

CITY OF CANEY  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2025

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Elliott called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm Monday, December 15, 2025 in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 100 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Present:	Josh Elliot	Mayor
	Mike Holman	Council, Ward 1
	Kenith Butts	Council, Ward 2
	Lori Patterson	Council, Ward 3
	Elizabeth Burch	Council, Ward 3
	Becky Dye	Council, Ward 4
Staff:	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**

Tree Committee Chair, David Estes, spoke about the tree of life. Mr. Estes stated that an individual has a tree trimming business here in town. He stated that the Tree Board found out that the tree is in the City's right of way which will make it easier to handle. Mr. Estes stated that the tree is alive but that it has some dead limbs on it. He went on to state that the tree trimming business wants to go up in a bucket to be able to look down into the tree. He stated that there is a long dead branch on the trunk that would allow him to see how far the rot goes. He wants to cut back all of the brush around the tree to kill the vines without damaging the tree bark. He would cut back the mushrooms to help protect the tree. Mr. Estes continued to state that this is the preliminary stage. The preliminary stage would include cutting back the brush around it and chopping any big dead limbs to see where it is in its life cycle. At that point it if

it were determined that if three still has time, the Tree Board thinks that the area could make a nice park; re-seeding the grass, put in a couple of benches and a plaque about the history of the tree. If the tree is in a bad state of decay the tree would have to come down so that when the tree falls it is in a controlled way. He stated that due to the shape of the tree it would likely fall across High St. Mayor Elliott inquired if the estimate provided to the City Council included hauling it away. Mr. Estes confirmed that it did. He went on to state that there is a big pile of brush around the tree currently. Mayor Elliott stated that the City could save some money if the City Crew hauled it off and confirmed that they did have the tools to do so. Mayor Elliott stated that he wanted this to come back to the Governing Body at the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting when Andrea is present.

#### **E. REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items removed from the consent agenda.

#### **F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **F.1 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 1, 2025, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

##### **F.2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2025 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

##### **F.3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENSES (DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> THROUGH DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>):**

City Hall credit card	\$10,046.21
Public Works credit card	\$9,161.56
Waste Connections	\$42,630.85
DNA Contracting/SCKEDD	\$27,289.00
(CDBG Cash Request #3)	
Brenntag	\$12,072.22
BCBS	\$8,511.30
KPERS	\$6,508.78

##### **F.4. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL EXPENSES:**

Approval of Payroll (December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025) \$49,378.53

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLEMAN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H.1. RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE RESULTS FROM THE CANEY FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2025**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLEMAN.**

**MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**H.2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDING THE PLANNING & ZONING BOARD COMPOSITION AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES ON ORDINANCE 2025-27.**

Mayor Elliott stated that this has been brought up at the past couple of meetings. Staff clarified that the Planning & Zoning Board would be composed of a five (5) member body with at least two members being from outside city limits. Staff went on to state that letters were sent to all water customers outside of city limits, inviting them to fill out an application for the openings and stated that there was some degree of interest. Council Member Burch asked if there were four (4) applications received previously. Mayor Elliott clarified that his understanding, at least one of them was only interested in the position, if need be, not so much a desire to be on the board. He went on to state that it would be better to have people on the board that want to be on the board.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-27 AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.**

**MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**H.3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE 2026 CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES ON ORDINANCE 2025-28.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-28 AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.**

**MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**H.4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PAYNADA AS THE VENDOR FOR THE CITY'S CREDIT CARD PROCESSING AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.**

Staff stated that the City is currently with Global Payments and that there have been issues, especially the Utilities Clerk. A few months back staff called customer support and were on hold for six (6) hours trying to get an answer. Staff went on to state that their processing fees were a bad deal for the City. Staff stated that the City charges consumers 2.25% and then eats 8.75% to make up the Global Payments 10% processing fee. Staff was unsure of the exact dollar value of the amount of money the City was losing. Staff went on to state that they had to deal with the company today and that they are not easy to get any information from. When staff was on hold for six (6) hours they did not even have a login to view their account and the company was unwilling to provide one. Staff had to spend a good chunk of time on the phone with them today just convincing them that the City was a customer with them already. Mayor Elliott asked if the City was under contract with them. Staff clarified that the City was under contract with them but that staff's efforts to obtain the contract had been fruitless thus far. Staff went on to state that when they met with the representative from Paynada he did offer that Paynada helps customers break their current contracts to sign up with them. Council Member Burch asked what Paynada's fees were. Mayor Elliott stated that from his conversations with the representative, since Global Payments was such a difficult company to interact with, the rep recommended that the City place a stop payment on all payments for Global Payments to force them to reach out. When they reach out then they would release the contract to the City. He went on to state that in order for Paynada to assist in getting away from Global Payments we would have to remain with them for a number of years. Mayor Elliott stated that whenever people pay with card somewhere they absorb a percentage fee and his understanding was that Paynada's would be about three to four percent (3%-4%). Staff stated that Paynada showed the City what they were losing and that statements from Global Payments statements hide their fees from the City. Council Member Burch asked what the fee would be from citizens. Mayor Elliott estimated four percent (4%). Council Member Patterson stated that until we

have the information on if the City could get out of the contract with Global Payments and what that buyout would be that there is nothing for the Council to do. Mayor Elliott stated that they would need approval to move forward and believed that breaking away from Global Payments would happen. Council Member Patterson inquired what the issues with credit card payments was at City Hall today whether it was software, the equipment, etc. Staff clarified that the device is owned by another company but that they assured staff the issue was not on the machine. Staff went on to state that it was the processing causing the issues at City Hall today. Mayor Elliott added that an additional benefit for this company is that they are based out of Bartlesville and that they would come to them. Council Member Patterson requested a list of references. Staff stated that he works with several businesses in town that they work with. Council Member Patterson stated that we should get a list of municipalities that they work with. She clarified that they should just proceed with moving forward on the application but thought best on not executing the contract. Council Member Dye inquired whether the City had to pay to get out of the contract or if the new company would take the hit. Mayor Elliott clarified that he did not believe the City would be out anything. Council Member Burch clarified that we did not know that yet since the contract has not been obtained. Council Member Burch stated that she would approve of moving forward but not quite execute the contract. Council Member Burch clarified that this is only for folks paying with a card and that these fees do not get incurred for people paying with cash or checks. Mayor Elliott clarified that that was correct. Mayor Elliott went on to state that the Police Department could have a machine as well so that way they can process card payments and that Paynada would be giving them to the City free of charge. He stated that Paynada would work with Encode but that there would be a process that worked perfectly fine. Staff stated that they would work with a consultant to get Encode to communicate with Paynada.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PATTERSON TO APPROVE RECEIVING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM PAYNADA TO REPLACE GLOBAL PAYMENTS AS THE CREDIT CARD PROCESSOR FOR THE CITY.**

**MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**H.5. APPROVE CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSES FOR LOCAL PROVIDERS AND AUTHORIZE LICENSE ISSUANCE.**

Staff stated that two Cereal Malt Beverage (“CMB”) had been received. Both are for renewals. One is for Salsmans and the second one is for Dollar General. Staff clarified that ordinance required that they be brought before Council before having a license issued. Staff did state that the State changed the process where the applicant reaches out to the State

instead of starting with the City. Staff went on to state that this would mean an ordinance amending the city's code. Council Member Patterson stated that she was under the impression that CMB licenses come due at a specific time. Staff stated that it is not a set calendar.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER PATTERSON TO APPROVE CMB LICENSES FOR SALSMANS AND DOLLAR GENERAL.**

**MOTION CARRIES 5-0.**

**I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**I.1. MAYOR – JOSH ELLIOTT**

1. The Christmas party was a hit.
2. The tree lighting ceremony was a success.

**I.2. CITY CLERK – ADAM LANTER**

1. The last City Council meeting with seven council member will be the December 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting.
2. There will be a special meeting December 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Council Chambers.

**I.3. UTILITIES CLERK – JALISSA JONES**

1. There was an issue with card readers at City Hall on Monday, late fees will be delayed.

**J. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**J.1 COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH**

1. There was a very informative meeting at the school about the SRO and Chief Dye did a great job.

**J.2. COUNCIL MEMBER BUTTS**

1. Intersection of Spring and First is bumpy and could use some work.

**K. INFORMATIONAL**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLEMAN AT 6:57 PM.**

  
Joshua D. Elliott, Mayor

Attest:

  
Adam Lanter, City Clerk

