

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Bill Duncan, Jay Sjoblom, Rodney Holst, Morris Mattson, LeRoy McCusker, and Merlyce Johnson. Also present were Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; Brenda Voshalike, Ambulance Director; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

Call to Order Mayor Robinson called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Robinson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the agenda as presented. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Public Input There was no public input.

- Consent Agenda
- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending May 17, 2013
  - B. Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2013 City Council Meeting
  - C. Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2013 City Council Work Session
  - D. County Library Funding Agreement
  - E. Grand Prix Bike Event
  - F. Resolution 2020, Approving a Variance for 111 Dakota Street West

Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the Consent Agenda. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Public Improvement Project – Olmsted Medical Center  
Community Development Director Maroney updated the City Council on the Olmsted Medical Center project. He reported that for the last several months, city staff, the EDA, Dr. Karl Molenaar, and MnDOT had been working on permits and construction estimates for access onto Highway 20 to serve the nearly completed Olmsted Medical Clinic and future development. Construction quotes for the street access project came in nearly 75% higher than the original estimate of approximately \$95,000. MnDOT had indicated they were requiring a right-turn lane as part of the access from Highway 20.

Mr. Maroney stated that City Engineer Greg Anderson had worked on a redesigned street plan. Combined with a favorable bidding climate, the project was then estimated at about \$144,000. The new clinic would need to operate with a temporary gravel-based street access in the meantime.

It was noted that Dr. Molenaar, as the primary benefiting property owner, had consented to an assessment agreement of \$124,767 toward street improvements, as a private drive option was not feasible. The city would be responsible for the remainder of the cost, approximately \$19,500. The agreement further stipulated that if the final assessment were to go above that amount, the assessment term would be extended from 10 years to 15 years. Mr. Maroney stated that it was felt that the turn lane and public street access would be beneficial to the City in terms of future development and that the City's portion would possibly be recouped later on.

Council Member Duncan expressed appreciation to Dr. Molenaar for his willingness to work with the City on this project.

Greg Anderson, City Engineer, explained that a 36 foot wide street would provide optimal flexibility in terms of traffic lanes and traffic movement.

Council Member McCusker asked about future street extension to Gemini and possibly working on a plan that would not place such a heavy financial burden on Dr. Molenaar. Mr. Maroney described the negotiation process that had taken place with Dr. Molenaar, pointing out that the right-of-way property was purchased by the EDA from Dr. Molenaar and that the cost of the project was being financed via an assessment agreement.

Council Member McCusker also inquired about drainage issues. Mr. Anderson replied that the clinic construction project included a holding pond for the building and parking lot. He explained that a culvert would be installed as part of the intersection with Highway 20. When the street was extended farther east in the future, a storm sewer would be added.

Council Member McCusker asked about tabling the issue for further discussion. Mayor Robinson indicated that if the project does not move forward, the clinic opening would be delayed.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Johnson to accept the modified street improvement estimate and proposed assessment agreement for Olmsted Medical Center. All members present voted aye, except Council Member McCusker voted nay. The motion was declared passed.

Staff Reports

City Engineer Anderson provided an update on the East Side street improvement project. He noted that an open house was held for residents, and the project would be starting in the coming days with completion scheduled for September.

Ambulance Director Brenda Voshalike reported on National EMS Week activities, including the recent Bell of Honor ceremony commemorating EMS personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Ms. Voshalike reviewed a list of personnel who have been recognized for their years of service, including 1 year and 15 years. She also thanked members of the fire department and ambulance service for their gift of appreciation. Ms. Voshalike was celebrating her 35th year of service to the ambulance service. Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Voshalike and the EMT staff for the great job they do for the city and surrounding community.

Police Chief Jeffrey McCormick reported on a note he received from the White House thanking him for the commemorative coins he sent in honor of the President's visit to Cannon Falls. He also reviewed a proclamation in honor of National Police Week.

Chief McCormick reported that the severe weather and flood warning siren system had been tested and were functioning properly. He stated that plans for the Grand Prix bike event are being finalized.

Assistant City Administrator Lanell Endres reported on the recent city employee recognition breakfast. She reviewed a list of employees who were recognized for their years of service, including 5 years, 7 years, 10 years, and 30 years. Mayor Robinson expressed appreciation to all those who serve the community. Council Member Duncan echoed his appreciation of the efforts of city employees.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

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Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Aaron S. Reeves, City Administrator