

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 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, LeRoy McCusker, and Merlyce Johnson. Also present were Aaron Reeves, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief; Justin Padgett, Library Director; and Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director. Council Member Morris Mattson was absent.

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 Amended Agenda	Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the amended agenda as presented. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.
Public input	There was no public input.
Presentation by Senator Matt Schmit	<p>A legislative update was provided by Senator Matt Schmit. He began by introducing himself to the mayor and council. He expressed his desire for an open and consistent relationship with local units of government, including school boards, city councils, and county boards. He then provided an overview of the 2013 Minnesota legislative session. He reported that Minnesota's economic recovery is outpacing the rest of the country. He highlighted as an accomplishment, that the legislature, faced with an approximately \$2 billion budget deficit, was able to balance the budget for the next four years. He reported a \$400 million public-private partnership investment in the Mayo Clinic Destination Medical Center concept, which could ultimately leverage \$6 billion of economic development for southeastern Minnesota, including 30,000 new jobs over the next 20 years. He reported on additional transportation funding for the Highway 52 corridor and mentioned the crosswalk across Highway 19. He cited the sales tax exemption as an advantage for cities and counties.</p> <p>Mayor Robinson thanked Senator Schmit for attending the meeting. Council Member Duncan asked about support for the Highway 52 overpass, which was initially supposed to have been part of the interchange project. Senator Schmit replied that he understands the frustration about the cost/benefit decision that was made. He added that transportation needs continue to accelerate and a method needs to be devised to grow transportation project funding. He reported that the 2013 legislative session will focus on a targeted bonding bill and hopefully a good discussion about infrastructure needs, including transportation funding.</p>

Council Members McCusker and Duncan discussed challenges encountered in working with MnDOT. Senator Schmit stressed the importance of continuing the discussion with state agencies. He stated his willingness to provide assistance with signage requests.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending July 12, 2013
- B. Meeting Minutes for July 2, 2013, City Council Meeting
- C. Resolution 2026, Adopting an Investment Policy
- D. Resolution 2027, Approving Variance for 115 Fourth Street South
- ~~E. Resolution 2029, Business Development Infrastructure Application~~
- F. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 331, Amending Chapter 152 of City Code to Allow Dynamic Display Signage
- G. Close Part of Hoffman Street for Street Dance
- H. Purchase New Grass Rig for the Fire Department
- I. Debt Service Review
- J. Eastside I Deferred Assessment
- K. 2014 Preliminary Budget Work Session
- L. Application for Payment No. 2 of the Eastside Improvement Project

Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, minus Item E, Resolution 2029, Business Development Infrastructure Application. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Resolution 2028,
Accepting Proposal
on the Sale of
\$2,610,000 GO
Bonds, Series 2013A,
Providing for their
Issuance and
Pledging for the
Security Thereof,
Special Assessments,
and Net Revenues
and Levying a Tax for
the Payment Thereof

George Eilertson from Northland Securities provided an update with regard to the bond sale that occurred earlier that day. The purpose of the bond sale was to finance three projects: The Eastside street improvement project, the Olmsted Medical Center street extension project, and the south of school project. He noted two financing bids were received, with BOSC being the low bidder at a true interest cost of 3.24%. As part of the bond sale process, the City's bond rating was reviewed and had been assigned AA- with Standard and Poor's, indicative of strong credit. Positive factors included the City's location, strong general fund reserves, and good financial management. He also informed the Council that the call date for the bond would be February 1, 2020. After that date, the City would have the option to refinance or prepay any portion of the debt. The proceeds from the bond issue would be received on August 7, 2013. The updated bond amount was \$2,575,000, a decrease of \$35,000. He stated the reasons for the decrease included underwriter compensation below estimates and bond premium revenue.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve Resolution 2028, accepting the

proposal for the sale of bonds, known as 2013A. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Resolution 2029,
Business
Development
Infrastructure
Application

Council Member McCusker asked about potential public parking for trail access on the east side of the Raw Bistro building on Cannon Street (the old Lorentz Meats building). He stated that the future of the nearby bridge was also under discussion as a potential walking bridge. City Administrator Reeves indicated that the business was growing rapidly and had plans to utilize the entire site. Mr. Reeves also questioned the need for public parking in this area. The proposed curbing would assist with storm water drainage and eliminate the tendency for traffic to cut through the lot as an unofficial turn lane. Council Member Duncan clarified that Raw Bistro does not anticipate operating as a retail store. He added that the City could explore adding additional parking on the other side of Third Street to access the bridge in the future.

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Johnson to approve Resolution 2029, a business development infrastructure application. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Staff Reports

Police Chief McCormick reported on rising river levels as a result of the recent storm. He stated levels were expected to remain high for a week to 10 days. He cautioned about the dangers of high water.

Police Chief McCormick reported that the members of the police department would be conducting a dunk tank fundraiser for the local food shelf during the First Thursday festivities on August 1st.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Mayor Robinson reported receiving a letter from Pet Adoption of Cannon Valley thanking the City for the continued support. He also reported on a suggestion to look into a dog park for Cannon Falls.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 6th day of August, 2013.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aaron S. Reeves, City Administrator