and Special Events will need to submit a budget for approval by the council. Jack Etheridge seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Teal stated it was the council's desire to replace the Motel Tax Board with the Tourism Committee, appointed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce. Those appointed were: Joe Collins, Gene Levine, Tim Michaels, Kathy House, Joyce Rogers, Zettie Davis, Connie Mora, Vic and Marti Weatherholt, Dub and Wanda McCreary, Pat Powers, and Clint Gober.

Mayor Teal requested that Johnny Mallory meet with the motel owners for the purpose of conducting an audit, and that a letter be prepared informing the motel owners, including Bed and Breakfast participants, of the council's actions.

Roxie Cluck, acting city attorney, was instructed to prepare an ordinance to amend the motel tax rate to 4% with payments to be made by the motel owners quarterly. The new rate will be effective January 1, 1989.

Jack Etheridge motioned to increase water deposits for apartments and rental property to $50.00 per meter, and $100.00 for restaurants and washaterias. The new rates are effective immediately. Ronnie Fugate seconded and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to double the outside the city landfill rates, effective immediately. Raymond Pruitt seconded and all were in favor. The new rates are as follows:

$ 30.00 minimum for automobiles and pickup loads
$100.00 per load for commercial trucks
$ 10.00 per cubic yard for compactor trucks

Don Hackney motioned to extend the effective date of the landfill rate increase to January 1, 1989 for the three commercial haulers

who regularly use the landfill, provided they accept no new customers. This would give them time to notify their customers. The three exceptions are Neighbors Sanitation, Starnes Trucking, and Usery. Then effective January 1, 1989, solid waste will no longer be accepted from outside the city, excepting the three commercial haulers named. Beginning April 1, 1989, there will be no exceptions and only solid waste coming from inside the city limits will be accepted. Beth Whitaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to approve obtaining a "no fee" Visa or Mastercard and eliminate the American Express charge card currently used. Ronnie Fugate seconded and all were in favor.

Ronnie Fugate asked the council to consider getting the 1938 Ford Fire Truck repaired before the Christmas parade December 2, and to consider building a structure to house and display it.

Beth Whitaker presented several new forms to the council and asked that they be reviewed by the supervisory personnel.

Mrs. Reba Thompson, who resides at 656 Sides Circle, addressed the council regarding a drainage ditch on her property. She expressed concern that it may be dangerous and that she was unable to obtain insurance because of it. Mayor Teal explained the ditch was there to prevent flooding at the request of the property owners. The problem would be addressed when the street has to be reconstructed, but the city would have the engineer look for another solution.

The meeting recessed for ten minutes before the council retired for the executive session.

After returning to open session, Ronnie Fugate motioned to dismiss attorney Woody Roark for not pursuing the lawsuit with Henry Lewis. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Don Hackney motioned to begin using the property in dispute. Raymond Pruitt seconded and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge motioned to appoint Roxie Cluck to represent the city in the lawsuit from which Mr. Roark had been dismissed.

Meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

CANTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 1988
6:30 P.M.

The Canton City Council met in regular session in the City Hall with Mayor Teal presiding. Those in attendance were Jack Etheridge, Don Hackney, Raymond Pruitt, Beth Whitaker, and Ronnie Fugate.

Jack Etheridge motioned that the minutes of the November 15, 1988 regular meeting be approved as written. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

Don Hackney reviewed the financial statements. Raymond Pruitt motioned that the financial statements be approved. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Don Hackney and Beth Whitaker announced that the Blackwell Homeplace had been donated to the city by the heirs of the estate. Rebel Blackwell, representing the heirs, addressed the council expressing the family's wishes as to how the estate is to be handled by the city. These wishes are included as a part of these minutes.

Councilman Hackney thanked attorney Bobby Sanders for his time and effort spent on preparing the legal papers without charge for the Blackwell family and the city. Mr. Sanders explained to the council that there was one heir who felt he couldn't make the gift to the city. His part consists of 3.6 acres on the north side of the estate for which the city will need to pay for. There is a restriction for this part of the estate which states that it can never be used for First Monday purposes.

Item number XI was moved ahead by Mayor Teal.

Mr. Joe Collins, representing the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Zettie Davis and Clint Gober who will be co-chairmen of the Tourism Committee. Other members of the committee were also introduced to the Council.

Mr. Collins presented the plans and the budget for the bicycle tour planned for April, 1989. Funds from the one and one-half percent of the Motel Tax Fund voted to be appropriated to the Tourism Committee beginning January, 1989 will be used for this project.

Jack Etheridge motioned to advance $1500.00 from the Motel Tax Fund immediately. The advance will be deducted from future payments due the committee. Ronnie Fugate seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Teal appointed Councilmen Raymond Pruitt and Jack Etheridge as representatives from the city council to work with the Tourism Committee.

Mr. Wayne Gurley, a locksmith, addressed the council expressing concern regarding the police department opening locked cars as a public service. He stated in many cases this practice take business away from the locksmiths. Mayor Teal advised Mr. Gurley that the council would review the information presented to them regarding this practice.

Item number VI was deleted from the agenda as Mr. Davis could not be present.

Raymond Pruitt motioned to rename Bob Bartlett Road back to Industrial Road and to name the industrial park "Bob Bartlett Industrial Park". Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Raymond Pruitt introduced and motioned for the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 87-2 CONCERNING LEVY OF A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX; PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE DERIVED THEREFROM; ESTABLISHING A HOTEL TAX ADVISORY BOARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Beth Whitaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge introduced and motioned for the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PLANTS AND WEEDS GROWN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS AND REQUIRING THAT LITTER INCLUDING GARBAGE AND RUBBISH BE PERIODICALLY REMOVED FROM THE PREMISES; DECLARING THAT ALLOWING WEEDS AND GRASSES TO GROW IN EXCESS OF TWELVE INCHES AND ALLOWING GARBAGE AND RUBBISH TO ACCUMULATE ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS IS A NUISANCE; PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF SAID NUISANCE WITH COSTS TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNER AND/OR OCCUPIER OF SAID PREMISES;

AND PROVIDING FOR A LIEN AGAINST SAID PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF COSTS IN ADDITION TO OTHER PENALTIES.

Don Hackney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jack Etheridge introduced and motioned for the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR DISPOSAL OF JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES; AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO GO ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR INSPECTION OR REMOVAL OF JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCESSORIES; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING PRIOR TO THE REMOVAL OF JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING THAT A VEHICLE WHICH HAS BEEN SO REMOVED SHALL NOT BE RECONSTRUCTED; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Beth Whitaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Don Hackney motioned to approve the 1988 tax roll for the City of Canton presented by the Van Zandt County Appraisal District. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Don Hackney motioned to approve changes for the billboard sign located on the east end of Interstate 20. These changes will cost $400.00. Jack Etheridge seconded and all were in favor.

Raymond Pruitt motioned that Mayor Teal work with State Senator Ted Lyons to introduce new legislation extending or deleting the length of time a fire department pumper truck can be in service, so long as it meets other state requirements. Don Hackney seconded and all were in favor.

Assistant City Secretary, Johnny Mallory advised the council on his progress to update the computer software systems. He estimated the cost to be $27000.00. Mayor Teal requested that Mr. Mallory have a final recommendation by the next regular council meeting in January.

Raymond Pruitt requested that the electricity rates on First Monday grounds be reviewed, particularly concession rates, at the next regular meeting in January.

Gene Levine addressed the council with questions concerning the Industrial Commission and advised he would be running unopposed for president of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Police Chief Hoss Williams reported the highway department had recommended the traffic islands at Elm and Buffalo be removed and the stop signs placed on each side of the highway. Chief Williams requested a letter be written to the State Highway Department to the attention of Mr. Evans formally requesting these changes.

After a short recess, the council retired to executive session.

After returning to open session, Don Hackney motioned to appropriate $18000.00 from the First Monday Museum Fund for the purchase of the 3.6 acres of the Blackwell Estate. Beth Whitaker seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

_____
Dennis Teal, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Al Campbell, City Secretary

f. Use the name "BLACKWELL PARK" in describing the rest of the property.

g. Provide a family tree chart and display this chart in a prominent place inside the house. (Information for the family tree will be supplied.)

h. Report annually to Donors, their heirs, executors, administrators and successors on the following items:
   1.) number of days the house was opened for viewing.
   2. number of people who toured the house.
   3. names and addressed of volunteers.

i. Keep the style and harmony of any additional buildings that may be consturcted or placed on the property in the tradition of the homeplace.

j. Not remove, sell, give or otherwise dispose of any personal property now located in the house without the consent of the doners.

k. Clean the house at least once per month.

l. Appropriately landscape and maintain the grounds including, but not limited to, mowing the grass and trimming the hedges and trees as needed.

m. Cover the storm house with dirt and plant grass on the top and sides to restore it to its original apperance.

n. Inspect the house annually for termites and make necessary repairs caused by termites.

o. Install a security system connect to a central monitoring office with the capacity to detect a breakin as well as fire and smoke.

p. Provide extended loss insurance coverage for the property and the personal property located in it.

q. Never use, rent, occupy, maintain or allow others to use, rent, occupy or maintain the property for First Monday purposes; flea market purposes; or the trading, selling, buying or swapping of goods that would be analogous to First Monday or flea market activities. (Note that this is a restriction in the deed.)

r. Never sell, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the property. (Note that this is a restriction in the deed.)

Further, we would ask this and future councils to commit themselves to making the following restorations to the house, as time and money permit, in order to preserve the integerity of this gift:

a. Remove the bathroom fixtures and restore that room as a dining room.
b. Restore the concrete cistern located on the back porch.
c. Remove the cook stove and refrigerator now located in the house and install a wood cook stove.
d. Place a wooden ice box on the back porch where the original ice box sat.
e. Remove the brick facing on the front of the house and replace the concrete porch with a wood porch similar to the original structure.
f. Remove the window air conditioner in the living room.

Our family is excited to be able to share our heritage and we hope that the City of Canton, will feel a sense of pride and excitement in accepting this gift.

Sincerely,

Rebel E. Blackwell, Jr.,
For himself and for the following members of the Blackwell family who share in this gift: Joyce Y. Blackwell, Lola Mae Black, and Marguerite Chambers

December 13, 1988

City Council of Canton, Texas
Canton, Texas 75103

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

W. S. Mills wrote in his book, "History of Van Zandt," "He is loth to go without leaving a few footprints upon the sands of time to warn the hurrying masses that a sturdy race has passed this way before. We would warn the present generation of prosperous, happy, liberty loving souls that the privileges, freedom and pleasures they now enjoy have not been brought to them without the shedding of sweat, blood and tears."

In Mr. Mill's book, he wrote that Henry F. Blackwell, Sr. and his young bride came to Canton in 1852. He further states that Henry F. Blackwell, Sr. was one of the first merchants in Canton. Not only did he establish his business here, but his family was born and raised in Canton.

Henry F. Blackwell, Jr. continued this rich heritage when he established his home on the Edgewood road. The following eight children were born in the old Blackwell homeplace; Bonnie, Helen, Henry, Janie, Rebel, Sr., Robert Lee, Rose, and one child that died at birth.

Since this old house represents the rich heritage of our family and since Canton has been our family's home for over one hundred years, we would like to preserve this legacy and give the City of Cnaton the old Blackwell homeplace. It is our hope that others will be motivated to make similar gifts and that Canton's contribution to the history of Texas can be preserved for future generations. We trust that the current City Council and future Councils will make the commitment to:

a. Operate and use the property as a historical park for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of the City of Canton, Texas. (Note that this is a restriction in the deed.)

b. Secure a historical maker to be placed in a prominent place on the property.

c. Keep the house open and available to the general public to view the house and contents at least four days each month.

d. Provide adequate, attractive, functional parking space (no asphalt, please) for visitors touring the property.

e. Use the name "Henry Fisher Blackwell Homeplace" in describing and promoting the home site.