

## **Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes July 10, 2024**

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

Members absent: Jason Magnuson

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

Visitor(s) present: Diane Drottz, LaVonne McCarthy, Betty Masters, Donivee Johnson

Mayor Nordsving called the regular meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

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

### **Consent Agenda**

a) Approval of June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

b) Approval of July Disbursements

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

**Public comments:** Diane Drottz spoke to the council expressing her frustrations with her neighbor regarding their dog, number of vehicles parked outside and property conditions including out of control weeds. She requested the council to do something regarding the weeds on property and the vehicles.

### **Reports:**

**Mayor Nordsving:** Reminded citizens that council choose not to do property inspections in the City this year and the people need to make reports to either City Hall or come to a council meeting.

Nordsving continued with stating having received a number of calls regarding the number of skunks in town and he would like to remind citizens to not put out food for stray cats and dogs as this is what attracts other critters.

**Deputy Clerk:** none

**Clerk:** Koliha reported on a number of items: Norby's has been contacted to take down the last of the hazardous trees in road right of ways that owners have not taken care of yet. Update on Lead/Copper service line inventory – WHKS has compiled all surveys received and putting all information into report to submit to MDH by middle of August. Clerk Koliha provided the first half of year financials to council and stated that things are in line with all budgets at the mid-year point. Clerk Koliha continued with stating work on 2025 budget will begin now and asked to council if there was anything specific they would like to see budgeted – Koliha reminded them about keeping on track with upgrading the lawnmower every two years as they had planned so the two year mark is in 2025 so will be budgeting for a lawnmower. Koliha then reminded council about the candidate filing period for council will be July 30-August 13 with Mayor and two council member position up for election.

**Public Works:** Nordsving reported on will be attending an upcoming training for water and wastewater in Rushford. Nordsving also reported that the city's new snowplow truck is ready and will be being picked up tomorrow.

**Fire Department:** none

**Police:** none

**Planning Commission:** Mayor Nordsving reported about a preliminary meeting with new property owners of the Fischel property and that a building application will be forth coming in the future.

### **Old Business**

a) Ordinance violations follow-up (administrative fees)

Clerk Koliha reported about the possibility of developing administrative penalties for ordinance violations and asked council if would like to develop. Council would like to look at development of administrative penalties and asked what happens if penalties are not paid and to coordinate penalties with what is available in the ticket writer system.

Pfeffer (Old School Property): still no action or communication – council directed the clerk to send another letter before considering sending citation

Lord property: reminder letter sent to him regarding ordinances on number of vehicles – no action or communication from him – council directed the clerk to send a formal notice of violation letter regarding the number of vehicles, vehicles current on registration and operable and also the weeds on the property.

b) Mitson House – mold issue

Clerk Koliha provided pictures of the mold in the Mitson House and other damages (windows) to the council and asked the council what they would like to do. Council consensus was that with the mold in the house no tours should be given. Council consensus was that to remedy the mold would be to gut and fix area and then to provide heat/air to have climate control which is not financially sound for long term of the house. Council directed Clerk Koliha to contact the Canton Historical Society in regards to contents of the house and what they would like to do with them.

### **New Business**

a) Consider approval of extra parking area behind school on city property for Saturday August 17 of Canton Day Off

Council had numerous concerns regarding the extra parking location – request failed due to lack of motion – request denied.

b) Request regarding camping by softball field during Canton Day Off for ball tournament

Request failed due to lack of motion and request was denied.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Ziegler to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.; motion carried.