

## **Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **March 12, 2025**

Members present: Kristy Ziegler, Jen Dowling, Jason Magnuson, George Hafner, Jeremy Hanson  
City staff present: Anne Koliha, Barb Kerns, Jon Nordsving, Jim Davis  
Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner, Carl Ernst, Gary Kuphal (M-C Superintendent), Amanda Jansen, Bill Huerkamp, Nick Presby, Gary Gunderson, Ben Bisbach (FC Journal)

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

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

#### **Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of February 12, 2025 Public Hearing Minutes
- b) Approval of February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c) Approval of March Disbursements

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

Mabel-Canton School Referendum presentation by Gary Kuphal

Gary Kuphal handed out an informational brochure regarding the school referendum and then gave a brief summary of the items planned for the proposed Mabel-Canton School referendum and answered a few questions from the public.

6:24pm Carl Ernst and Gary Kuphal left the meeting

**Public comments:** none

#### **Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor Ziegler gave a few reminders for citizens: Voting day for the Mabel-Canton Public School bond referendum is Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 7AM to 8PM. I encourage all eligible voters in Canton to review the materials of recent mailings from the school, attend the informational meeting at the Mabel-Canton School library on March 18<sup>th</sup> 6PM-7PM, and to let your voice be heard by voting  
Spring weather is upon us. The ground is soft. Please be mindful and avoid driving in grass alleys. Please be patient for the brush dump to open during this time.

Hope to see you at the Canton Legion Pancake Breakfast on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Deputy Clerk:** Deputy Clerk Kerns stated that information regarding the Mabel-Canton School referendum was posted to the City's Facebook page with links to get further information.

**Clerk:** Clerk Koliha reported that she has completed the financial audit with the auditors, finalized and closed on the bond funds for engineering of streets project, handled inquiries, requests and concerns as needed, met with Parks/Rec committee regarding ballfield improvements, and attended a training put on by Mike Bubany.

**Public Works:** Nordsving reported on brush dump being closed due to site conditions, working on repairing gravel alleys, and working on fixing a forced sewer main leak.

**Fire Department:** none

**Police:** none

**Planning Commission:** none

**Other:** none

### **Old Business**

- a) Review of 2024 Financial Audit Report

Clerk Koliha gave a brief overview of the completed 2024 financial audit. Overall the 2024 financial audit shows a clean audit and things are in good standings.

- b) Canton Ballfield improvements

Councilmember Dowling reported on the committee meeting to review the ballfield and are recommending to fix the fence as needed in areas, bring in softball mix for infield and to hire a contractor to grade out the infield area. The lights will be a work in progress and be replaced as needed and are able. Amanda Jansen representing the softball league stated that the league will look to purchase plastic tile and install on the tops of the fences as needed.

Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve the recommended improvements of fixing fence, purchasing softball mix and hiring a contractor to grade out infield at the ballfield utilizing funds from the park/ballfield fund; motion carried.

### **New Business**

- a) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-10: Support County of Fillmore State of Minnesota Ordinance No. 20230523 Hemp and Cannabis

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to approve Resolution 2025-10: Support County of Fillmore State of Minnesota Ordinance No. 20230523 Hemp and Cannabis; motion carried.

6:40pm Bill Huerkamp left the meeting

- b) Consider purchase of furnace for pumphouse

Public Works Director Nordsving informed the council that the hanging furnace in the pumphouse has quit working and is not repairable to requesting to purchase a new furnace.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to purchase a new hanging furnace for the pumphouse; motion carried.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Magnuson to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.; motion carried.