

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

Members present: Josh Nordsving, Jen Dowling, Jason Magnuson, Kristy Ziegler, Randy Gossman

City staff present: Anne Koliha, Barb Kerns, Jon Nordsving, Jim Davis

Visitors present: Melissa Vanderplas (FC Journal), Donivee Johnson, Chris Buckley, Jim Richardson, Jamie Knutson

Mayor Nordsving called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Consent agenda

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Magnuson to approve the consent agenda:

- a. Approval of March 8, 2023 Public Hearing Minutes
- b. Approval of March 8, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of April Disbursements
- d. Approval of 2023 Opt-In Load Management Program Agreement with MiEnergy Cooperative

Public comments: Chris Buckley introduced himself to the council – he has purchased the Canton Pub property and working to clean things up and see what all works and will figure out a plan for the property.

Reports:

Mayor Nordsving: Requested drafts of ordinances be brought to City Hall for review and to be on next months agenda for review

Clerk: Koliha reported on finished up the 2022 Financial Audit with Hawkins Ash; review of first quarter budget finances for 2023; worked on finalizing updates for Zoning Ordinance

Deputy Clerk: Kerns gave update on pet licenses – increased amount now for licenses \$15; ATV/UTV/Golf Cart licenses are ready for purchase \$10

Public Works: Jon Nordsving informed the Council that the driveway going out to the brush dump/sewer plant is in need of repair, both grading and rock – Council ask for him to get quotes for doing the work. Yard waste pick up around town will start next Monday. Gossman inquired about repairs to city streets with the many potholes – Council was good with purchasing more cold patch to make the repairs. Gossman inquired about the bus shed work to be completed, paint doors and other misc. – will take a look to get things completed.

Fire Department: Jim Davis reported that some firefighters have been going out to help with the search of Kingsbury

Police: none

Planning Commission: Josh Nordsving stated that he has numerous inquiries regarding storage sheds – if the storage shed is on skids then no building permit is required but if the storage shed is a steel frame or other structure that is placed on the ground/gravel pad/concrete then a building permit is required. Inquiry regarding installing fence on property – no building permit required but need to follow proper setbacks.

Old Business

- a. Discussion/update on Legion request for Ball field work
Legion has gotten contact information for someone to do such work on the ball field – working on getting a quote for work – potential estimated cost \$5000
No action taken

New Business

- a. Consider approval of the amended City of Canton Zoning Ordinance Chapter 151
Motion by Gossman, seconded by Magnuson to approve the amended City of Canton Zoning Ordinance Chapter 151; motion carried with Ziegler opposed.
- b. Publish summary of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in the Journal
Motion by Gossman, seconded by Dowling to publish a summary of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance in the Journal; motion carried.
- c. Consider amendment to Ordinance 2023-01 Schedule of Fees
Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Gossman to approve amendments to Ordinance 2023-01 Schedule of Fees; motion carried.
- d. Publish summary of amendments to Ordinance 2023-01 in the Journal
Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling to publish a summary of amendments to Ordinance 2023-01 in the Journal; motion carried.
- e. Discussion/Review of 2022 Financial Audit Report
Koliha gave a brief review of the 2022 Financial Audit Report completed by Hawkins Ash CPA – City had a clean audit for 2022.
- f. Consider Adopt-A-Planter program for Spring/Summer 2023 (cash prizes 100/75/50)
Motion by Gossman, seconded by Dowling to have the Adopt-A-Planter program for spring/summer 2023 with cash prizes of 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75 and 3rd place \$50 and to have participants sign up at City Hall and be drawn for a selected planter; motion carried.
- g. Consider spending allocation for City flowers in planters by City Hall (\$200)
Motion by Gossman, seconded by Dowling to spend \$200 on the purchase of flowers for the planters by City Hall; motion carried.
- h. Consider purchase of 2 replacement arborvitae by City Hall
Motion by Gossman, seconded by Dowling to purchase 2 replacement arborvitae by City Hall; motion carried.
- i. Consider contribution towards the summer rec program with Mabel (\$3,220)
Council would like further information on program for the year – No action taken.

- j. Consider re-investment of Wilken Park CD #44642
Motion by Gossman, seconded by Magnuson to re-invest the Wilken Park CD #44642 into a special rate term of 22 months for 3.75%; motion carried.
- k. Consider purchase of 2023 Edition of MN Basic Code of Ordinances in the amount of \$435 from American Legal Publishing, LLC
Motion by Gossman, seconded by Ziegler to purchase the 2023 Edition of MN Basic Code of Ordinances in the amount of \$435 from American Legal Publishing, LLC; motion carried.
- l. Consider purchase and installation of furnace with central air for Town Hall from Newman Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$17,750.00
Motion by Gossman, seconded by Dowling to purchase furnace with central air for Town Hall in the amount of \$17,750.00 including installation from Newman Heating & Cooling; motion carried.
- m. Discussion regarding Legion request for expansion of Memorial
Jim Richardson from Canton American Legion presented a request to Council for expansion of the Veterans Memorial – Legion would like to even out the east side and bring out the area on the south a few feet (~6ft) – Legion would pay all costs for work to be completed - Council expressed no concern but requested to be kept informed as progress is made with plans and work.

Jim Richardson is willing to water the planters along Main Street once again this year but would like to have access to a water spigot to get water – Jon Nordsving will work with Jim to get water for the planters.

Motion by Gossman, seconded by Dowling to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.; motion carried.