

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

August 12, 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, Craig Fishel, Josh Nordsving, Amber Richardson, Diana Lawrence, Douglas Lawrence, Scott Hanson (MDH), Kevin Graves (WHKS)

Mayor Ziegler called the regular meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

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

Consent Agenda

a) Approval of July 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

b) Approval of August Disbursements

c) Approval of sponsorship of Emergency Response Team section in FC Journal

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

Public comments: None

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: Work has started on the water tower. Bids for the street and service lines will be going out soon. An information meeting is coming soon and will be announced thru Facebook. Streets and alleys need to remain clear and passable. With the street project approaching, it is especially important that everyone is able to access their property through the streets and alleys. Just a quick clarification on setbacks and “grandfathered” buildings. Setbacks are put in place not only for today’s needs, but also to all room for future streets, utilities, drainage, emergency access, and other improvements. If a building was legally built before the current setback requirements were adopted, it may be grandfathered in, meaning it can remain even though it does not meet today’s setbacks. However, being grandfathered in does not automatically mean the building can be replaced in the same location under the old requirements. If a replacement cannot meet the current setbacks, the property owner must request a variance and have it approved before construction begins. This isn’t about preventing someone from improving their property. It is about following the current zoning requirements and making sure the same process is applied fairly to everyone.

Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Kerns reported: none

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Continued work with WHKS and USDA-RD on the Steet Utility Improvements project and processing necessary paperwork – with the advertisement for bids going out for the project another aspect that will be occurring is getting quotes for Geotechnical services for the Utility project. Had a pre-construction meeting on Thursday August 6 for the Water Tower Restoration Improvements and contractors have moved in and beginning work. Lead service line replacement plans have been received and ready to send out for bids. Received funds from the Canton Legion for payment of the sand/aglime for the infield at the ballfield and also funds for replacement of the lights at the ballfield. Been working on the 2027 Budget. The LTD/GigFire equipment has been removed from the water tower and the tower lease agreement terminated. Had concerns from citizens regarding young children out late at night around town – looked up and informed them that in the City Ordinances there is a curfew for minors which is for minors under the age of 16 curfew is 10:30pm till 5am and for minors

16-18 years of age curfew is 12am (midnight) till 5am – informed them if feel uncomfortable with minors out after curfew to please contact the non-emergency line at the Fillmore County Sheriff's Office.

Public Works: Nordsving reported: With the water tower work being completed the tower is being kept empty which means that the wells will be running 24hrs/day and there will be lower water pressure throughout the city during this project. At the sewer plant working on fixing a seal on an aerator gear box parts should be in soon to get it fixed and back online soon. There will be changes orders coming for the water tower project as the contractor has noticed some other items that need to be addressed as they have been doing prep work and rigging of the containment tent – such things as replacement of roof vent cap, new ladder, tie rods to be replaced and other items with paperwork of requirements with USDA-RD. Nordsving also noted that part of state requirements lead and copper water testing has to be completed so he will be going around town to ask for some participation with obtaining water samples.

Fire Department: Davis reported that the department is working on getting ready for the Canton Day Off event this weekend – they will be having a UTV ride once again and they plan to have the old fire truck in the car show on Sunday.

Police: see written report

Planning Commission: Clerk Koliha reported been working with the Planning Commission on the variance paperwork, review of the building permit applications and also site review of setbacks for shed on skids noncompliance.

Other: none

Old Business

- a) Consider approval of the amended Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 2 for the City of Canton
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to approve the amended Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 2 for the City of Canton; motion carried.

6:15 pm Scott Hanson (MDH) left the meeting

- b) Consider approval of adopt a five-year street reconstruction plan (the "Plan")
Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to approve the adoption of a five-year street reconstruction plan (the "Plan"); motion carried.
- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-13 Approving and Authorizing an advance agreement with MN Rural Water Finance Authority and Authorizing participation in Joint Powers Authority for the 2026A Canton GO Note (\$3,741,000 USDA Loan)
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2026-13 Approving and Authorizing an advance agreement with MN Rural Water Finance Authority and Authorizing participation in Joint Powers Authority for the 2026A Canton GO Note (\$3,741,000 USDA Loan); motion carried.
- d) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-14 Approving and Authorizing an advance agreement with MN Rural Water Finance Authority and Authorizing participation in Joint Powers Authority for the 2026B Canton GO Note (\$1,539,000 USDA Loan)
Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to approve Resolution 2026-14 Approving and Authorizing an advance agreement with MN Rural Water Finance Authority and Authorizing participation in Joint Powers Authority for the 2026B Canton GO Note (\$1,539,000 USDA Loan); motion carried.

- e) Consider authorization for advertisement of Utility Improvements Project and to set bid letting date for September 3, 2026

Kevin Graves from WHKS gave a brief update on the Utility Improvements Project that has been reviewed and concurred by USDA-RD.

Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to authorize the advertisement of bids for the Utility Improvements Project and to set the bid letting date for September 3, 2026; motion carried.

- f) Consider approval of 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement project plans and the authorization for advertisement for bids with a bid letting date of September 8, 2026

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement project plans and to authorize the advertisement for bids with a bid letting date of September 8, 2026; motion carried.

New Business

- a) Consider approval of land use variance request for Josh Nordsving

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hafner to approve the land use variance request of 7 ft for Josh Nordsving; motion carried.

- b) Consider approval of land use building permit application for Josh Nordsving

Motion by Magnuson, seconded by Hafner to approve the land use building permit application for Josh Nordsving; motion carried.

- c) Consider approval of land use building permit application for Douglas & Diana Lawrence

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Magnuson to approve the land use building permit application for Douglas and Diana Lawrence; motion carried.

6:29 pm Josh Nordsving & Amber Richardson left the meeting

- d) Consider renewal of Water Fund CD

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to reinvest the Water Fund CD with First Southeast Bank Canton for 12 months at best rate available; motion carried.

- e) 2027 Preliminary Budget Review

Clerk Koliha review the 2027 Budgets for General Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund with the council.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hafner to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.; motion carried.