

CITY OF CANEY  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 AGENDA**

**E.1. MAYOR ELLIOTT STATED THAT THE CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION TOPIC WAS NOT COUNCIL BUSINESS AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING BUT WILL BE REACHING OUT TO STAFF.**

**E.2. MAYOR ELLIOTT REMOVED ITEM G.1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2026-04 UPDATING SEWER RATES AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.**

**F. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**F.1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**F.2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENSES (FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> TO FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026 ):**

Acrisure LLC	\$45,989.00
Ransom Financial Group, LLC	\$15,000.00
Brenntag Southwest, Inc.	\$8,992.50

**F.3. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL EXPENSES:**

Approval of Payroll (February 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2026)	\$44,107.52
KPERS	\$5,699.35
BCBS	\$8,268.98

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

**MOTION CARRIES 3-0.**

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

~~**G.1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ORDINANCE 2026-04 UPDATING SEWER RATES AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES.**~~

**G.2. AN UPDATE ON THE CONDEMNATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 103 N STATE.**

Staff stated that this was being brought back from the December 1, 2025 regular City Council meeting at the Governing Body's request. They stated that at that meeting a couple of options were provided by staff. Those options were doing the demolition through CDBG, looking into the abandoned property law and potentially doing the work under that, and having Public Works do the work themselves. Since then there have been some updates on the process. Staff stated that the CDBG deadline for submissions has passed; and that the City Attorney provided clarification on the abandoned property law and found that it

was not relevant in this situation. Staff stated that their recommendation at this time is to let the building go to tax sale in August/September and if the Governing Body wants the structure removed prior to that, the City Crew can take care of it. Mayor Elliott stated that he was under the impression that if the owners paid a year of taxes before the tax sale the property would not go to tax sale. Staff reiterated that attempts have been made to contact the owners, but no response has ever been heard throughout the condemnation process. Council Member Burch sought clarification on what happened to the property if it went to tax sale. Staff stated that any liens placed on the property would be waived. They stated that their understanding of tax sales was that someone could purchase the property for pennies on the dollar for the lack of payment of taxes. Mayor Elliott stated that if we waited and someone purchased the property at tax sale demolition would be on the new owners. He also stated that the last tax sale was pushed back and was not confident on the timeline. Staff stated that this was the initial condemnation process and that there were more that could be entered into the process, but staff felt it best to walk the Governing Body through the process once first. Council Member Burch sought clarification on what the bids were to demolish the property. Staff stated that the bid was for twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) from G&G Doze and that they were the only company that responded out of three (3) requests for quotes. Staff went on to state that they were happy to attempt to obtain more if that was the direction that the Council leaned towards. Council Member Butts sought clarification on whether the property was salvageable. Staff stated that it was not. Council Member Burch sought clarification on if someone purchased the property at tax sale, whether they could then move into it. Staff stated that they did not believe the house to be livable and that the condemnation process would likely have to start over due to there being new owners. Mayor Elliott stated that he did not want to go down that path and request more quotes be obtained. Council Member Burch stated that we are throwing good money after bad and expressed skepticism on the longevity of the condemnation process.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH TO TABLE THIS ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.**

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

**H.1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING CHAD BRADFORD AND GENE VAUGHAN TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR A ONE (1) YEAR TERM TO RUN FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

Staff stated that they had met with Mr. Bradford to go over the applications that had been received for the Planning and Zoning Board. Staff placed the applications that were being moved forward to appointments at the front of the group, but that all applications were included in their packets. Staff stated that Mr. Bradford and Mr. Vaughan have been mainstays on the board for period of time and thought it best to keep their expertise on the board at this time.

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

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**H.2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING DAVID ESTES AND JOIHN HENDERSON TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM TO RUN FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE TO APPROVE ITEM H.2. AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION CARRIES 3-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH ABSTAINING.**

**H.3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTING EVERRET ROPER TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM TO RUN FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2028.**

Council Member Burch sought clarification if these appointments satisfy the need to have two Planning and Zoning members reside outside of City limits. Staff stated that it did and the two member outside of City limits were Mr. Roper and Mr. Estes.

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

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**H.4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN AN AMOUNT NTE TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) FROM THE POLICE, FIRE, AND AMBULANCE FUND.**

Staff stated that they would like to find a AWD half (1/2) ton crew cab pick up truck for the Fire Department. The plan for the vehicle is to use it to take it to schools and as a general utility vehicle. Currently, the brush truck is used and that takes it out of service for that time period if they receive a call. Staff stated that they had a vehicle for this purpose in the past and that they would like to have one again. Mayor Elliott sought clarification on the vehicle being used strictly for travel and not for fighting fires. Staff stated that it would also be used to haul equipment, but that it would not be directly used for fighting fires. Council Member Burch sought clarification that all current vehicles were in good working condition and that this money could not be used to repair the current fleet. Council Member Culver stated that they are aware of one of the engines having issues in the past year and that it was questionable when it may need more repairs. He went on to ask if the Police Department would be able to spare a vehicle once the vehicles they ordered arrived. Staff stated that that was still an option if they chose to take it. Council Member Burch and Mayor Elliott stated that they are not against it but were hesitant to make such a purchase this early in the fiscal year. Council Members Culver and Butts stated that they did not believe that now was the time for this purchase. Council Member Burch asked if a Public Works truck could stay there after hours for Fire Department use after hours if needed. Mayor Elliott stated that an explorer may be too small for hauling much equipment. Council Member Burch inquired how often the Fire Department is running into the issue of the Fire Department not having enough vehicles and stated that she has requested data for the number of fires that the Fire Department is responding to but has never received any. Staff stated that they were unaware of previous requests for data. Staff went on to state that they have had three (3) structure fires thus far this year. Council Member Burch stated that she has been asking for that quarterly and that that sort of information is needed to be considered when making these big-ticket purchases. Council Member Dye sought clarification for how frequently the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Fund gets revenue. Staff stated that the Police, Fire, Ambulance Fund is funded by property taxes, back taxes, and vehicle registration including recreational vehicle registration. The City gets disbursements monthly and a portion of that disbursement can go to a variety of locations including the Police, Fire, and Ambulance fund. They went on to state that the County includes a breakdown with each disbursement for allocation. Mayor Elliott inquired how much money was in the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Fund. Staff stated that the fund currently has a balance of sixty-nine thousand one hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$69,162) and of that twenty-seven thousand six hundred and thirty-seven dollars (\$27,637) is allocated to the Fire Department. Mayor Elliott sought clarification if that amount is included in their Fire Department budget or whether it was separate. Staff clarified that the two are separate.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL NEXT MEETING.**

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**H.5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE OFFICIAL REQUEST TO EXPAND THE TARGET AREA FOR THE CDBG HOUSING REVITALIZATION AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURE(S).**

Staff stated that on January 5, 2026, the Governing Body approved a time extension for the CDBG Housing Revitalization grant which was then approved by the Department of Commerce on January 27, 2026. Since the timeline has been approved by both parties the City now needs to submit the official request to expand the target area. Mayor Elliott clarified that this is getting permission from the Council to obtain permission from the Department of Commerce.

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

**H.6. AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURES FOR THE LETTERS TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS FOR EASEMENTS FOR THE COFFEYVILLE SUPPLY LINE PROJECT.**

Staff stated that the template is included in the agenda packets of what those letters will look like. Staff is working with Carey Spoon at the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (“SEKRPC”) to get the letters ready. Staff went on to state that they need a bit more direction from Carey before finalizing the letters but that it would save staff time. Staff reiterated that it is a priority for both parties and are optimistic that those letters would be going out sooner rather than later. Staff went on to state that approving the letters at this meeting would prevent approval being delayed for two weeks until the next meeting. Mayor Elliott stated that he has begun reaching out and making face-to-face contact with the property owners before the letters arrive.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER TO APPROVE ITEM H.6.**

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**H.7. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONDUCTING A LOW TO MODERATE INCOME (“LMI”) SURVEY AND AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY SIGNATURE(S).**

Staff stated that a few years back the City participated in an LMI survey. Through CDBG, being considered a low to moderate income city would have many benefits including additional grants and funding. The last LMI survey found Caney to be a high-income city and that prevented the pursuit of additional opportunities. Staff walked the governing body through the process for the surveys. Council Member Burch asked when that previous survey went out. Staff clarified that it was 2023. Staff went on to state that they believed the number of households reported to run the survey off is likely lower than the previous number submitted and that they believe this should help obtain the needed number of responses.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER TO APPROVE ITEM H.7. AS PRESENTED.**

**H.8. BUDGET UPDATE.**

Staff stated that things are looking pretty good currently budget wise. They went on to state that there is almost enough data to begin preliminary forecasts for end-of-year numbers. Staff was optimistic that they would be able to share some forecasts at the budget update in March, bearing in mind that it is preliminary but that the picture would be starting to form. Staff went on to state that they would be having a more in-depth review around June. Staff stated that they are planning to include Department Directors more in the budget process.

**H.9. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO PERSONNEL MATTERS, ACCORDING TO K.S.A. 75-4319 (1) FOR TEN (10) MINUTES TO INCLUDE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY CLERK, POLICE CHIEF, CITY COUNCIL, AND MAYOR.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTTS TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:56 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:06 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**H.10. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PRELIMINARY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, ACCORDING TO K.S.A. 75-4319 (B)(6) FOR TEN (10) MINUTES TO INCLUDE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND MAYOR.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BURCH, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DYE, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:17 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIES 4-0.**

**I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**I.1. MAYOR – JOSH ELLIOTT**

I.1.1. Foreman street badly damaged by a company hauling dirt but the company has agreed to fix the road themselves.

I.1.2. The sewer plant pumps have the wrong pumps installed and they are causing issues. Expect an update at the next meeting.

**I.2. POLICE CHIEF – IKE DYE**

I.2.1. KDoT took down truck route signs but will be coming out to show staff where new signs can be placed.

I.2.2. Applied for a grant through the Schmitt Family Foundation for two Life Packs.

I.2.3. Working on coming up with a plan for transfers and looking into prices as they have not been updated in years.

**I.3. CITY ADMINISTRATOR – ANDREA SIBLEY**

I.3.1. Working on getting new businesses to town.

I.3.2. Applying for more grants.

I.3.3. Waiting on if the City will be awarded the Kansas Water Office grant applied for in October.

I.3.4. Attended the Galentines day breakfast with the Utilities Clerk for Women in Government.

#### **I.4. CITY CLERK – ADAM LANTER**

I.4.1. EMC audit has been completed and submitted.

I.4.2. The insurance schedule has been updated.

#### **J. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

The were no Council comments.

#### **K. INFORMATIONAL**

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CULVER, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER BUTTS AT 7:27 PM.**

*Josh D. Elliott*

Joshua D. Elliott, Mayor

Attest:

*A. Lanter*

Adam Lanter, City Clerk

