

CITY OF CANEY
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliott called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm Monday, November 17, 2025 in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 100 W 4th Street.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:	Josh Elliott	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:	Andrea Sibley	City Administrator
	Ike Dye	Police Chief
	Adam Lanter	City Clerk
	Tyler Goza	Deputy 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 comments or presentations.

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 Approval of the minutes from the November 3, 2025 Meeting.

F.2.	Jared, Gilmore, & Phillips	\$28,050
	Newberry Fence & Gate	\$2,900

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLEMAN, TO APPROVE ITEMS F.1. AND F.2. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

F.3. MAIN STREET AUTO EXPENSES

Invoice #009717	\$257.02
Invoice #009784	\$440.74

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLEMAN, AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, TO APPROVE ITEM F.3. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

F.4. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

November 6, 2025	\$44,553.05
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A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, TO APPROVE ITEM F.4. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

G. OLD BUSINESS

G.1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE.

Staff stated that they had gotten in contact with the City Attorney and he had concerns about Ordinances 2025-21 and 2025-23. Staff clarified that since the City regulates neighborhoods outside of city limits that they are required to have two (2) board members from outside city limits be on the board. Staff continued to state after speaking with the head of the Planning & Zoning Board and consulting with other staff that a best path forward would be to send a letter to all households outside of city limits, in which there are seventy-two (72) water accounts requesting applications. A template of the letter was distributed to all elected officials of what that letter could look like. The price for that letter

would be around fifty dollar (\$50). Council Member Burch requested clarification on whether there was anyone from outside city limits in the applications that had been reviewed. Clarification was provided that there were no applications from outside of city limits. Council Member Burch stated that the letter should state that there is minimal time commitment needed and asked if the ordinance would need to be changed. Staff stated that if the Council wanted to keep the five (5) applications that had been received and still add the two from outside of city limits then the original ordinance would suffice, since the number of board members would remain the same. Mayor Elliott stated that some of the applications stated that they were only willing to be on the board if needed and requested that the ordinance amending the size of the Planning & Zoning Board still be worked on and that staff reach out to them to determine which members would be taken off so that way the City does not waste taxpayer dollars. Elected officials reiterated the desire for a five (5) member board, with three (3) being inside city limits and two (2) being outside and approved reaching out to the outside city limits water accounts via mailer to solicit new applications while also posting the letter on social media as well.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND REFINANCING PAPERWORK FOR THE GROCERY STORE AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.

Larry Kleeman with Ransom Financial Advisors spoke about the sale of the City's general obligation bonds. He stated that the bond sale was held today and referenced a packet that he had put together. He stated that two bids were received and that the handout summarizes the interest rates. The best interest rate over the eighteen (18) year remainder of the life of the loans that the City received was a 5.3% interest rate from Baird. This was a better interest rate than they were expecting and are pleased with the results. He then went over the debt service schedule in the handout. Mr. Kleeman reviewed the sources and uses and reiterated eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) received from the sale of the grocery store would go to paying on the new bond. The last thing that was reviewed was the differences between the old bond and the new bond. He did state that the new bond would cost a bit more but that was due to the higher interest rate of the taxable bond. He offered to field any questions. None were heard. He stated that the paperwork in front of them calls for three (3) motions; one to accept the best bid from Baird, the second to approve the ordinance for the sale, and the third to approve the resolution for the sale. Garth from Gilmore Bell clarified that this could be done in one motion to approve the sale, adopt the ordinance and adopt the resolution. Mayor Elliot stated that we could do a roll call on the resolution separate and then the ordinance and accepting the bid ordinance would be rolled into one.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-20 AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS.

Mike Holman	Yay
Kenith Butts	Yay
Lori Patterson	Yay
Elizabeth Burch	Yay
Becky Dye	Yay

THE RESOLUTION CARRIES 5-0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-25 AND TO ACCEPT THE BEST BID FROM BAIRD.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

H.2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE 2024 AUDIT RECEIVED FROM JARRED, GILMORE, & PHILLIPS PA.

Staff stated that the audit was pretty straight forward and the body went over the audit as a group. Mayor Elliot noted that a few issues were noted in this audit. One of those was preparation of financial statements was one issue. At the conclusion of FY 2024 City staff did not have the training or experience needed to compile financial statements without outside help. Leaning on outside help could lead to additional errors or ineffectual statements. The audit did note that this is not uncommon in smaller cities and Mayor Elliot noted that new staff now hold these positions. Staff added that the audit has also been reviewed internally and that the current staff is more competent and has received additional training than staff in 2024. Council Member Burch stated that an issue in 2024 was the failure to do quarterly treasury reports and that that issue has continued. She requested clarification on how staff was planning on fixing that. Staff stated that City Administrator Sibley did a year and a half of bank recs with a consultant and major headway had been made. Staff continued to state that they are optimistic that the Q3 treasury report would be completed by the end of this current week. A major issue that staff has ran into was the grocery store, especially with documentation and reporting at the end leading up to the sale, has greatly hindered the completion of the treasury report. Staff stated that the granularity required level required to operate a grocery store is not existent with Encode because Encode is for municipality budgets. Staff went on to state that moving forward bank recs will be completed by the tenth of the following month to ensure timely reporting. City Administrator Sibley has taken on the treasury report, Deputy City Clerk Goza has taken

on the bank recs but that Randy Holler is helping with the bank reconciliations due to the hassle of the grocery store. Council Member Patterson requested clarification on the mischarging of Utilities to outside city limit customers. Staff stated that that one hurt due to Gilmore Bell bringing it to the attention of City staff before FY2025 and nothing was done about it. Staff will have a meeting with Gilmore Bell and a supporting analyst that will cost the City more than it will cost to fix it. Staff was adamant that moving forward if the auditors recommend a change that it will be followed up on and failure to comply will be unacceptable. Staff stated the overcharge over the time of the miscalculated fees sets the City back maybe sixty (\$60) for an account. A meeting will be held to correct it all the same, the parties needed at the table are not yet available. Staff stated that sewer rates had not been averaged in years. Gillmore Bell brought this up in July. Staff stated that they could have done it then but it would have hurt the citizens as the average would have been done in the summer months when consumption is highest. The Governing Body and City staff continued to review the audit.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLEMAN, TO ACCEPT THE 2024 AUDIT RECEIVED FROM JARRED, GILMORE, & PHILLIPS PA.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

H.3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE KMIT HEALTH INSURANCE OPTIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.

Staff stated that the City was fortunate enough to be accepted into KMIT. Before being accepted into the program the City was always on age-based plans. KMIT removes the age component completely due to the larger pool, resulting in more steady rates. Staff continued to state that the budget accounted for a thirteen percent (13%) increase. The total per person is about six hundred eighty dollars (\$680) per month. KMIT will level off on price increases. Staff continued to say that in addition to this plan the City will cover dental as well. Council Member Patterson asked if vision and dental were included. Staff clarified dental is, but vision is not. Clarity was sought on the deductible which is set to five hundred dollars (\$500). Council Member Burch sought clarity on who was being covered by insurance. Staff clarified that what the City could afford is staff at one hundred percent (100%) and family at fifty percent (50%). Mayor Elliot requested clarity on if some were grandfathered in. Staff concluded that some staff was grandfathered in at seventy-five percent (75%). Staff went on to say that at some point a discussion would have to be had about the grandfathered in staff but as of now the City was fine.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE TO ACCEPT THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN SELECTED BY STAFF.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

I.1 MAYOR – JOSH ELLIOTT

1. All of the water meters are in except for a few. Public Works will come in on the weekend to finish those out. Project completion is at ninety-eight percent (98%).
2. The black box that reads radio signals from the meters will be set into the former grocery store van.

I.2 POLICE CHIEF – IKE DYE

1. Still waiting on the MOU from the school for the COPS grant.
2. A new officer was hired to fill in for the SRO that was removed from patrol to in the schools.
3. Romans Chevy in Independence has extended the deadline to test drive a car to add up to another five hundred dollars (\$500).
4. Working on improving the less lethal program with the additional money from Romans test drive.

I.3 CITY ADMINISTRATOR – ANDREA SIBLEY

1. The site for the site certification for the industrial sit is not in the city. We will need to go through the annexation process. There was some misinformation put out stated that the site was certified, but that is not the case yet. It will be a while until that process is finished. The City will have to go before the County Commission to annex the land since it is not adjacent to City owned land.
2. A thank you to the Public Works for their work on the gun range for the Police Department.

3. With the Federal Government opening back up, staff will provide an update on the appropriations. Grant updates will not be released by the state until February.

I.4 CITY CLERK – ADAM LANTER

1. There will be a CDBG Housing Revitalization grant meeting tomorrow night, November 18th here in the Council Chambers.

I.5 DEPUTY CITY CLERK – TYLER GOZA

1. September bank recs are almost done, will then pivot to October bank recs.

I.6. UTILITIES CLERK – JALISSA JONES

1. City clean up is every day this week. Has been a great turn out so far.
2. Bulk pick ups will be on the fifteenth (15th) of every month, so far one person has scheduled for November.
3. All of the meters have been inputted into the system.

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

J.1 COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH

1. Requested a yield sign at Sixth & main be replaced with a stop sign.
2. Requested crime statistics from the Police Department quarterly.

J.2 COUNCIL MEMBER PATTERSON

1. Requested that building permit updates.
2. Requested that not that the water meter project is winding down, fixing up the street signage around to make sure they are legible and standing up straight.

J.3. COUNCIL MEMBER BUTTS

1. Requested clarification on water bills and whether anything was included in the base charge. Staff clarified that when the City charged in cubic feet, the first amount

right under the threshold was technically included but now that the City bills down to the gallon, there is nothing included in the base charge. The water revenues being tied to grant request locks the City into current rates or on paper making the revenue match.

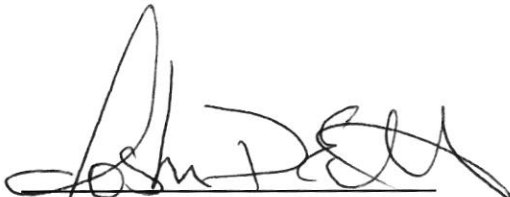
K. INFORMATIONAL

K.1. CDBG Housing Revitalization grant meeting tomorrow night November 18th at 6:30 in the council chambers.


K.2. Ordinance review

L. ADJOURNMENT

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


Joshua D. Elliott, Mayor

Attest:


Adam Lanter, City Clerk

