

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2025

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

Members absent: Jeremy Hanson

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

Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner, Lori Hudson

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

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

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of May 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of June Disbursements

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

Public comments: Lori Hudson commented on her disappointment regarding property clean-up and no one going around to check and she expressed that people need to be held accountable.

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: June is known for many things and it is also National Safety Month and National Internet Safety Month. It is a great time to tackle projects around the home. Whenever, starting a task, ask yourself if it could be done safer. Is there a possibility of a fall? Is there someone within reach, in case of emergency?

It is also a good time to review internet safety. To learn how to protect our youth from the dangers of the internet and ourselves from the latest scams. There are several resources online that cover these topics. *Please note - I will never send an email out to any resident before discussing with them directly. Please do not click on any links and delete the email.

Last week, I received a message from an individual that passes through Canton on trips to visit family and friends. He remarked that the downtown is looking good and was impressed with the electronic sign on 52. The sign and many of the events, that are promoted on it, are made possible by past and present volunteers of the Canton Community Association.

Thank you to those that take pride in their properties. Thank you to those that volunteer their time for community events. Thank You and Stay Safe!

Deputy Clerk: none

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: *work on zoning inquiries regards to building

*communication with WHKS regarding a few different items – Lead Service Line: we are on the Project Priority List and have now sent in paperwork to be listed on the Intended Use Plan which will allow the city to apply for grant funds to assist with replacement of lines. – WWTF permit update with MPCA: sent in requests for variances for sulfate and chloride, the total nitrogen limits will be corrected with upgrades to plant with equipment and be part of the larger streets project – Streets project: in design phase with engineers and schedule to have some preliminary plans in August

*MN Dept of Health – finally moving forward with the wellhead protection plan update, through first part and will have a public information meeting on June 24 at 1pm at Town Hall to review part 1 and then have meeting to discuss plan for part 2 of plan amendment

*Had communication with property owner regarding items laying in grass alley – this has been addressed and items removed

*Mitson House – Historical Society has been working on clean out the house – will discuss next steps for Mitson House at next council meeting

Public Works: Nordsving reported on fixing a water leak on Hudson Ave

Fire Department: Davis reported that they have picked up the new pumper rescue truck and it is at Kelly printing to get re-lettered should be part soon and then will work to transfer over equipment into truck to bring it into service – applications for fire fighters are currently being received at city hall to fill any open positions

Police: none

Planning Commission: Clerk Koliha reported: review of J Richardson building permit application, communication with owner of old school property regarding the clean up of property and future plans for property which he will bring idea to planning commission to review and begin discussion of future plans for lot area

Other: none

Old Business

- a) Consider purchase of new heat pump/mini-split unit for sewer plant
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve purchase of new heat pump/mini-split unit for sewer plant (low-temp system unit) from Kingsley Mercantile; motion carried.

New Business

- a) Consider approval of building permit application for Jim & Wendy Richardson
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hafner to approve building permit application for Jim & Wendy Richardson; motion carried.
- b) Consider temporary closure of various streets for Canton Day Off
 - a. Veterans Drive for Thursday August 14 – Sunday August 17 (Fest Tent)
 - b. Portions of Canton Ave, Ash St & Minnesota Ave for Friday August 15 – Sunday August 17 (BBQ Event)
 - c. Main Street (between Canton Ave & Prairie Ave) for Saturday August 16 (8am-4pm) (Pop-up Market)
 - d. Prairie Ave (between Main St & Oak St) for Saturday August 16 – Sunday August 17 (Lumberjack Show)
 - e. Main St (between Prairie Ave & Fillmore Ave) for Sunday August 17 (9am-2pm) (Car Show)Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to approve the temporary closures of various streets as listed above for Canton Day Off; motion carried.
- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2025-11: Grant an Off-site Gambling Permit to Canton American Legion Post 400
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2025-11: Grant an Off-site Gambling Permit to Canton American Legion Post 400; motion carried.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.; motion carried.