

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026

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

Members absent: Jason Magnuson

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

Visitor(s) present: Sabine Hafner, Brenda Wilder (CCA)

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

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

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of June 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of July Disbursements

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

Public comments: Brenda Wilder representing the Canton Community Association gave a report on the July 4th celebration events held in the evening of July 3.

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: It was wonderful to see our community come together to celebrate the Fourth of July. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to the Canton Community Association and all of the volunteers who gave their time and effort to make the celebration possible. Events like these are only successful because of the people willing to step up and help. Looking ahead, candidate filing for 2026 will take place July 14-28th. If you're interested in serving our community, now is the time to start thinking about it. Canton has a population of about 310 people, with approximately 100 registered voters. Our city government consists of five elected officials – a mayor and four councilmembers. Overtime, keeping qualified people willing to serve is essential to maintaining a strong local government. In 2026, the Mayor's seat and two City Council seats will be on the ballot. Council members serve four-year terms, while the Mayor serves a two-year term. If you have ever considered serving your community, I encourage you to learn more about the responsibilities of these positions. Information regarding positions can be found at <https://www.lmc.org/news-publications/publications/city-spot/candidate-filing/>. Please contact the City office for information on candidate filing and how to have your name placed on the ballot. The street project remains in progress. At this time, there are no new updates to share. Information will be coming out within the next month.

Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Kerns reported: Working on making timing changes with utility billing due to changes in mail pick up times – customers can always stop at City Hall to get a copy of their most recent bill.

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Street and Utility project is awaiting reviews and approval from USDA-RD, there will be a public hearing for the update to the wellhead protection plan part 2 at the August meeting, recent rainfall created some washing of the infield at the ballfield so the Canton softball league and Canton Legion will handle getting it fixed and purchasing sand material as needed, the Canton Legion is also getting a quote from Hunter Johnson regarding replacement of lights at the ballfield that they will consider paying the cost to do, a letter was sent to property owner at 200 N Ash St

asking/reminding of clean up of property in which no response received from them and some days things are getting cleaned up and other days more items arrive, review of the 2026 budget which things are all in line for this time of year and will be working on the budget for 2027.

Public Works: Nordsving reported: The WWTP was maxed out with the last rainfall event but was able to keep everything contained, fixing of some street lights – 3 have been fixed another 2 need to be once receive correct parts, ordered safety fiber and on list to receive when have enough to deliver, tapped the water main for new service on S West St., Acentek made connection for internet at sewer plant

Fire Department: Council member Hanson reported that the fire department participated in EV Training recently and was a very excellent training, also recently called out to do a water rescue at a campground

Police: see written report

Planning Commission: Clerk Koliha reported that they reviewed the building permit application for Vreeman and also Clerk Koliha completed a draft revision/update of the Zoning Ordinance and has given to the Planning Commission committee to review

Other: none

Old Business

- a) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-12: Authorizing the Transfer of Land to Resolve Boundary Encroachment
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2026-12: Authorizing the Transfer of Land to Resolve Boundary Encroachment; motion carried.

New Business

- a) Consider approval of building permit application for Seth & Kristi Vreeman
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Hanson to approve the building permit application for Seth & Kristi Vreeman; motion carried.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.; motion carried.