

CITY OF CANEY
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Elliot called the regular City Council meeting to order at 6:30 pm Monday October 20, 2025 in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 100 W 4th Street.

B. ROLL CALL

Present:	Josh Elliott	Mayor
	Jeff Culver	Council, Ward 1
	Mike Holman	Council, Ward 1
	Kenith Butts	Council, Ward 2
	Lori Patterson	Council, Ward 3
	Elizabeth Burch	Council, Ward 3
Staff:	Andrea Sibley	City Administrator
	Jason Goza	Assistant 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 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 2025, MEETING

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH TO APPROVE ITEM F.1.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

F.2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENSE REPORTS (SEPTEMBER 23RD TO OCTOBER 6TH, 2025)

Newberry Fence & Gate	\$14,467.11
Waste Connections	\$20,609.96
Evergy	\$12,051.45

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLEMAN, TO APPROVE ITEM F.2.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.

F.3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MAIN STREET AUTO EXPENSES:

Invoice #009267	\$969.86
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A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, TO APPROVE ITEM F.3.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-0.

F.4 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL EXPENSES:

Approval of Payroll (October 6, 2025)	\$51,623.77
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A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, TO APPROVE ITEM F.4.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

G. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business brought back to the Governing Body.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H.1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE LEASE OF A BOBCAT FOR THE CITY WORKS CREW AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY FOR THE MUNICIPAL LEASE RESOLUTION.

City Clerk Lanter stated that this has already been to the City Council. He continued that the reason that this is coming back to the Council is for execution of the lease and the municipal lease attached to it. Clerk Lanter continued that all of the elected officials that vote will need to sign off on the lease documents and that he would bring it around after the meeting to collect those. He also stated that this was standard practice for the leases. Mayor Elliott stated that when the old bobcat broke down White Star came out and offered the City \$25,000 for the old equipment and that they offered to let the City keep the bucket attached to it. He continued to state that prior to getting rid of the old machine one of the guys got stuck in the equipment. The \$25,000 that they gave the City would be applied to the lease payments and he did not believe that the City would have to make a payment on the equipment for something like four (4) years. Mayor Elliot stated that this frees up funds to use on repairs of the equipment for a time that would be cause outside of normal wear and tear. Council Member Patterson asked if it was a lease to own? Mayor Elliot said yes it was, but suggested not doing that since when new equipment coming out every year has different improvements potentially making an upgrade worth it.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMEBR CULVER, TO APPROVE ITEM H.1. AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

H.2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE ORGANIZATION CHART FOR THE CITY OF CANEY'S REPORTING STRUCTURE.

City Clerk Lanter stated that in the agenda packets after the lease packet the members of the Governing body would find a copy of the organizational chart. He stated that staff had created an organization chart showing the reporting structure for City staff showing how each department's reporting structure flows. He continued to say that The chart also shows which smaller departments report to which directors if where they are housed is less obvious. Council Member Patterson asked if the Library should be included. Mayor Elliott stated that they are paid, and they should be included and report directly to the City

Administrator but that it looks great other than that. Council Member Burch stated that the pool also needs to have detail added in the reporting structure.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, TO TABLE ITEM H.2. UNTIL THE REQUESTED CHANGES ARE MADE.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

H.3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGING THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD COMPOSITION AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES TO EXECUTE ORDINANCE 2025-21.

City Clerk Lanter stated that pursuant to the workshop held after the September 20, 2025 this ordinance would change the number of members appointed to a three year term from three (3) to one (1) while keeping the same number of one (1) year appointees and two (2) year appointees. Council Member Patterson requested clarification on what class city Caney was stating that ordinance states that the City is a class 2 City. City Administrator Sibley stated that Caney is a Class 2 city and that it had been clarified with the City Attorney. Chad Bradford, a resident, clarified that this ordinance reduces the size of the board from seven (7) to five (5) members. He asked if this ordinance reduced representation of outside city limits from two (2) to one (1). City Clerk Lanter stated that this ordinance does not address the outside city limits count of the current code but that another ordinance would be created to address that change to reduce it from two (2) representatives outside of city limits to one (1). Council members discussed waiting to pass the ordinance until the outside city limits is attached or to have it as an additional ordinance.

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

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

H.4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER JOINING THE KANSAS MUNICIPAL INSURANCE TRUST ("KMIT") FOR THE CITY'S HEALTH INSURANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.

City Administrator Sibley stated that it was a huge deal for the City to be accepted in to KMIT because the City has tried repeatedly and been shot down but has finally been approved. Once accepted into KMIT they can never be removed from the group. She stated that KMIT creates a larger pool than just City staff as there are 150+ organizations together

in the pool to help keep insurance costs from jumping as drastically. Council Member Burch stated that since there are so many people represented by KMIT that they are better able to negotiate and get a more competitive rate versus if the City of Caney attempted to jump to a new provider on its own. Council Member Patterson asked for clarification why we were able to join now versus in the past. Mayor Elliott stated that two of their biggest factors are age and claims against the insurance company. We were deemed lower risk than previously this year due to a younger workforce and generally low claim year last year. City Administrator Sibley stated that although it would still be an increase in insurance costs for the City to foot, it is lower than if the City were on its own. Council Member Butts sought clarity on if this would replace the City's current health insurance. Mayor Elliott clarified that it would.

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

MOTION CARRIES 5-0.

I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

I.1 MAYOR – JOSH ELLIOTT

1. The conference was very informative, and he appreciated the opportunity to attend. His favorite session was about Gen Z in the workforce and how to work with them and communicate with them.
2. Pickleball court renovations are underway. The courts got taped off due to the construction and people still attempting to use them while the construction was ongoing.

I.2 POLICE CHIEF – IKE DYE VIA JASON GOZA

1. We received the COPS grant to get an SRO into the schools. There is no exact timeline currently for when they will get into the school as there are still a few details to work out. The Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, City Administrator, and Police Chief will take a class for how to handle the grant funds once the federal shutdown ends. The SRO will be split between the two schools. Writing this grant was no cost for the City as it was done completely in-house with the assistance of Jennifer Bumgarner, a free resource that the City utilizes and is grateful for her services.

I.3 CITY ADMINISTRATOR – ANDREA SIBLEY

1. The annual conference was very informational and was a great opportunity to network with other professionals and she was grateful for the opportunity to attend.
2. She spoke with some other local government professionals and talking about how the state's sales tax is not very competitive and on average about two percent (2%) higher than surrounding states. These municipal leaders are planning on going to our voted representatives to lower the sales tax and provide a portion of that to the municipalities so that they are not as close to the ten percent (10%) threshold to be more competitive with other states.
3. Montgomery County is considering starting an initiative to avoid giving municipalities their sales tax allotment to fix their own budget shortfall. City Administrator Sibley stated that the City of Caney would not support the County's position.

I.4 CITY CLERK – ADAM LANTER

1. Business licenses will be going out later this week.

I.5 DEPUTY CITY CLERK – TYLER GOZA

1. Running into an issue with bank reconciliations where daily deposits on bank statements and reconciliations are not lining up. He believes that some of the revenue codes are miscalculating and may need changed to more accurately reflect the fees being charged.
2. In the process of changing the check write process – from now through November there will be a weekly check write. Starting in December, check writes will be every other week coinciding with payroll.

I.6. UTILITIES CLERK – JALISSA JONES

1. We are down to two (2) or three (3) meter books. Books for second street were just printed. That leaves books J and K.
2. Ms. Jones sat down with the Montgomery Chronicle last week to go over some of the changes with utility billing.
 - a. Council Member Patterson stated that when meters are changed at Caney Heights that they need to be notified so that their pumps are not damaged. She stated that they are having issues with air in their lines. Utilities Clerk Jones stated that she has gotten some complaints about dirty water coming out of the taps. But the issue has not persisted anywhere for long and she has not gotten complaints after the initial complaint.

I.7. PUBLIC WORKS – ANDY LONG VIA MAYOR ELLIOTT

1. 190 meters last week. Fourth street has been a nightmare to replace. Andy has been in steady contact with the Mayor as the replacement project has carried on and Mayor Elliott imposed the deadline of December 1st. Gas lines were installed over top of the meters. They estimate that they will be finished in a few weeks.
2. Met with Neptune at the annual conference to get the electronic reads online.
3. The corner at 1201 Wood street has been cleaned up.
4. The double-wide that the City owns that was donated to the landbank will be demolished by city staff to try to save money.

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

J.1 COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH

1. Sat in some great sessions at the annual conference and was grateful for the opportunity.
2. Made contact with some other municipalities and contractors that had dealt lead pipes and smelter properties.
3. Wants to have a City Council meeting at the local high school so that we can engage the younger generation in local government.

J.2 COUNCIL MEMBER PATTERSON

1. She appreciated the opportunity to attend the annual conference. She was on the board to review resumes for who would serve on the board in the future. Strongly recommended, anyone on the Council in the future should make plans to attend.

J.3 COUNCIL MEMBER BUTTS

1. He wanted clarification on joining KMIT. He was informed that there would be a workshop in the future for further consideration.

J.4. COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER

1. The property at the corner of Ninth and High street could use a cleanup – debris in the yard and the grass is high.

K. INFORMATIONAL

K.1. Caney's contaminated soil woes are not unique. Further planning is required and Mayor Elliot sought answers at the annual conference about the dirt problem. One

recommendation that was received is having a third party handle it so that the responsibility does fall on the City and to hopefully divert the expense required to haul it far to the South.

K.2 Caney was nominated to represent Montgomery County at a commerce meeting in Topeka with the Lieutenant Governor's office and City Administrator Sibley will attend.

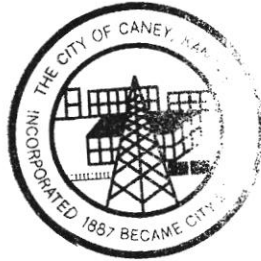
L. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HOLEMAN AT 7:15 PM.



Joshua D. Elliott, Mayor

Attest:



Adam Lanter, City Clerk