

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2020

The Canton City Council held its regular monthly meeting on January 8, 2020, at Canton City Hall. Members present: Carl Ernst, Randy Gossman, Cindy Shanks and Charlie Warner; Mayor Donivee Johnson joined via telephone. City staff present: Brock Bergey, Jim Davis and Jon Nordsving. Visitors present: Dennis Clauson, Craig Fishel, Pailey Gordon and Barb Kerns.

Acting Mayor Cindy Shanks called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Motion by Warner, second by Ernst to approve the December 2019 meeting minutes; motion carried. Motion by Ernst, second by Gossman to approve the consent agenda (included as attachment); motion carried.

Public comments: Dennis Clauson questioned the city's actions in applying for an equipment grant for a solar-powered, portable speed sign. If Canton is awarded the grant, Fillmore County Public Health would cover two-thirds of the \$3,000 cost-sharing project, with the city responsible for the remaining \$1,000. Clauson does not support the spending of \$1,000 for such a purpose; he believes the sign will not prevent speeding. The council felt it is a worthwhile investment to improve public safety. Craig Fishel raised concerns over wording of the city's zoning ordinance. As it stands, the language does not identify zoning issues as exterior and interior projects. Fishel wants to be certain his basement remodeling project is not subject to a penalty fee for existing construction done without a city-issued permit. The council agreed to review the zoning ordinance.

Reports: Bergey's clerk report included mention of the state's inspection of ZZ Tap on January 7, as part of the off-sale liquor permitting process. A domain has been secured for the new city website: cantonmn.com; Bergey will meet with the web designer on January 10 to begin planning the site. Upcoming court dates were reviewed. Former city clerk, Lolly Melander, has an omnibus hearing set for January 27. Danny Whalen has a settlement conference scheduled for February 5. If no agreement can be reached, he will head to trial February 12-13. Joel Torgerson has a settle conference set for February 10, with a possible trial also scheduled February 12-13. Nordsving presented an \$1,386.80 estimate from Decorah Auto Center for six new tires and rims for the city truck. Motion by Ernst, second by Gossman to approve the purchase; motion carried. The December 2019 was noted, with officers responding to 10 calls. There were no fire department or zoning committee reports.

Unfinished business: None

New business: Appointments for 2020 (Resolution 2020-01) were discussed. Motion by Gossman, second by Warner to approve the following appointments; motion carried.

Acting Mayor	Cindy Shanks
Official Newspaper	News Leader
Official Depository	First Southeast Bank
City Attorney	Nethercut Schieber
City Auditor	Hawkins & Ash
Authorized signatures	Brock Bergey, Donivee Johnson, Cindy Shanks, Charlie Warner
Fire Chief	Ryan Lange
Assistant Fire Chief	Bill Richardson
Meeting Nights	Second Wednesday of the month
Official Posting Place	Canton City Hall, 106 N Main St.
Personnel Committee	Carl Ernst & Randy Gossman
Zoning Administrator	Carl Ernst

Zoning Committee
Animal Control

Jim Davis, Carl Ernst, George Hafner, Mike Shanks
Carl Ernst

The 2020 fee schedule (Resolution 2020-02) was also reviewed. Motion by Ernst, second by Gossman to approve the following fees; motion carried.

Town Hall Rent/Deposit	\$200.00/day; \$150.00 deposit
Parking Citation	\$25.00
Dog/Cat License	\$6.00
Golf Cart/UTV Registration	\$10.00
On-Sale/Sunday Liquor License	\$610.00
Off-Sale Liquor License	\$100.00
Administrative Charge	\$25.00
New Water Meter	\$200.00
Water Monthly Charge	\$12.50 residential; \$14.50 commercial
Sewer Monthly Charge	\$33.00 residential; \$38.00 commercial
Water Rate Per Gallon	\$0.003 (\$3/thousand gallons)
Sewer Rate Per Gallon	\$0.0024 (\$2.40/thousand gallons)
Monthly Garbage Charge	\$10.49 small tote; \$11.97 medium tote; \$13.44 large tote
Monthly Recycling Charge	\$3.85
Water Reconnection	\$75.00
Sidewalk Snow Removal	\$65.00/hour
Land Use Permit	\$7.50/100 sq. ft. of living space; \$5.00/100 sq. ft for other structures; \$400 penalty for starting project without permit

The Canton American Legion requested an off-site gambling permit for 2020 (Resolution 2020-03). Motion by Ernst, second by Gossman to approve the permit; motion carried.

Motion by Ernst, second by Gossman to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.; motion carried.