

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

### **April 9, 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, 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 March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of April Disbursements
- c) Approval of cash prizes for Adopt-A-Planter spring/summer 2025 (100/75/50)

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

**Public comments:** none

#### **Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor Ziegler reported: The controlled burning outside of town is stirring up urges to clean up the yard. The brush dump is open and is a beneficial asset to our community. Please follow the posted rules and report anyone dumping any items other than yard waste. – This is also a great time to do a check-up of your property. Our lives are busy and the areas with the least amount of traffic can easily become neglected. Do I have a pot of rotting mums on the back step? Yes. Did I forget to get rid of a tire last fall? Yes. – Golf carts, side by sides, et car to only be driven by a licensed driver. Last year, there were complaints of youth operating these vehicles and potential accidents. Council members, nor I, can report second-hand accounts. If you witness this, please call the non-emergency line to file a report with the Sheriff's office.

**Deputy Clerk:** nothing

**Clerk:** Clerk Koliha reported that a dog-at-large citation from last fall went through the courts and fine was accessed. Continued work on planning for financing for street project for the construction portion. Completed quarterly budget review and things are in line for the first quarter. Met with the Canton Historical Society regarding the Train Depot restoration project and also brought to their attention again action needed for items in the Mitson House – asked them for a report at the May meeting.

**Public Works:** Nordsving reported on fixing of a forced sewer line which had been bored through by MiEnergy back when electrical was placed under ground. Had crew members from Mienergy on site during fix taking pictures for documentation. Portion of line was plugged so had to be jetted out – this cost will be sent to Mienergy. Nordsving reported that he plans to do flushing of hydrants soon around town. It was also noted and recognition given to Nordsving on the certificate for WWTP 2024 recognition of operational excellence from MPCA.

**Fire Department:** Jim Davis spoke regarding a recent gas leak that occurred and how the fire department responded to evacuate about 1 ½ blocks of homes as a precaution. Davis also informed about the fire department is going to be receiving air bottles (SCBA's) from Chatfield Fire Department at

no cost – these will replace the old bottles they currently utilize. A thank you goes out to Chatfield Fire Department for the generosity. Clerk Koliha announced the recognition of two fireman on reaching 20 years of service on the department – recognition to Jim Davis and Dan Gulbranson on their 20 years of service – thank you for your service to the Canton Fire Department.

**Police:** Quarterly (January-March 2025) written report included in council packet

**Planning Commission:** Clerk Koliha reported on the planning commission review of Yoder permit application and other misc. communication regarding other inquires on building permits for other projects.

**Other:** none

### **Old Business**

- a) Consider approval to purchase a fire rescue pumper truck from Chester Fire Dept in the amount of \$15,000

Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve the purchase of a fire rescue pumper truck from Chester Fire Dept in the amount of \$15,000 with \$10,000 paid from City Fire Dept General Fund and \$5,000 paid from Canton Fire Relief Association; motion carried.

### **New Business**

- a) Consider investment of Wilken CD (maturity date: April 28, 2025) (\$10,259.57)  
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to cash out the Wilken CD on the maturity date and place the funds in the checking account of the Park/Ballfield fund; motion carried.
- b) Consider approval to purchase lawnmower  
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to trade-in current mower towards purchase of new mower from Run Right Power Equipment (2024 Altoz); motion carried.
- c) Discussion on 2025 property inspections  
Clerk Koliha asked councils thoughts regarding property inspections this year. The consensus of the council was to continue same process as previous year with a case by case situation as complaints are received for review. Council likes the insert for the utility bill as a reminder to property owners. Clerk Koliha to discuss with law enforcement regarding unregistered vehicles.
- d) Consider approval of building permit application for Roman & Teriana Yoder  
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Hanson to approve building permit application for Roman & Teriana Yoder to build a garage; motion carried.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Magnuson to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m.; motion carried.