

## **Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025**

Members present: Kristy Ziegler, Jen Dowling, Jason Magnuson, George Hafner

Members absent: Jeremy Hanson

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

City Staff absent: Jim Davis

Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner

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

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

### **Consent Agenda**

- a) Approval of April 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of May Disbursements
- c) Approval to waive Town Hall rental fee for American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 10

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

**Public comments:** none

### **Reports:**

**Mayor:** Mayor Ziegler reported: The sunshine and warmer temps are here! I hope everyone was able to enjoy this past Mother's Day weekend! Looking forward to seeing the Avenue of Flags start up soon. Working on outdoor projects can lead to questions regarding property lines. The city plat maps show property dimensions and lot sizes. They do not accurately show where the boundary lines are. A professional land survey is required to know exactly where the lines exist between properties. According to [www.co.fillmore.mn.us](http://www.co.fillmore.mn.us), "the Fillmore county surveyors office contains over five thousand survey maps dating from 1852 to the present time." This office can answer questions regarding surveys and property line. When a project requires a building permit, the planning commission needs time to review the application. Once their review process is completed, it will be presented at the next city council meeting. City council meetings are the second Wednesday of each month. Friendly reminder: Grass alleys need to remain clear to allow neighbors to have access their properties.

**Deputy Clerk:** Kerns explained about the exchanging out of garbage totes – residents can request to have to size of garbage totes – there is a transfer charge of \$25 to make the change which is the charge from Richard's Sanitation

**Clerk:** Clerk Koliha reported: \* Zoning ordinance research \*Cash in Wilken Park CD into checking Ballfield/Park Fund \*Work on USDA RD Community Facility loan paperwork, this would be funding for the ineligible portion of the project not covered by grant funds \*WHKS sent in project priority list application for the city for the lead service line project to the MN Department of Health, if the city's application get approved and placed on the Intended Use Plan we can then work on securing funds for preparation and specifications to replace lead and galvanized services, will also watch for additional funding from MDH to assist in determining any unknown service lines \*Acentek technicians will be reaching out to property owners regarding fiber optic project coming into Canton and residential



connections, this project is planned to be completed during 2025 \*Street project update: majority of surveying in town has been completed and now the engineers will be working on the design plans

\*Ballfield improvements of bringing in sand for the infield has been completed and was graded out by Tom Davis, took a total of 11 loads of sand \*Adopt-A-Planter program underway again this year, post to facebook asking residents to adopt-a-planter for a chance to win cash prizes \*Concerns regarding items blocking grass alley way, Clerk to contact property owner to inform them to clean up and remove the items as to keep the alley way clear

\*Request from the Canton Community Association to move and use a set of bleachers from the softball field and place up by fest tent for a lumberjack show during Canton Day Off, city staff have concerns with moving the bleachers as difficult to move without damaging them – the council agreed with staff and do not recommend the bleachers be moved and that CCA will need to figure out another option for seating for their event

**Public Works:** Nordsving reported: \*ballfield infield work completed \*warning siren has been fixed and working again \*the air conditioner at sewer plant is in need of repair or replacement, if look to replace would like to look at a mini split unit with a heat pump as this would help be more efficient with heating in colder months

**Fire Department:** Nordsving reported that the pumper rescue truck purchased should be coming in June  
**Police:** none

**Planning Commission:** Clerk Koliha reported: \* building permit reviews for Nordsving, Haakenstad, Kerns \* inquiries on sub-division of old school plot so reviewed the section in ordinance regarding subdivisions \*inquiry about reclassification of a street to an alley, basically would be vacating portions of the roadway to make narrower, will need to look into this more as we get into the streets project as there needs to be clean up of areas around town

**Other:** none

### **Old Business**

- a) Discussion regarding Mitson House

Clerk Koliha reported having been in contact with the Canton Historical Society and they are working on packing up items from the Mitson House they wish to keep and have obtained a rental area from Tim Fossum to store the items. The Canton Historical Society is requesting to have an extension of a month to get items out of the Mitson House and into storage.

The Canton Historical Society reached out to Mayor Ziegler regarding damage inside the house from a critter that got inside, Clerk Koliha took a look at the damage and shared photos of the damage to windows from a critter trying to get out.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to extend the deadline to July 1 for the Historical Society to remove items from the Mitson House; motion carried.

### **New Business**

- a) Consider approval of City of Canton Code of Ethics Policy

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to approve and adopt the City of Canton Code of Ethics Policy; motion carried.

- b) Consider approval of building permit application for Josh Nordsving

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve the building permit application for Josh Nordsving; motion carried.



- c) Consider approval of building permit application for Devry & Tina Kerns  
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve the building permit application for Devry & Tina Kerns; motion carried.
- d) Consider approval of building permit application for Lynn & Marilyn Haakenstad  
Motion by Magunson, seconded by Dowling to approve the building permit application for Lynn & Marilyn Haakenstad; motion carried.
- e) Consider resignation of Josh Hosting from the Canton Fire Department  
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to accept the resignation of Josh Hosting from the Canton Fire Department with thanks for his 15 years of service to the department; motion carried.
- f) Consider advertisement of applicants for Canton Fire Department  
Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to place advertisement of applicants for Canton Fire Department in the Fillmore County Journal and social media; motion carried.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Magnuson to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.; motion carried.