

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2026

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

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

Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner, Kevin Graves (WHKS), Victor Holland (WHKS)

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

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

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of May 13, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes
- b) Approval of May 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c) Approval of June Disbursements

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

Public comments: none

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: Summer is here! Where's the construction? Preparations for the street project is still ongoing. 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. Recent question I from a citizen: When is the city going to perform property inspections? In the most recent years, the council has decided to not perform an annual property inspection. A form to file an ordinance complaint is available to any citizen, upon request. The public is also welcome to make comment at a scheduled council meeting. City ordinances are local laws that have been adopted through a public process by your elected officials. These can be found on the City of Canton website. They are in place to address matters such as public safety, nuisance concerns, and property maintenance. They apply equally to everyone in our community. Ordinances are not about regulating personal preferences or telling people how to live. It is about helping maintain a safe, respectful, and welcoming community for all who call our town home. Thank you to everyone who helps make our community a great place to live.

Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Kerns reported: none

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Continued work on the street and utility improvement project with finishing up easement paperwork to be recorded, WHKS working on comments received from RD regarding plans for street/utility project plans, WHKS finalizing well and wellhouse plans to submit to USDA-RD for review, and had bid opening for the water tower restoration project. Lead Service Line Project: working with WHKS as needed for this project – there will be WHKS staff around town that will be locating the curb stops and taking pictures as needed for this project. Wellhead Protection Plan update is in final stages and have the last phase out for public comment and will hold a public hearing at August meeting.

Public Works: Nordsving reported: Will be ordering woodchips for under the playground equipment area. There will be digging on West St for new utility connections to a property. EPA completed review of chloride variance portion of permit for WWTP and reviewed changes and concurred with them so now MPCA will work on final issuance of permit.

Internet connection at sewer plant is provided through LTD Broadband which was part of an agreement the City has with them to have their equipment on the water tower. This internet connection is not working anymore and very unreliable. Clerk Koliha looked up the tower lease agreement with LTD Broadband and it will be expiring this year. Public Works Director Nordsving would like to have the equipment removed from the water tower. Clerk Koliha stated that can work with Acentek to get internet access to sewer plant which should not be difficult as they have dug in fiber to the property already.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to terminate the tower lease agreement with LTD Broadband for their equipment on the water tower and to go with Acentek for internet service at the sewer plant; motion carried.

Fire Department: none

Police: see written report

Planning Commission: none

Other: none

Old Business

- a) Consider awarding bid for water tower restoration and improvements project

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hafner to award the bid for the water tower restoration and improvements project to the lowest responsive responsible bidder for Alternate A to Tankez Coatings from Fort Worth, TX at a cost of \$390,000 contingent upon USDA-Rural Development review and concurrence; motion carried.

- b) Consider approval of Professional Services Agreement with WHKS for the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement project

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Magnuson to approve the Professional Services Agreement with WHKS for the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement project; motion carried.

- c) Discussion regarding Mitson House property lot

Mayor Ziegler said she was approached by a resident with the idea for putting up a gazebo on the lot and also another resident mentioned putting something on lot as a welcome to town. Clerk Koliha pointed out on the survey the south property line conflicting with the next property owner buildings – mentioned about looking to clean this up with a quit claim deed of a portion of the lot to the neighbors to clean up the property boundaries and not have future issues. Council members continued discussion regarding lot and thought that it was a good idea to clean up the property boundaries.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hafner to quit claim deed the southern five (5) feet of the Mitson lot property to the Vreeman's; motion carried.

No further action was taken by council regarding the Mitson lot property.

New Business

- a) Discussion regarding property concerns at 200 N Ash St

Clerk Koliha stated that at the May council meeting public comment was made with concerns about the number of vehicles and large hole dug next to the house. Council held discussion regarding the concerns and directed the Clerk to write a letter to the property owner reminding them of the city's ordinances and ask them to clean up the property and to get any unregistered vehicles taken care of with either removal from property or get them registered and operating.

- b) Consider temporary closure of various streets for Canton Day Off
 - a. Veterans Drive for Thursday August 13 – Sunday August 16 (Fest Tent)
 - b. Portions of Canton Ave (between Main St to Ash St) and Ash St (between Canton Ave and Minnesota Ave) for Friday August 14 – Saturday August 15 (BBQ Event)
 - c. Main Street (between Canton Ave & Prairie Ave) for Saturday August 15 from 8AM-4PM (Pop-up Market)
 - d. Main Street (between Prairie Ave & Fillmore Ave) for Sunday August 16 from 9AM-2PM (Car Show)

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to approve the temporary closure of various streets as listed for Canton Day Off; motion carried.

- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-11: Grant an off-site Gambling Permit to Canton American Legion Post 400

Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2026-11: Grant an off-site Gambling Permit to Canton American Legion Post 400; motion carried.

- d) Consider approval of temporary liquor license application for the Canton Fire Relief Association for August 14-16, 2026

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to approve the temporary liquor license application for the Canton Fire Relief Association for August 14-16, 2026; motion carried.

- e) Consider appointment of new member to the Canton Fire Department (Mason Yoder)

Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve appointment of Mason Yoder to the Canton Fire Department; motion carried.

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.; motion carried.