

**REGULAR MEETING  
CANTON CITY COUNCIL  
6:00 P.M, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Director of Operations Peter Lamont, CEDC Director Julie Seymore, Municipal Judge Lilia Durham, and City Attorney David Ritter.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM PRESENT – Mayor Everett called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present at 6:00 p.m.
2. INVOCATION was led by Mayor Everett.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Everett.
4. MAYOR’S WELCOME
5. DECLARATIONS REGARDING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
6. PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Everett announced the Fall Festival on October 9, the military show on October 16, a Community Health Fair program on October 8, the Homecoming Parade on Monday and the upcoming Western Swing and Zombie Run.

**CITIZENS FORUM**

7. CITIZENS FORUM – CITIZENS ARE INVITED TO SPEAK ON MATTERS RELATING TO CITY GOVERNMENT – John Krodel thanked the City for allowing them to collect for the hospitals.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR JULY, 2021
9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 3, 17, 24, AND 31, 2021, CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 9-1-1 DATABASE MAINTENANCE INTERLOCAL CONTRACT WITH EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

11. CONSIDER CONTINUATION OF HILLCREST CEMETERY COMMITTEE – Councilmember Fowler made a motion to approve items 8 through 11 of the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Sumner 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

#### **INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

12. PRESENTATION FROM STADIUM SPORT GROUP AND DISCUSSION REGARDING PLANS FOR POTENTIAL SPORTS COMPLEX IN THE CITY OF CANTON, TEXAS – Sam Stavron, Billy Martin, Tanner Stevers and Jim Gandy (by phone) gave a presentation about a proposed new sports complex for Canton.
13. PRESENTATION BY PEOPLES COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING REQUEST TO PLACE UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTICS LINE INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS - This matter was postponed as a Peoples’ representative was unable to attend.
14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH AUDIENCE MEDIA GROUP MARKETING – Councilmember Moore made a motion to approve the contract with Audience Media Group Marketing as presented. 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

15. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25 NOMINATING A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION ON THE VAN ZANDT COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS – No one was nominated.
16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR LIDE ESTATES SUBDIVISION CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 55.52 ACRES LOCATED IN THE J. DOUTHIT SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 198, AT THE END OF FORREST LANE AND CURRENTLY OWNED BY ERIC B. LIDE AND DAVE MCILRATH - Councilmember Moore made a motion to deny the preliminary plat for Lide Estates Subdivision. Councilmember Sumner 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

17. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24 APPROVING THE CANTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION / CANTON VISITORS BUREAU / MAIN STREET AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND

ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 - Councilmember Fowler made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-24 with the budget amendments. Councilmember Moore 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

18. CITY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

- A. FIRST MONDAY – Mr. Cluck explained the differences between the revenues for this year and past years. He said the sale of alcohol on the grounds had made a difference in increasing revenues. He said two more locations would be opened up to sell alcohol due to vendor requests. He felt Audience Media Group had done a good job and made a difference with their social media. CEDC had done a good job of working with them to keep a good balance of advertising.
- B. MARKETING – Austin Melton reported there were about 166,000 followers on Facebook and 28,000 on Instagram. Google ads were the same. They were going to try to have another live broadcast on the grounds. The potential audience for Facebook is approximately 25 million.
- C. OTHER ITEMS

**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.**

- 19. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS (Section 551.087) TO DELIBERATE COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION THE CEDC HAS RECEIVED FROM A BUSINESS PROSPECT AND TO DELIBERATE THE OFFER OF A FINANCIAL OR OTHER INCENTIVE TO BUSINESS PROSPECTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: (1) A SPORT COMPLEX PROJECT; (2) A LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANSION PROJECT; (3) AND RECRUITMENT OF NEW COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, RETAIL, RESTAURANT, HOSPITALITY, AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT PROSPECTS.
- 20. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS (Section 551.072) TO DISCUSS OR DELIBERATE CEDC'S POTENTIAL PURCHASE, SALE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY
- 21. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING EXISTING OR POTENTIAL LITIGATION (Section 551.071) OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) DUSTIN REYNOLDS VS. MICHAEL KING ET AL, CAUSE NO. 20-CV-575 IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS); (2) BARNEY DONALSON JR. VS. LONNY CLUCK, CAUSE NO. 21-00088 IN THE 294<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS; AND (3) BARNEY DONALSON, JR. VS. MICHAEL KING,

CAUSE NO. 21-00098, IN THE 294<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY, TEXAS

22. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING ENCROACHMENT ON CITY PROPERTY AT FIRST MONDAY GROUNDS (Section 551.071)
23. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DELIBERATIONS REGARDING POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY (Section 551.072)

Council convened into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Council reconvened into Open Session at 8:39 p.m.

24. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH CANTON TRAIL RIDERS REGARDING DISCOUNTED WATER BILL FROM CITY OF CANTON – Councilmember Moore made a motion to establish a water meter and commercial water bill at the Rodeo Arena to be sent to the Canton Trail Riders Association for water usage. Councilmember Sumner 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

25. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH VAN ZANDT COUNTY REGARDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VAN ZANDT COUNTY LIBRARY – Councilmember Sumner made a motion to advise City staff to consider an agreement with Van Zandt County regarding the library using Option B and other matters as discussed by Council. Councilmember Moore 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

26. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH CANTON YOUTH RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION REGARDING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CITY OF CANTON BALLFIELD – Council directed staff to work with the CYRA for terms of an agreement.

27. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

28. ADJOURN - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.