

**CITY OF CANTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05**

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATE SPEECH DIRECTED TOWARD CITY EMPLOYEE

WHEREAS, City Clerk/Treasurer Brock Bergey recently issued letters to various property owners in the City of Canton requesting certain ordinance violations be remedied.

WHEREAS, in response to such a letter, Jamie Knutson, a resident in the City of Canton, directed hate speech toward City Clerk/Treasurer Brock Bergey through multiple Facebook posts.

WHEREAS, following the posts, Mr. Knutson painted a building on his property in a variety of colors and graffitied letters on the structure that were open to interpretation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CANTON, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Canton supports the efforts of City Clerk/Treasurer Brock Bergey to enforce the City nuisance ordinances at their direction.
2. The City condemns the acts of Mr. Knutson in posting what could only be classified as hate speech on his Facebook page.
3. All council members desire to encourage and nurture a welcoming community in which all residents, city employees, and visitors feel safe and welcomed.
4. The City encourages all residents with concerns about City business to bring forward those concerns to the City Council in a professional and respectful manner for consideration.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Canton on July 8, 2020.

Approved:


Mayor

Attested:


City Clerk