

## **Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes October 11, 2023**

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

Members absent: Randy Gossman

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

City staff absent:

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 September 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of October Disbursement

**Public comments:** None

### **Reports:**

**Mayor Nordsving:** Mayor Nordsving reported on receiving numerous calls regarding the amount of skunks that are in town. Carl Ernst has been trapping them to relocate currently consensus was to have Ernst continue this practice as he is able.

**Deputy Clerk:** nothing

**Clerk:** Clerk Koliha reported on continued work on budget and utility rates, worked on obtaining costs from audit firms, continued work on ordinance updates, work on personnel policy to incorporate the ESST, figuring out proper process to certify unpaid utilities to the County for parcels to be placed on landowners property taxes, Received email asking if council interested in joint meeting with Mabel-Canton School Board and Mable council – Ziegler and Nordsving volunteered to attend the joint meeting

**Public Works:** Nordsving reported on some issues with the automatic doors at the Town Hall – he will be contacting the company for assistance to get fixed

**Fire Department:** None

**Police:** Written report provided

**Planning Commission:** None

### **Old Business**

- a) Discussion on 2024 Preliminary Budget

Council reviewed updated General Fund Budget with approved preliminary levy amount. Clerk Koliha asked for guidance from council on what percentage of a tax levy to shoot for with the budget overall. Consensus of council was for 8% levy or lower.

b) Discussion on Utility Rates for 2024

No action taken – reminder that a public hearing will be held at November meeting.

**New Business**

- a) Consider approval of Ordinance 2023-05 adopting MN Basic Code of Ordinances 2023 Edition  
Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling to approve Ordinance 2023-05 adopting MN Basic Code of Ordinances 2023 Edition, motion carried.
- b) Consider approval of publication of Ordinance 2023-05 in Fillmore County Journal  
Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Magnuson to approve summary publication of Ordinance 2023-05 in Fillmore County Journal, motion carried.
- c) Consider selection of Audit firm  
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Ziegler to approve Smith Schafer as audit firm for the City of Canton for a 3 year period (2023, 2024, 2025), motion carried.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Magnuson to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.; motion carried.