

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2026

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

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

Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner, Ben Bisbach (FC Journal), Joe Vetter, Darin Sikkink (WHKS)

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

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

Consent Agenda

a) Approval of February 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

b) Approval of March Disbursements

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

Public comments: none

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: Snow, freeze, thaw, water leak, more snow, water leak, thaw, water leak..... I feel like the water system is telling us, 'it is time'. Updates and information will be coming when we get closer to the project. Thank-you to the crew for tackling the repairs quickly in unforgiving weather and for keeping our roads clear and safe. I heard rumor that we are due, at least, on more snow event. Spring weather is upon us. The ground is soft. Please be mindful and avoid driving in grass alleys. Please be patient for the brush dump to open during this time. Recent question I received from a citizen: Will yard waste pick-up start soon? Yard waste pick-up is dependent on weather. There will be notice before it starts. Please note that this service will be interrupted during the streets project. Several updates will occur during the project thru Facebook and the city website.

Deputy Clerk: none

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Street & Utility Project: been reviewing plans with Jon and giving feedback to WHKS and continue to work on easement paperwork. Continued work on the 2025 financial audit but am nearing the completion. Met with MDH regarding updates to the wellhead protection plan and there will be a public hearing in the future to adopt the updated plan. Contacted by MPCA regarding funding for small communities for additional sampling at WWTP for PFAS – Jon & I agreed to this as there is no cost to the City for the additional sampling and investigation into PFAS sources.

Public Works: Nordsving reported: Met with WHKS and Mediacom Representative regarding building and lines located by water tower. Mediacom is looking to remove the existing building and install new cabinets to house their equipment and will have temporary lines run during construction project with water tower.

Fire Department: none

Police: Written report provided

Planning Commission: Clerk Koliha reported that the planning commission reviewed the building permit application for the Canton Historical Society and also met for an annual meeting to discuss zoning items and are looking into some potential changes to the zoning ordinance and to rework the layout of the ordinance.

Other: none

WHKS Report

- a) Consider approval of authorization to submit Water & Wastewater Utility Street Project documents to USDA Rural Development for review
Motion by Dowling, seconded by George to approve WHKS to submit the Water & Wastewater Utility Street Project documents to USDA Rural Development for review; motion carried.

Old Business

- a)

New Business

- a) Consider Resolution 2026-06: Application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority
Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hanson to approve Resolution 2026-06: Application to the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority; motion carried.
- b) Consider approval of building permit application for Canton Historical Society for a platform at the Train Depot
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Magnuson to approve building permit application for Canton Historical Society for a platform at the Train Depot; motion carried.
- c) Consider pay increase (3%) for Public Works Director
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to approve a 3% pay increase for Public Works Director; motion carried.

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