

CALLED MEETING OF THE CANTON CITY COUNCIL
9:00 A.M., SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015
Canton Municipal Courtroom
24980 Highway 64 East, Canton, Texas 75103

MINUTES

The Canton City Council met at the above-named date and time in the City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Mayor Lou Ann Everett and Councilmembers Shawn Stewart, Nathan Moore, Cindy Malouf, and Connie Odic. Councilmember Scott Perkins was absent. Also present were City Manager Lonny Cluck, City Secretary Debra Johnson, and Finance Director Kimberly Kroha.

1. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared by Mayor Lou Ann Everett at 6:01 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

2. DISCUSS LONG-TERM WATER PLAN – Brad Castleberry gave an overview of the long-term water plan and the options available to the City for future planning. He advised it was important to keep the reservoir and reuse in the plan because it maintained flexibility of options in the future.

Mayor Everett called a short recess at 10:34 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

3. DISCUSS WATER DISCOUNTS TO EMPLOYEES AND / OR RETIREES – Council discussed how to handle the employee discount on the water rates. They were in favor of continuing the benefit to full-time employees and part-time firefighters and adding the income to their W-2's or a 1099.
4. CONSIDER ADVANCE ON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD – Councilmember Malouf made a motion to advance an additional \$1000 to the student who was graduating early. Councilmember Stewart seconded.

Councilmember Cindy Malouf: Approve
Councilmember Nathan Moore: Approve
Councilmember Connie Odic: Approve
Councilmember Scott Perkins: Absent
Councilmember Shawn Stewart: Approve

5. CONSIDER DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND FINANCING OF PROJECTS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, STREETS AND UTILITIES, IMPROVEMENTS TO FIRST MONDAY GROUNDS, CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CELL TOWER, RELOCATION OF ANTENNAS FROM HISTORIC WATER TOWER, REPAINTING OF HISTORIC WATER TOWER, AND NEW CITY HALL. - Councilmember Stewart made a motion to choose the Ash Gray for the trim. Councilmember Malouf seconded. Councilmember Stewart amended the motion to select Ash Gray for the roof and Charcoal Gray for the trim. Councilmember Malouf approved the amendment.

Councilmember Cindy Malouf: Approve
Councilmember Nathan Moore: Approve
Councilmember Connie Odic: Approve
Councilmember Scott Perkins: Absent
Councilmember Shawn Stewart: Approve

WORK SESSION

6. WORK SESSION ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 – Kimberly Kroha reviewed financial policies, the tax rate, and capital projects planned in the General Fund.

Mayor Everett called a lunch recess at 11:52 a.m. Council reconvened at 12:52 p.m.

Ms. Kroha reviewed the effective and proposed tax rates and the sales tax revenue. She explained the cash management policy and different fund types. She said the budget reflected an Assistant City Manager position rather than a First Monday Director, which had never been filled. The Streets Department requested an additional employee. Mr. Cluck said he planned to hire an operations supervisor over the Streets Department. Ms. Kroha said the proposed budget reflected a 3% COLA. Councilmember Odic suggested money from rental on the water tower might be used for law enforcement and fire department staff. Mr. Cluck said he included a new vehicle for administration in the budget. They also needed another truck for administrative staff. Ms. Kroha said the Police Department budget included nine mobile repeaters for the squad cars, painting the Police Department building, and a new computer server dispatch and console for the dispatch room. Mr. Cluck said the Fire Department needed an outside storage building and a new generator. He planned to get a new generator for the Police Department and move the one currently at the Police Department to the Fire Station.

Mr. Cluck said he the budget included a thumb attachment and grapple for the Streets Department backhoe. Ms. Kroha said they had flooring for the main area in the library, \$8000 for an irrigation pump at the soccer fields, and \$10,000 for a white rock parking lot at CYRA. Ms. Kroha explained they allocated \$430,000 for the Hwy. 19 water well project, with \$250,000 of that amount to be transferred from First Monday. Mr. Cluck said they assessed the well to see if they could put it back in service. They could shut down the booster station on the 60-acre tract and use some of that equipment to bring the Hwy. 19 well up to today's standards. They were no longer able to use the water tower on Hwy. 243 because of its height compared to the new water tower. They planned to try to raise that up next year so the City would have two working water towers.

Ms. Kroha said they also included a water main extension at FM 1255 for an estimated \$82,000. Mr. Cluck said the line would eventually go under Hwy. 17 and then onto Dog Alley in a loop. It would improve the water from the old water tower to WalMart. He said there were still water lines from College and Grand Saline Streets that went around the square. He planned to replace all those lines little by little. Ms. Kroha said the budget included a new 100 HP tractor, loader and batwing for utilities for water distribution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the authority contained in Sections 551.072 of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, Council will convene in closed or executive session to discuss the following matters.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DELIBERATIONS REGARDING POTENTIAL SALE, PURCHASE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY (Section 551.072) – Mayor Everett convened Council into Executive Session at 2:31 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

8. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council reconvened into open session at 2:58 p.m. No action was taken.
9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None

10. ADJOURN – There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Everett adjourned at the meeting at 3:02 p.m.