

## **Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes August 14, 2024**

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

Members absent: Randy Gossman

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

Visitor(s) present: Joel Pfeffer, Scott Richardson

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**

- a) Approval of July 10, 2024 Public Hearing Minutes
- b) Approval of July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c) Approval of August Disbursements
- d) Approval of sponsorship of Emergency Response Team section in Fillmore County Journal

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

**Public comments:** none

### **Reports:**

**Mayor Nordsving:** continued concerns with stray animals, namely skunks in town – a citizen in town has contacted the DNR regarding the skunks and the DNR may come to town to remove them

**Deputy Clerk:** none

**Clerk:** Koliha reported continued work with WHKS on the Lead/Copper Service Line Inventory, update regarding candidate filing for city council (1 for Mayor and 1 for Councilmember filed), continue to work on getting SAM registration for City updated and active so that can apply for USDA funding for streets project has been a difficult and cumbersome process, created listing for selling old snowplow truck

**Public Works:** Nordsving reported that have received an interest in the purchase of the old snowplow truck and asked the council for pricing guidance for negotiation of the selling of the truck

**Fire Department:** preparations for Canton Day Off event

**Police:** none

**Planning Commission:** Zoning Administrator Nordsving reported the review of the land use permit application

## Old Business

a) Ordinance violations follow-up

Clerk Koliha updated the council in regards to developing administrative penalties and that they are set-up as voluntary and have no “teeth” to collecting payments – so could still develop them if would like and try to utilize them as another means to gain compliance with ordinance violations – no further action by the council.

Pfeffer property: Mr. Joel Pfeffer attended the council meeting and gave the council an update regarding his thoughts/plans for the old school property. Mr. Pfeffer has met with Chris Hahn from CEDA to discuss funding options for the site. He is considering tearing down the building and looking to divide the property up into smaller lots. Mr. Pfeffer asked the council about the extending of infrastructure to lots and the streets – can be considered and looked into once he has a plan and things laid out for the property.

Lord property: Notice of violation letter sent July 16 regarding the number of vehicles – seems to have improved – no further action at this time

b) Mitson House follow-up

Clerk Koliha informed the Canton Historical Society about not having tours through the house due to the mold issue and asked them about wanting contents of house. The Historical Society understood about not having tours with the mold issue in the house and they would be interested in all the contents of the house at this time. The Historical Society asked about possibility of the City donating the property to them. Another thought/suggestion was about development of a climate controlled building to house Canton Historical items.

Council requested to have Clerk Koliha contact the Historical Society again to ask what their goal for the property is, their plan in the first year for the property, and if have funding available to complete work needed on property and to maintain property.

## New Business

a) Consider approval of Resolution #2024-11 Resolution to Support County of Fillmore State of MN Ordinance No. 20240423 Public Use of Cannabinoids

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution #2024-11 Resolution to Support County of Fillmore State of MN Ordinance No. 20240423 Public Use of Cannabinoids; motion carried.

b) Consider approval of Resolution #2024-12 Resolution to Grant an Off-Site Gambling Permit to Canton American Legion Post 400

Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Magnuson to approve Resolution #2024-12 Resolution to Grant an Off-Site Gambling Permit to Canton American Legion Post 400; motion carried.

c) Consider approval of 3-year Sewer Maintenance Contract with Municipal Pipe Tool

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve the 3-year Sewer Maintenance Contract with Municipal Pipe Tool; motion carried.

- d) Consider approval of land use permit application for Gary Rue Motino by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling to approve the land use permit application for Gary Rue; motion carried.
- e) Arlin Falck Foundation Grant: possible project ideas  
Potential projects to consider or look into include: Roof for Bus shed, Ballfield lights and other improvements, Restrooms at Park, Upgrades to Park such as outside border and mulch, Exhaust fan for Town Hall kitchen
- f) 2025 Preliminary Budget Review  
Clerk Koliha gave a brief review of the rough draft of the preliminary budget for 2025. Mayor Nordsving gave input regarding having some type of annual rate increase for utilities so as not to fall behind in those funds and in the General fund can take the funds designated for the purchase of the snowplow truck and shuffle into other categories as needed. Clerk Koliha indicated the difficult item in developing the budget is the unknowns about funding for the streets projects.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.; motion carried.