

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025

Members present: Kristy Ziegler, Jen Dowling, George Hafner, Jeremy Hanson, Jason Magnuson
City staff present: Anne Koliha, Barb Kerns, Jon Nordsving, Jim Davis
Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner, Carl Ernst

Mayor Ziegler called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of June 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of July Disbursements

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

Public comments: none

Reports:

6:08pm Councilmember Magnuson entered the meeting

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: I hope everyone is enjoying the longer days of summer and are finding a way to stay cool. Microbursts and no forewarning – the storm last week was quick and definitely packed a punch onto our small town. A HUGE shout-out of Thanks to Jon Nordsving and Jim Davis for reacting quickly to clear roadways and make these areas safe for everyone! A BIG Thank-you to Norby's Tree Service for working with Canton's maintenance personnel to coordinate the clean-up effort with residents and meet their individual needs. You are appreciated! Thank-you!

Deputy Clerk: none

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Continue to work on financing for streets project; meeting with MDH regarding approval of Phase 1 of wellhead protection plan update and now beginning steps for Phase 2 of the plan update; completed year-to-date budget reports and things are on track for the first six months of the year, have begun the budgeting process for 2026 and asked the council if they had any thoughts regarding any bigger equipment purchases needed or building repairs to consider for the 2026 budget.

Public Works: Nordsving reported: Central Cable in town to bore in fiber optics for Acentek and so lots of flags from locating are in yards and to please leave them alone; some issues with city plow truck sending in for service to be looked at by dealership; met with Coyote Hill Excavating out at Preston Dairy & Farm for discussion regarding the potential of sewer connection to the city system – would be looking at a forced main system that would be their own private line to install and maintain; will be attending water and wastewater training next week in Rushford for continuing education credits for his licensure.

Fire Department: Davis informed council that the new rescue pumper fire truck is in service. Clerk Koliha informed council that the fire department recommends to put out advertising to try and sell the old 1986 Ford Pumper Fire truck with an asking price of \$10,000.

Police: Written report provided in packet

Planning Commission: none

Other: none

Old Business

- a) Discussion on next steps with Mitson House property
Clerk Koliha informed council that electrical has been disconnected from the property. The deadline for the Canton Historical Society has passed now for removal of items.
Discussion on what to do with remaining items in the house and also what to do with house and lot area. Council consented to have Clerk Koliha contact Todd Johnson from Rustique Collections regarding interest in remaining items in the house and to contact some contractors for estimates for tearing down and disposal of house and to level out the lot area.

New Business

- a) Consider resignation of Bill Richardson from the Canton Fire Department
Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to accept the resignation of Bill Richardson from the Canton Fire Department with thanks for his 14 years of service to the department; motion carried.
- b) Consider appointment of 2 new members to the Canton Fire Department (Logan Richardson & Alex Arneson)
Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to approve appointments for Logan Richardson and Alex Arneson to the Canton Fire Department; motion carried.
- c) Consider approval of temporary liquor license application for the Canton American Legion for August 15-17, 2025
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to approve the temporary liquor license application for the Canton American Legion for August 15-17, 2025; motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Magnuson to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m.; motion carried.