

**REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING
CANTON CITY COUNCIL
12 NOON, MAY 13, 2020**

Canton City Hall
201 N. Buffalo, Canton, Texas 75103

MINUTES

The Canton City Council met at the above-named date and time in the Canton City Hall. Members present were Mayor Lou Ann Everett and Councilmembers Daniel Deibert, Cindy Malouf, Nathan Moore, and Randon Sumner. Councilmember Andrew Vaughn was absent.

Also present were City Manager Lonny Cluck, City Secretary Debra Johnson, Finance Director Teri Pruitt, Fire Captain Rob Hutson, and Assistant City Attorney David Ritter.

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In an effort to reduce in-person meetings that assemble in large groups of people, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Governor Abbott has granted a temporary suspension of certain rules, including portions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow for public meetings by telephone or video-conference.

In an effort to reduce the spread of the virus for the May 13, 2020, City Council meeting, individuals will be able to listen to the meeting on KWJB 95.1 FM & 1510 AM and will be able to address the Council via Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/CantonTexas/> or by dialing in at 978-990-5000 / Access Code 128289. DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, CITY HALL WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND ONLY CITY COUNCIL AND CITY STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING THE MEETING IN PERSON.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM PRESENT - Mayor Everett called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 12:04 p.m.

Council convened into Executive Session at 12:05. Council reconvened into Open Session at 12:54 p.m.

2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE CITY OF CANTON'S RESPONSE TO THE URGENT PUBLIC NECESSITY CONCERNING COVID-19, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- A. SOCIAL DISTANCING AND NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS RELATED THERETO - Councilmember Malouf made a motion to keep the City's disaster declaration in place to track the Governor's guidance. Councilmember Moore seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem - Nathan Moore: Approve
Council Member - Cindy Malouf: Approve
Council Member - Daniel Deibert: Approve
Council Member - Randon Sumner: Approve
Council Member - Andrew Vaughn: Absent

- B. POTENTIAL CANCELLATION OF UPCOMING CITY EVENTS - Councilmember Moore made a motion to reopen First Monday for the June show contingent on approval from the Health Officer. Councilmember Malouf seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem - Nathan Moore: Approve

Council Member - Cindy Malouf: Approve
Council Member - Daniel Deibert: Approve
Council Member - Randon Sumner: Approve
Council Member - Andrew Vaughn: Absent

C. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FIRST MONDAY RELATED ISSUES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
 - A. WI-FI CONTRACT; AND
 - B. ICE SUPPLIER - Mr. Cluck reported the City was going to buy ice boxes for the First Monday grounds and order ice from Tyler Ice to use for First Monday..
4. CONSIDER SUPPORT BY COUNCIL FOR GRANT TO HIRE ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS – Councilmember Malouf made a motion to support the application for a grant to hire three additional firefighters. Councilmember Sumner seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem - Nathan Moore: Approve
Council Member - Cindy Malouf: Approve
Council Member - Daniel Deibert: Approve
Council Member - Randon Sumner: Approve
Council Member - Andrew Vaughn: Absent

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the authority contained in the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including but not limited to, Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 and 551.087. Council will convene in closed or executive session to discuss the following matters.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING EXISTING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION (Section 551.071) REGARDING THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:
 - A. Ongoing litigation involving the real property located at 673 W. College (a/k/a 901 W. College), including Cause Nos. 6-19-CV-00365-JDK, and 6:19-CV-00177-JDK, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, and Cause No. 19-00219, pending in the 294th District Court of Van Zandt County
6. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY (Section 551.071)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

7. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
8. ADJOURN – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m.