

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026

Members present: Kristy Ziegler, George Hafner, Jen Dowling, Jeremy Hanson

Members absent: Jason Magnuson

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

Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner, Stuart Fishbaugher, Betty Masters, LaVonne McCarthy, Kevin Graves (WHKS), Victor Holland (WHKS), Ben Bisbach (FC Journal)

Mayor Ziegler called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of December 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of January Disbursements
- c) Approval of \$100 donation to Mabel-Canton Post Prom

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

Public comments: none

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: Welcome 2026! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and were able to enjoy friends, family, and community. A recent question I received from a citizen: Why was the city's levy set at 7%? The city administrator has done a phenomenal job at keeping costs down, to run the city. In order to keep the city's portion of the street project affordable, the city set the levy as low as it could. I was pleased to see it lower than the average of levies set by MN cities at 8.7%. The city's portion of the streets project is funded directly from the general fund and seen by all city property owners. The alternative of having special assessments done on each property, to determine each property's portion of the streets project by the amount of roadway that adjoins each property, and having that amount added to the owner's property taxes, was decided against early on in the project. This allows all property owners within the city of Canton to pay a portion, instead of only those that have roadway along their property lines.

Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Kerns reported: Reminder with the new year comes renewal of pet licenses and golf cart/utv permits.

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Street and Utility Improvement Project – Jon & I met with WHKS and reviewed plans for well and wellhouse and streets, awaiting paperwork from WHKS and city attorney for utility easements to be completed, continued work on final financial aspect of project with the Community Facilities Loan. Working on year end reporting as required. The city got randomly selected for a solid waste tax audit by the MN Department of Revenue so Barb & I will be working to gather paperwork for that and go through the audit.

Public Works: Nordsving reported: completed an audit/compliance review with MPCA at the wastewater treatment facility and work on fixing water main breaks as they occur.

Fire Department: Clerk Koliha informed council that they had put together a truck committee to look at truck options and will be to future council meetings with recommendations/requests.

Police: Written quarterly report provided (October-November-December 2025)

Planning Commission: none

Personnel Committee: none

Other: none

WHKS Report

- a) Consider approval of authorization to submit Well & Wellhouse documents to USDA Rural Development for review

WHKS engineers handed out copies of the well and wellhouse project plans and reviewed them with the council.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to approve authorization to WHKS to submit Well & Wellhouse documents to USDA Rural Development for review; motion carried.

Old Business

- a)

New Business

- a) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-01: Annual City Appointments for 2026

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hanson to approve Resolution 2026-01: Annual City Appointments for 2026; motion carried.

- b) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-02: Adopt the 2025 Fillmore County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to approve Resolution 2026-02: Adopt the 2025 Fillmore County Hazard Mitigation Plan; motion carried.

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