

Canton City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

September 9, 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, Stuart Fishbaugher, Daren Sikkink (WHKS)

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

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

Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of August 12, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes (Wellhead Protection Plan)
- b) Approval of August 12, 2026 Public Hearing Minutes (Variance Request)
- c) Approval of August 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
- d) Approval of September Disbursements

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

Public comments: Stuart Fishbaugher expressed concerns of how some properties are a mess

Reports:

Mayor: Mayor Ziegler reported: Streets Project: As I have said before, please keep an eye out for information regarding the streets project. From the outside looking in, it probably looks like nothing is happening. I have to admit, I would have never guessed the amount of paperwork, reviews, approvals and timelines that go into a project like this. Since we are trying to get as many grants as possible to help fund a project that involves millions of dollars, we have to work with their timelines and requirements. Online Safety: Online safety has been a big topic this year. We have talked about phishing, quishing, smishing, vishing, and malvertising. If you aren't familiar with these terms, I encourage you to do a little research and learn how to protect yourself. I remember when caller ID first came out thinking it was the best thing in the world. Now I can't even assume that the number showing on my phone is actually who is calling. It can say your local bank, church or Sheriff's Office and still not be them. We live in a world now where we have to verify before trusting. One thing I want everyone to know: I will never send an unexpected email directly to a resident, and I will not text links to residents. If you receive something claiming to be from me that you aren't expecting, please don't click on anything or respond until you have verified it. School Is Back: School has started again, and our community is unique when it comes to school buses. We have buses from several different schools coming into our community every day to pick up and drop off some very precious cargo. Please be mindful and patient around the buses and our kids. Some of these kids are pretty excited to see their friends and may not always be paying attention to what is happening around them. Parents, please take a few minutes to review road and bus safety with your children.

Deputy Clerk: Deputy Clerk Kerns reported: none

Clerk: Clerk Koliha reported: Continued work on the Street/Utility Improvement Project with bid opening and working with financial people. The Lead Service Line Replacement project had bid opening and continued work with WHKS regarding getting service line agreement for properties. Had a concern from a resident regarding no speed limit sign on the north end of Main St when turning off Hwy 52 and

heading into town – contacted the County since Main St is a County Road and they will and have already got a 30 mph speed limit sign put up.

Public Works: Nordsving reported: The water tower should be back online next week just waiting on some parts for final repairs and also to install the mixer. MPCA has implemented some new sampling to occur at the sewer plant so will see increase in lab costs. Also tried to allow Ness Pumping to dump into sewer plant but that did not work as disrupted things at the plant so this will not be allowed any more.

Fire Department: Davis reported that the department has a tanker truck out of service at this time as it needs new brakes and air bags along with replacement of a fuse block. Fire Department plans to have truck in the parades for Steam Engine Days.

Police: see written report

Planning Commission: Clerk Koliha reported that the planning commission met to follow up on setbacks for a storage shed and to send another letter to property owner with deadline for compliance. Also the Commission is working to finish up review of the updated Zoning Ordinance.

Other: none

Old Business

- a) Considerations for Mitson House lot

Clerk Koliha informed council that a resident had reached out inquiring about what the council had decided to do with the lot. Mayor Ziegler asked council if anyone had received any ideas for the lot. Council wishes to keep the lot as is at this time.

- b) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-15: Awarding and Approving Bid for 2026-2027 Utility Improvements

Daren Sikkink from WHKS presented a tabulation of the bids received for the project which was 2 bidders and recommends the low bid for the project.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hanson to approve Resolution 2026-15: Awarding and Approving Bid for 2026-2027 Utility Improvements pending review and concurrence from USDA-RD; motion carried.

- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-16: Awarding and Approving Bid for 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement

Daren Sikkink from WHKS presented a tabulation of the bids received for the project and discussed how they reached out to references and other completed projects that the low bidder had completed and recommends going with the low bid contractor.

Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2026-16: Awarding and Approving Bid for 2026 Lead Service Line Replacement; motion carried.

- d) 2027 Preliminary Budget Review

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

New Business

- a) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-17: Establishing the 2027 Preliminary Tax Levy

Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2026-17: Establishing the 2027 Preliminary Tax Levy; motion carried.

- b) Discussion regarding frequency of recycling pickup (95 gallon totes – every other week)

Clerk Koliha reviewed the request by Richard's Sanitation to go to every other week recycling pick up. Motion by Hafner, seconded by Hanson to approve the switch for recycling pick up to every other week as requested by Richard's Sanitation; motion carried.

- c) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-18: Certify Unpaid Charges
Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hanson to approve Resolution 2026-18: Certify Unpaid Charges; motion carried.
- d) Consider approval of Resolution 2026-19: Tax Forfeited Property
Motion by Hafner, seconded by Dowling to approve Resolution 2026-19: Tax Forfeited Property; motion carried.

Motion by Dowling, seconded by Hanson to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.; motion carried.