

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes September 11, 2024

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

Members absent:

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

City staff absent: Jon Nordsving

Visitor(s) present:

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

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

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of September Disbursements
- c) Approval of waive Town Hall rental fee for American Red Cross Blood Drive on October 8

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

Public comments: none

Reports:

Mayor Nordsving: none

Deputy Clerk: none

Clerk: Koliha reported that old snowplow truck has been sold – went to City of Aitkin; completion of SAM registration update and submittal of USDA RD application for funding of streets project; received notice of funding approval from USDA RD for streets project, reviewed letter of conditions and sent back for obligation of funds; news release from Fillmore County Emergency Management in regards to updating the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, any comments can be submitted to City Hall and will be passed onto the County; contacted by Superintendent Gary Kuphal in regards to having a joint school board/city council meeting again this year and if so available dates

Consensus of council was to have a joint meeting – council members Ziegler and Dowling volunteered to attend meeting

Public Works: Clerk Koliha reported that the backhoe is in need of tires and Public Works Director Nordsving checked on pricing from Bauer Built in Preston (\$2270 cost of front and rear tires + installation).

Motion by Nordsving, seconded by Magnuson on the approval to purchase tires for the backhoe from Bauer Built with the expense being paid from the remaining dollars in equipment budget and the remainder from the streets repair and maintenance budget; motion carried.

Public Works Davis commented that they will be repairing a water leak along Prairie Ave and that they are working on putting in the last spare mixer at the sewer plant.

Fire Department: Davis reported that they have just started discussion in regards to purchase of a rescue pumper truck – looking to keep within funding that they have available in the fireman relief fund and not utilize any city funds.

Police: written report in council packet (June/July/August 2024)

Planning Commission:

Other: Councilmember Ziegler mentioned that the Utilities committee will need to meet to look at utility rates

Old Business

- a) Mitson House follow-up
Clerk Koliha informed council that no word from Historical Society. Council consensus was to inform the Historical Society that they need to remove any significant items of Canton history that would be displayed at the depot with a deadline of October 7.
- b) 2025 Preliminary Budget review
Clerk Koliha reviewed the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sewer Fund Budgets with the council. The budgets for 2025 have estimates for loan payments for upcoming streets project to start planning for these expenses. Clerk Koliha requested guidance from council in regards to any planned projects for 2025 what to include in budget or not include and then also a goal as to what to lower the budget and tax levy down to for 2025.

New Business

- a) Consider approval of Resolution #2024-13: Establishing the 2025 Preliminary Tax Levy
Motion by Nordsving, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution #2024-13: Establishing the 2025 Preliminary Tax Levy; motion carried.
- b) Consider approval of temporary liquor license application for the Canton Community Association for October 26, 2024
Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Dowling to approve temporary liquor license application for the Canton Community Association for October 26, 2024; motion carried.
- c) Consider approval of fireworks display following Lighted Parade on December 7
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve fireworks display following Lighted Parade on December 7; motion carried.
- d) Consider temporary closure of Main Street on December 7 for Santa Day Lighted Parade
Motion by Ziegler, seconded by Gossman to approve temporary closure of Main Street on December 7 for Santa Day Lighted Parade; motion carried.
- e) Consider appointment of Animal Control Officer to Roman Yoder
Motion by Nordsving, seconded by Dowling to appoint Roman Yoder as Animal Control Officer for City of Canton; motion carried. Consensus of council was to allow compensation of \$10 per nuisance animal (skunk, racoon, opossum) trapped and removed.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Ziegler to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.; motion carried.