

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Thursday, March 6, 2014, 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 Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; and Jeff 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 Amended Agenda Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve the Amended Agenda as submitted. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Public Input Mayor Robinson reported that the City was in the process of collecting information regarding frozen water service lines and water bill credit concerns.

Joel Wilson expressed concerns regarding frozen water lines, stating that even though utility lines have been upgraded he has not had water since February 19. He stated that his two neighbors had also been affected and efforts to thaw the lines had failed. Mr. Wilson inquired about warranty issues related to water main installation. City Engineer Anderson stated that City staff had been investigating the problem. Mayor Robinson acknowledged Mr. Wilson's frustration and stated that this situation would be further addressed.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending February 28, 2014
- B. Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2014, City Council Meeting
- C. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 334 and Summary of Publication, Adopting the City of Cannon Falls Fee Schedule
- D. Statutory Tort Limits
- E. Replacement of Squad Car Computers
- F. Resolution 2060, Supporting Dakota County's Effort to Seek State Bond Funds for Byellesby Dam
- ~~G. Street Renames~~ This item had been moved to Council Business.
- H. Resolution 2062, Canvass Returns and Declare Election Results From City Special Election
- ~~I. Resolution 2061, Petition for Dissolution of Cannon Falls Hospital District Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 447.38, Subd. 1~~
- J. Authorize Ron Johnson to be Placed on the Bank Signature Cards
- K. Resolution 2063, Interim Policy Regarding Payment of Utility Bills While Running Water to Prevent Water Service Line Freezing

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

Street Renames

Police Chief McCormick provided an update regarding changes to City streets as a result of the new Highway 52 interchange, which could cause potential problems related to several streets with multiple names. Discussions had been held with County and Township representatives regarding all of the roads impacted by the construction project. He reviewed the street renaming proposal. The City Attorney reported that, by statute, an ordinance would be required to make these changes. This proposed ordinance was being drafted and would be introduced during the next Council meeting. He discussed the transition period with regard to mapping and Post Office related activities.

Resolution 2061,
Petition for
Dissolution of Cannon
Falls Hospital District,
Pursuant to Minn.
Stat. 447.38, Subd. 1

Council Member McCusker inquired about the City's involvement in the issue regarding the petition for dissolution of the Cannon Falls Hospital District. Glenn Christian, Operations Administrator for Mayo Clinic Health System - Cannon Falls, provided clarification for the request and an update regarding the new facility, which was scheduled to open in August of 2014. Mr. Christian described the newly created hospital board. He stated the plan at this point was that the current hospital building would be torn down, unless it was purchased by a different entity to be used for another purpose. Council Member Duncan added that Mayo Health System and EDA representatives had been discussing potential uses for the current hospital site.

Council Member Johnson moved, seconded by Council Member Duncan to approve Resolution 2061. All members present voted aye. The motion was declared passed.

Staff Reports

Police Chief McCormick provided an update regarding planning for potential flooding concerns. He also reported that Officer Nick Sather has accepted a position with the City of Red Wing and had tendered his resignation, effective March 20. He discussed a part-time officer who was nearing completion of his training and could possibly move into the position being vacated by Officer Sather.

Assistant Administrator Endres reported that the new City Administrator, Ron Johnson, would begin his employment with the City on Monday, March 10.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Duncan thanked Assistant Administrator Endres for filling in during the transition to a new City Administrator. He also recognized Sara Peer for taking on additional responsibilities while another staff member was away. He reported on a recent Public Works Commission meeting and an interim policy regarding payment of water bills.

Council Member McCusker commented on the recent water line freezing issues and prevention of future problems. Council Member Mattson and Mayor Robinson also commented on the recent water line freezing concerns.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 18th day of March, 2014.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator