

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes August 9, 2023

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

Members absent: Jen Dowling

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

City staff absent:

Visitor(s) present: Melissa Vanderplas (FC Journal), Dorothy Coons, Greg Turner, Linda Turner, Amanda Jansen, Mason Huerkamp

Mayor Nordsving called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda

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

- a) Approval of July 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of August Disbursement
- c) Approval of sponsorship for Emergency Response Team section in Fillmore County Journal

Public comments: None

Reports:

Mayor Nordsving: discussed about beginning the review process of the budget and to have council think about any needs

Deputy Clerk: nothing to report

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported on working with Jon and WHKS on applying for technical assistance funds from MDH to have WHKS work with the City on the lead and copper survey. Koliha reported on status update for street project that city is still in a holding pattern waiting on funding with Rural Development and at this point don't see any construction happening until 2025 at the earliest. Koliha has been working on getting ordinance violations updated into the court system and sheriffs ticket writer system work still in progress for updates. Update on nuisance issues: Poppe 'structure' has been taken down and no building permit application received, Pfeffer owner of old school property stopped in office to give update on plans for building still has plans to fix up building but needs to first finish up project in Lanesboro but he will be filling in the hole on the north side of building and continue on clean up of lawn. Whalen property clean up has slowly begun, he has been in to talk about plans for clean up and to have things cleaned up by Canton Day Off. Finally Koliha reported on a couple of new Minnesota laws that have become effective for cities, Earned Sick and Safe Time effective January 1, 2024 and Paid Family and Medical Leave effective January 1, 2026, further information coming about requirements for each program and how the city will be affected.

Public Works: Jon Nordsving reported that the City's water tower was just cleaned and that the cleaners told him that the City could stay on a 3 year rotation for cleaning. Cleaning of 4,000 ft of sewer lines has

also been completed. There are on going repairs to the pumphouse and the fluoride line has been repaired. Nordsving stated that in the month of August he will be completing water samples for lead and copper for the state from private homeowners.

Fire Department: None

Police: None

Planning Commission: Josh Nordsving reported on construction checks on Hudson property, all setbacks have been met for building.

Old Business

- a) Mitson House: Historical Society plans for building
Dorothy Coons from the Historical Society presented a letter from Kathie Haynes on the importance of the Mitson House. Dorothy then stated that some members from the Historical Society did a walkthrough of the Mitson House and prepared a list of repair work that should be completed. Greg Turner spoke also in regards to the City maintaining the house. Council decided to get estimates from carpenters for window and door repairs to then decided on work to be approved and potentially completed.
- b) Review of ordinance wording
Council reviewed the attorney's comments on the ordinance wording changes and decided to go with the suggested changes. Clerk Koliha to bring the two revised ordinances back to September meeting for approval.

New Business

- a) Arlin Falck Foundation Grant: possible project ideas
Amanda Jansen presented an idea to the Council for building a concession stand down at the ball field along with other field improvements such as infield work, bases and dugout updates. Council supported this project idea. Clerk Koliha will work with Amanda on putting together the grant application. The Council had no other project ideas at this time for potential grant submittal.
- b) 2024 Preliminary Budget Review
Clerk Koliha presented a very rough first draft of preliminary budgets for 2024 for council to review and begin to look at. The preliminary tax levy will need to be set at the September council meeting.

Motion by Gossman, seconded by Ziegler to adjourn the meeting at 6:44p.m.; motion carried.