

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CANTON CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M., AUGUST 3, 2021**

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 Blake Fowler, Jim Fuller, Chase Melton, Randon Sumner and Nathan Moore.

Also present were City Manager Lonny Cluck, City Secretary Debra Johnson, Finance Director Teri Pruitt and Director of Operations Peter Lamont.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM PRESENT – Mayor Everett called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 12:00 p.m.

**WORK SESSION**

2. WORK SESSION ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022
  - A. TAX RATE
  - B. WATER / WASTEWATER RATES
  - C. GARBAGE RATES
  - D. PAYROLL
  - E. FIRST MONDAY
  - F. FEE SCHEDULE
  - G. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (INCLUDING WATER AND WASTEWATER PLANTS)
  - H. FINANCING / LOANS
  - I. CITY EXPENDITURES ON NON-CITY RELATED ENTITIES (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO VAN ZANDT COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL; SENIOR CITIZENS BUILDING; SOCCER ASSOCIATION; CYRA BALL PARK; POHL PROPERTY; CANTON TRAILRIDERS; BLACKWELL HOUSES; VAN ZANDT COUNTY LIBRARY; MEALS ON WHEELS) AND RELATED CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS
  - J. OTHER

Mr. Cluck reported the No New Tax Rate was .48. The current tax rate was .54. The City could increase the tax rate to .57 without an election. Any rate above .59 would necessitate an election. Ms. Pruitt said increasing the rate to .56 would equate to \$80 per \$100,000 in value.

Councilmember Moore said he would rather make a minimal increase every year to keep from having a large rate hike in the future. Mayor Everett said .56 was still lower than any other city in the county.

## 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.**

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY (Section 551.071)

## RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

4. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AND CONSIDER ACTION, IF ANY, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
5. CONSIDER PROPOSAL TO ADOPT 2021 TAX RATE AND SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – Council Member Moore made a motion to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate of \$0.56 on the agenda of the August 31, 2021, meeting at 6:00 p.m. and to schedule a public hearing on August 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Fowler seconded.

Council Member - Nathan Moore: Approve  
Mayor Pro Tem - Randon Sumner: Approve  
Council Member - Chase Melton: Approve  
Council Member - Blake Fowler: Approve  
Council Member - Jim Fuller: Approve

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS
7. ADJOURN - There being in further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.