

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026

Members present: Kristy Ziegler, George Hafner, Jason Magnuson
Members absent: Jen Dowling, Jeremy Hanson
City staff present: Anne Koliha, Jon Nordsving, Barb Kerns, 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 Hafner to approve the agenda, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of April Disbursements

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

Public comments: none

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: I believe Spring has arrived. The forecast looks like April will indeed have rain. The brush dump is currently open; however, conditions can change quickly, and it may be closed to excessive wetness. Please follow all posted rules when using the brush dump. The street project is still in progress. At this time, there are no new updates to share. More information will be provided, as it becomes available. Please continue to watch for future announcements. Hope to see you at the Canton Legion Pancake Breakfast this Sunday April 12th.

Deputy Clerk: none

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Street & Utility Project: continued work on easement paperwork which is an item to get completed to have reviewed by USDA-RD to continue to move forward with project – designs have been completed & submitted to USDA-RD for review. Completed a review of the draft 2025 financial audit with the auditors – have received a clean audit report. Quarterly budget reviewed and things are on track for the first quarter of the year. The Canton Legion is looking to get a committee together for the ballfield – committee to be made up of members from Legion, Softball league, and City – looking to re-do the infield first and then move onto lighting and continue with other improvements afterwards – Canton Legion to utilize gambling funds to pay for the upgrades/improvements to the ball field so no costs/monies from the city.

Public Works: Nordsving reported: Spoke to WHKS engineers about finish of new well pump house, options included corrugated metal siding (most inexpensive), formed stone/pebble tile siding (middle pricing) or brick veneer siding (most expensive) – staff discussed options and figure that the corrugated metal siding is the best option as easier to fix if any damage occurs and fits into the street project budget – Council members agreed with decision. Nordsving also mentioned he will be ordering a bunch of road rock for streets and alleys as needed.

Fire Department: Davis reported that the grass rig trucks are ready to go for the season – raffle tickets are ready to purchase – truck committee making progress on purchase of new grass rig truck

Police: Written report provided

Planning Commission: none

Other: none

Old Business

- a) Consider next step with Mitson House lot area
Clerk Koliha asked the council their thoughts about what to do with the empty lot – don't have any ideas or thoughts on how to utilize it still for the city so looking into possibly selling it. Council advised Clerk Koliha to get the lot surveyed and to talk with realtor to get idea for a selling price.

New Business

- a) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-07: Governing Write-In Vote Counting
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hafner to approve Resolution 2026-07: Governing Write-In Vote Counting; motion carried.
- b) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-08: Setting a Public Hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of an alley and a portion of street
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Magnuson to approve Resolution 2026-08: Setting a Public Hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of an alley and a portion of street; motion carried.
- c) Consider step increase for Public Works Maintenance Worker
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Magnuson to approve the step increase for Public Works Maintenance worker effective April 16; motion carried.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hafner to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.; motion carried.