

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Bill Duncan, Jay Sjoblom, Morris Mattson, Rodney Holst, LeRoy McCusker, and Merlyce Johnson. Also present were Aaron Reeves, City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Economic Development and Planning Director; 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. A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the navy yard shooting.

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

Public input Byrl Johnson, 220 North Street West, thanked the City Council for relocating the Farmers Market back to the Cannon Valley Trail Head Municipal lot. He also thanked the police department for assistance with the barricades. He noted the vendors, shoppers, bicyclists and merchants are all happy with the relocation.

Jose Lopez, 102 Northwest Court, spoke regarding safety concerns and his request that a hidden driveway sign be placed on 6th Street coming from the fairgrounds to Northwest Court. He noted public works had agreed to place the sign. He also gave his permission to the police department for a squad car to park in his driveway between 3 and 6 p.m. to catch speeders.

Council Member McCusker suggested a speed sign be placed at various locations where speeding was a problem. Police Chief Jeff McCormick stated he would create a directed patrol area to address the issue and that he is considering using forfeiture funds to purchase a speed trailer.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending September 13, 2013
- B. Meeting Minutes for September 3, 2013, City Council Meeting
- C. Riverside Terrace Utility Bill Credit
- D. Pool Committee Members Appointment
- E. Resignation of M. Ayres and Internal Promotion of J. Colvard for Police Department
- ~~F. Street Closure Request for Raw Bistro~~
- G. Application for Payment No. 2 for TH 20 Utility Crossing

H. Application for Payment No. 4 for the Eastside Improvement Project

Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, minus Item F, Street Closure Request for Raw Bistro. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Street Closure
Request for Raw
Bistro

Council Member McCusker asked whether neighbors had been notified of the street closure request made by Raw Bistro on Cannon Street and if it was necessary to close the entire street.

Economic Development and Planning Director Dave Maroney explained the entire street would not be closed and that there would be access to 5th Street off Cannon Street. He also stated that staff at Raw Bistro had spoken to all the affected neighbors.

Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the Street Closure Request for Raw Bistro. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Staff Reports

Economic Development and Planning Director Maroney reported that the Economic Development Authority was happy to see all the construction in Cannon Falls.

Police Chief Jeff McCormick reported the Highway 19 overlay project took longer than expected but the topcoat had been applied. He also noted the City Wide Garage Sale event was scheduled for this weekend, as well as an auction at Cannon Falls Rental, and due to increased traffic, parking would be restricted on County Road 24 from County Road 25 down to Super America on the east side of the road.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member McCusker spoke regarding several concerns:

- Slow progress on the Highway 19 crossing.
- High level of truck traffic in a residential area where fill was being removed from the top of the hill.
- Challenges the pool committee will face.
- Appreciation for Officer Ayres' years of service and congratulations on promotion of Officer Colvard
- Cannon Valley Rental closing; request that businesses come to the Economic Development Authority when they are facing difficulties.

Council Member Holst invited residents who were having problems with Mediacom to attend the October 22nd Cable Commission meeting. Those who would be unable to attend were encouraged to contact a council member with their concerns.

Council Member Holst requested that the 30 mph speed limit on County Road 17 be extended to the city limit. Police Chief McCormick explained that the city is not authorized to change the speed limit on a county road but the request could be made to the county, which was conducting traffic surveys to determine speeds on several roads.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 1st day of October, 2013.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Aaron S. Reeves, City Administrator