Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026

Members present: Kristy Ziegler, George Hafner, Jason Magnuson, Jen Dowling, Jeremy Hanson
City staff present: Anne Koliha, Jon Nordsving, Barb Kerns, Jim Davis
Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner, Bailey Hanson (CCA), Jackie Ward (CCA), Cindy Shanks (CCA)

Mayor Ziegler called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Clerk Koliha stated an addition to the agenda under old business – add item (c) to old business to consider authorization for advertisement of water tower project and to set bid letting date for June 9

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve the agenda with addition of item (c) to old business, motion carried.

Consent Agenda

a) Approval of April 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
b) Approval of May Disbursements

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

Public comments: Sabine Hafner spoke regarding concerns that have been expressed to her by other citizens about all the unregistered vehicles at 200 N Ash St and also the large hole dug on the property next to the house.

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend and was able to enjoy the beautiful weather. I am also looking forward to seeing the Avenue of Flags return soon. Reminder: Golf carts, side-by-sides, and similar vehicles may only be operated by licensed drivers. If you witness underage or unlicensed operation, please contact the non-emergency line to file a report with the Sheriffs Office. The street project remains in progress. At this time, there are no new updates to share, but additional information will be provided as it becomes available. Please continue to watch for future announcements.
Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Kerns reported on wrapping up cleaning up files from the past SEMCAC home fix-up loans and making sure all paperwork has been recorded by the property owners.
Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Street & Utility improvement project: continued work on finishing up a couple of easements with mortgage companies – just received word from USDA-RD on approval to go out for bid for water tower project. Mitson House Lot: have a surveyor lined up to get lot surveyed should be completed this month. Canton Historical Society has received funds from a beneficiary and will be starting on restoration of the Train Depot. The 2025 financial audit and reporting to State has been completed and hard copies received and also posted to website.
Public Works: Nordsving reported: Fix another water leak in town – will be attending biosolids school in Mankato – MiEnergy reached out regarding getting electric power to the amish building site just north of town and connecting from pole out at sewer plant and going north to property line.
Fire Department: Davis reported on fixing of Tanker 1 truck – Clerk Koliha reported on applying for grant funds to hopefully help with purchase of new helmets.
Police: see written report

Planning Commission: Clerk Koliha reported on continued work on updates and revisions to the zoning ordinance and also stated inquires from public regarding building permits
Other: none

Old Business

a) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-09: Vacating of Stutzman/Post Office alley
Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hanson to approve Resolution 2026-09: Vacating of Stutzman/Post Office alley; motion carried.
b) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-10: Vacating portion of N Oak St
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2026-10: Vacating portion of N Oak Street; motion carried.
c) Consider authorization for advertisement of water tower project and to set bid letting date for June 9
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Hanson to authorize the advertisement of bids for the water tower project and to set bid letting date for June 9; motion carried.

New Business

a) Consider requests from Canton Community Association for July 4th events
Committee members from Canton Community Association reviewed plans for events on July 3 & 4 – which include temporary closure of Main St for a parade, temporary closure of a block of E Canton Ave and use of the Town Hall. Discussion regarding traffic control, noise, and safety occurred. It was recommended that the Canton Community Association put out a notice to all citizens within the City informing them of the activities that will include flashing lights and music – they will put a flyer together to put in the next utility bill.
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hafner to approve the temporary closure of Main Street on July 3&4 for a midnight parade pending County approval of temporary closure, the temporary closure of E Canton Ave between Main St to alley behind ZZ Tap on July 3 at 3pm to 12:30am on July 4 and to utilize the Town Hall on Friday July 3 from 6pm-12am; motion carried.
b) Consider reinvestment of Wilken Park CD
Clerk Koliha recommended to cash in a portion of the CD funds to put into the Park fund to purchase woodchips for the playground in the park and to reinvest the remaining in a CD for a 12 month term.
Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hanson to cash in $2,000 to checking account in the Park Fund and reinvest the remaining $8.000 plus interest to the Wilken Park CD at First Southeast Bank for 12 month term; motion carried.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Dowling to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.; motion carried.