CITY OF CANEY
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm Monday, January 20, 2026 in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 100 W 4th Street.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:	Josh Elliot	Mayor
	Jeff Culver	Council Member
	Kenith Butts	Council Member
	Elizabeth Burch	Council Member
	Becky Dye	Council Member

Staff:	Andrea Sibley	City Administrator
	Ike Dye	Police Chief
	Adam Lanter	City Clerk
	Jalissa Jones	Utilities Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Attendees recited the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Elliott led the invocation.

D. CITIZEN PRESENTATION/VISITOR COMMENTS

There were no citizen presentations or comments.

E. REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

F.1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 5, 2026 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

F.2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENSES (DECEMBER 16TH THROUGH JANUARY 5TH, 2026):

Strong Masonry Constructors, LLC	$6,383.00
Waste Connections	$22,055.87
DNA Contracting	$25,000.00
Skyline Contracting	$14,150.00

F.3. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL EXPENSES:

Approval of Payroll (January 1st, 2026)	$48,509.15
KPERS	$5803.06
BCBS	$8,511.30

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECPNDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTTS TO APPROVE ITEMS F.1, F.2., AND F.3. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

F.4. APPROVAL OF MAIN STREET AUTO EXPENSES:

Invoice #010055	$41.06
Invoice #010101	$89.06
Invoice #010105	$519.32

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER TO APPROVE ITEM F.4. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE TREE OF LIFE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF ORANGE AND HIGH STREETS.

Mayor Elliott stated that his understanding was that the tree is not located in the easement and not the City's concern. Council Member Burch stated that met with a Horticulture specialist at the tree to investigate it prior to finding out the tree was not on City property. She stated that the specialist found there to be significant rotting in the tree and mushroom growth on the tree trunk. He went on to state that for the City to keep the tree alive it would cost thousands of dollars. According to the specialist the time to save the tree was likely around five (5) years ago. Council Member Burch stated that despite this, the tree is not the City's responsibility. Mayor Elliott requested that no action be taken at this time.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. 2025 IN REVIEW FROM THE CANEY LIBRARY.

Karen Miller, the president of the City of Caney Library Board of Trustees presented on this. President Miller stated that the small team had some wins and losses in 2025 from staff injury to installing two (2) ADA compliant doors. She went on to state that in 2025 the Library offered five hundred and thirty-one (531) programs, twenty-two (22) of those were summer reading programs. The library welcomed fifteen thousand five hundred and ninety- seven (15,597) people through the doors but there was a slight decline from 2024. Some of the programs that the library hosted are seasonal events, senior Wednesdays, chair yoga classes, a book fair in the Spring, and a Spring/Fall tea fundraiser. Additionally, the library has begun providing free feminine hygiene products to patrons. Library staff are actively searching for grants to assist with funding; we were informed that this is where the funding came from for the ADA compliant doors.

H.2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE FOURTH AND LIVE CONCERT SERIES AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS FOR STREET CLOSURES.

Mayor Elliott inquired whether there were any changes to last year's event. Jared Daniels of the Betterment Group stated that there were no changes to previous years. He stated they are following the same playbook and that this will be the fifth annual Fourth and Live concert series.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH TO APPROVE THE FIFTH ANNUAL FOURTH AND LIVE CONCERT AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY STREET CLOSURES.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

H.3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL KRITZ AS CITY ATTORNEY AND WILL HOYT AS ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.

Mayor Elliott stated that Paul is planning on retiring eventually and this is the start of that process of transitioning to Will. He went on to state that Will will shadowPaul this year and we will only be paying for the one (1) attorney still. This will allow Will to learn and get up to speed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE TO APPROVE ITEM H.3. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

H.4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2026-01 FOR DAMAGED CROP REIMBURSEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.

Staff stated that this ordinance will be needed as conversations to acquire easements for the Coffeyville connection start ramping up. They went on to state that this ordinance will protect landowners from crop damage when construction starts on the easements of the lines if their crops are damaged in that process. Staff stated that it is the City's duty to protect them. Council Member Butts inquired on whether it would be on the contractors. Staff stated that we would still need the ordinance. Mayor Elliott stated that after reviewing the ordinance n the packet that the ordinance essentially lays out the process for landowners and allows them to reach out to the City so that way they do not have to try to figure out who the contractor is, as most people will likely come to the City. Council Member Burch inquired on whether Paul had looked over it, staff confirmed that he had.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTTS, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH TO APPROVE ITEM H.4. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

H.5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2026-02 UPDATING SOLID WASTE PICK UP RATES AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.

Staff stated that they have been working with Waste Connections to get billing sorted out. Per the contract there is a three percent (3%) increase built in annually. This ordinance will adjust pricing to what Waste Connections is charging the City. Staff went on to state that once they started digging in was residential was subsidizing commercial. They did reiterate that they are still awaiting on the audit from Waste Connections to update who has what carts and how many for each item there was so that everybody is billed for what they have. Mayor Elliott stated that he had spoken with the main point of contact for Waste Connections that day and that Waste Connections was supposed to leave ten (10) extra carts for the City to have on hand to replace, at some point that number had ballooned to one hundred and seventy-five (175) spare carts. Mayor Elliott went on to state that the trucks are taking pictures whenever they pick up the trash to read the serial numbers on each one. Mayor Elliott and staff believe that audit is forth coming and this audit is far more granular than past audits which is why there had been so many delays. Mayor Elliott stated that when someone requests a polycart they should arrive within a week. He requested clarification on whether residential would be going down. Staff stated that that was the case and that residential should be going down about two dollars ($2) per month.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH TO APPROVE ITEM H.5. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

H.6. AUTHORIZE THE DRAWDOWN FOR SRF FUNDING TO PAY THE TEN PERCENT (10%) AND FIFTY PERCENT (50%) DESIGN INVOICES FOR MIDWEST ENGINEERING FOR THE COFFEYVILLE SUPPLY LINE CONSTRUCTION.

Mayor Elliott stated that this balance has been outstanding for q long while and appreciated Midwest Engineering being so generous in the payment fulfillment. Council Member Burch asked if the wording was correct if it was ten percent (10%) of fifty percent (50%) or if it was both. Staff clarified that they are billing at certain intervals for completion so the first invoice is from when the project hit ten percent (10%) and the second invoice is from when the project hit fifty percent (50%) complete. Staff stated that in early October the project hit fifty percent (50%) which was a crucial milestone because the project could then be counted as shovel ready. Council Member Burch requested that this be broken into two different motions for clarity. Staff stated that that is completely up to them.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER TO PAY THE TEN PERCENT (10%) INVOICE TO MIDWEST ENGINEERING.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER TO PAY THE FIFTY PERCENT (50%) INVOICE TO MIDWEST ENGINEERING.

MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

H.7. WATER PROJECT FUNDING UPDATE.

Mayor Elliott stated that the City was awarded four point four million dollars ($4,400,000) with a twenty-five percent (25%) match bringing the total to five point five million dollars ($5,500,000). He went on to state that he and the Public Works Director would be meeting with Ben to plan where the booster station needs to be purchased. Easement work is commencing as well. Staff stated that they are expecting for the funding to come through the STAG via the Environmental Protection Agency. They went on to state that once the announcement had been made they started looking into the match requirements and they were able to find a program that they believed the City could qualify for that would wave the match.

H.8. EXECUTIVE SEEION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO PERSONNEL MATTERS ACCORDING TO K.S.A. 75-4319 (1) FOR TWENTY (20) MINUTES TO INCLUDE THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTSS TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SSIONS AT 7:07 PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:27 PM.

I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

I.1. MAYOR – JOSH ELLIOTT

1. Andrea's annual review went well.

2. Caseys will begin closing from 12 AM and reopening at 5 AM.

3. The City is looking into getting a fuel station for the City fleet.

I.2. POLICE CHIEF – IKE DYE

1. Patrol cars have been ordered, and we would make the down payment later in the week.

2. Judge Horst will continue as the Judge, but we will have an interim through February.

I.3. CITY ADMINISTRATOR – ANDREA SIBLEY

1. Taking part in a Certified Public Management class in Independence.

2. The Jennifer will be coming to meet with staff on Thursday to work on the grant strategic plan.

I.2. CITY CLERK – ADAM LANTER

1. The budget has been allocated and entered into Encode.

2. Making headway on CBK, in final stages of review before sending it off.

I.3. UTILITIES CLERK – JALISSA JONES

1. Provided an update on what the Kansas Setoff program is.

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

K. INFORMATIONAL

L. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTTS AT 7:36 PM.

Joshua D. Elliott, Mayor

Attest:

Adam Lanter, City Clerk

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