

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes September 13, 2023

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

Members absent: Randy Gossman

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

City staff absent: Jim Davis

Visitor(s) present: Melissa Vanderplas (FC Journal)

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

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

Consent Agenda

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

- a) Approval of August 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of September Disbursement
- c) Approval to waive Town Hall rental fee for American Red Cross Blood Drive on October 10

Public comments: None

Reports:

Mayor Nordsving: Mayor Nordsving would like to have the Streets Committee take a look at updating the city streets map of dead ends and alleys

Deputy Clerk: Kerns gave a reminder to all residents to get current with utility bills

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported continued work on the 2024 budget, worked with Utility committee on utility rates, Koliha gave update on Arlin Falck grant application for ballfield improvements and thanked Amanda Jansen and Mason Huerkamp for getting project costs put together, Koliha reported on the City receiving a letter from Hawkins Ash CPAs in regards to auditor leaving and changes in the company that they would no longer be able to provide the city with audit services, Koliha stated she has begun to reach out to other audit firms for quotes.

Public Works: Jon Nordsving reported that sewer lines cleaned and received the report of the lines, Nordsving reported on the replacement and installation of a new back door to the Town Hall.

Fire Department: None

Police: None

Planning Commission: None

Old Business

- a) Mitson House: Estimates for repair work of windows and doors

No estimates were able to be obtained, Greg Turner spoke with Bill Tate whom said that he would fix the NE storm window at no charge. Further discussion on future plans and repairs for the house with no action taken.

- b) Consider approval of amended Ordinance 2023-03: Amending Section 70.06 U-Turns Restricted Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve amended Ordinance 2023-03: Amending Section 70.06 U-Turns Restricted, motion carried.
- c) Consider approval of amended Ordinance 2023-04: Amending Section 71.09 (D) Prohibiting Parking Areas In Front Yards In Residential Zones Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling to approve amended Ordinance 2023-04: Amending Section 71.09 (D) Prohibiting Parking Areas In Front Yards In Residential Zones, motion carried.
- d) Publish Ordinances 2023-03 and 2023-04 in the Fillmore County Journal Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Magnuson to publish Ordinances 2023-03 and 2023-04 in the Fillmore County Journal, motion carried.
- e) Discussion on 2024 Preliminary Budget Extensive discussion occurred with the council looking to set the preliminary tax levy at a rate to have the preliminary budget balanced.

New Business

- a) Discussion on Utility Rates for 2024 Councilmember Ziegler presented options for possible utility rate increases to the sewer and garbage. Extensive discussion occurred with no action taken at this time since a public hearing will be needed for utility rate increases. Council decided to set the public hearing for utility rate increases for November 8.
- b) Consider Resolution 2023-10: Establishing the 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2023-10: Establishing the 2024 Preliminary Tax Levy at \$188,150 which is a 11% increase, motion carried.
- c) Consider approval of temporary liquor license application for the Canton Community Association for October 28, 2023 Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Ziegler to approve temporary liquor license application for the Canton Community Association for October 28, 2023, motion carried.
- d) Consider approval of temporary liquor license application for the Canton American Legion for October 7, 2023 Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Ziegler to approve temporary liquor license application for the Canton American Legion for October 7, 2023, motion carried.
- e) Consider approval of fireworks display following Lighted Parade on Dec. 9 Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling for approval of fireworks display following Lighted Parade on December 9, motion carried.
- f) Consider temporary closure of Main Street and Veterans Drive on December 9 for Santa Days Lighted Parade Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Magnuson to approve temporary closure of Main Street and Veterans Drive on December 9 for Santa Days Lighted Parade, motion carried.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Magnuson to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.; motion carried.