

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 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 Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; Brenda Voshalike, Ambulance Director; John Miller, Fire Chief; 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 A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Public Input No one came forward to speak for public input.

Public Hearing: Liquor License Violation – Sol de Mexico Police Chief McCormick provided background information regarding the liquor license violation by Sol de Mexico. He stated the Minnesota Department of Health reported that Sol de Mexico had not renewed their 2014 food service license and City code required that restaurants have at least a medium food service license as a requirement for liquor license renewal. Mayor Robinson opened the Public Hearing. No one present wished to speak with regard to the violation. Chief McCormick provided additional details, stating that Sol de Mexico had apparently ceased operations. Chief McCormick reviewed the liquor license revocation process. Mayor Robinson and Council Member Duncan spoke in favor of liquor license revocation. Council Member Johnson inquired regarding potential penalties. Chief McCormick reviewed penalty options. Council Member Johnson inquired regarding whether the business could relocate elsewhere. Chief McCormick reviewed the application process and stated that the Minnesota Department of Health would be apprised of Council action regarding the liquor license. Council Member McCusker spoke against imposing additional sanctions, other than liquor license revocation. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing. Chief McCormick reviewed a recommendation for liquor license revocation. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to revoke the liquor license previously issued to Sol de Mexico. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2097, which detailed this revocation.

Consent Agenda

- ~~A. Just and Correct Claims—Accounting Period Ending August 28, 2014 Pulled by Council Member McCusker~~
- B. Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2014, City Council Meeting
- C. Fire Department Relief Association Pension Increase Request
- ~~D. Resolution 2094, Approving a Public Auction or Auction to Adjacent Owners on Tax-Forfeited Non-Conservation Land Pulled by Council Member Mattson~~
- ~~E. Resolution 2095, Adopting the Preliminary Tax Levy and Budget Collectible in 2015 and Setting a Public Meeting Date Pulled by Council Member McCusker~~
- ~~F. Resolution 2096, Accepting a Monetary Donation to the Police Department from Lynn Carpenter Pulled by Council Member McCusker~~

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, minus Items A, D, E, and F.

Ambulance Personnel
Recommendations

City Administrator Johnson provided background information regarding ambulance personnel recommendations. Ambulance Director Voshalike had requested to step down from the director position and be appointed to fill a vacant paramedic position. The Personnel Committee recommended the reassignment of Brenda Voshalike from Ambulance Director to Paramedic, the designation of an Interim Ambulance Director, and authorizing advertisement of the Ambulance Director position. The Personnel Committee extended its appreciation for Director Voshalike's years of service in this capacity. The Personnel Committee also recommended the hiring of another full-time paramedic at this time. Mayor Robinson provided rationale for the additional staffing, citing an increase in ambulance runs resulting from the opening of the new medical center. Council Member Duncan added that the addition of a fourth paramedic had been part of the long-range plan and that this hire would make sense at this time, in light of the current pool of qualified applicants. Council Member Duncan expressed his appreciation for Director Voshalike's service.

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Johnson and unanimously carried, to approve the reassignment of Brenda Voshalike to a Paramedic position at Grade 9, Step 7. A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Johnson and unanimously carried, to authorize City Administrator Johnson to negotiate on behalf of the City and forward a recommendation for the designation of an Interim Ambulance Director for Council review during the September 16

meeting. A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Johnson and unanimously carried, to begin the hiring process for an Ambulance Director. A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Johnson and unanimously carried, to authorize a task force consisting of Director Voshalike, Chief McCormick, and Administrator Johnson to interview the existing pool of qualified paramedic applicants and provide a hiring recommendation. Mayor Robinson thanked Director Voshalike for her dedicated service.

Resolution 2094,
Approving a Public
Auction or Auction to
Adjacent Owners on
Tax-Forfeited Non-
Conservation Land
Parcels 52.719.2400
& 52.720.0100

Council Member Mattson inquired whether the State owned some or all of the land that was tax-forfeited. It was noted that one of the properties was located next to the Subway and Best Buy Liquor property. Administrator Johnson stated that the County was asking whether the City had any interest in either of the two parcels. Community Development Director Maroney provided clarification, stating that this property was located behind the Subway and liquor store parcel (to the north) rather than on the side to the west. City Engineer Anderson and Community Director Maroney stated their opinion that this land would not be suitable for a public purpose. Police Chief McCormick cited potential drainage issues that should be monitored. Council Member McCusker cited potential septic system concerns. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2094, approving a public auction or auction to adjacent owners of parcels 52.719.2400 and 52.720.0100 by Goodhue County.

Resolution 2095,
Adopting the
Preliminary Tax Levy
and Budget
Collectible in 2015
and Setting a Public
Meeting Date

Council Member McCusker inquired with regard to the EDA budget. Administrator Johnson and Assistant Administrator Endres provided additional information and clarification. Mayor Robinson and Council Member Duncan reiterated that the proposed 8.2% levy increase and preliminary budget would be further reviewed and adjusted prior to final approval in December. Administrator Johnson added that tax capacity data would be utilized to determine the final levy amount and stated that a work session would be scheduled for further discussion of the levy and budget. A motion was made by Council Member McCusker, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2095, adopting the preliminary levy and budget collectible in 2015 and setting a public meeting date.

Just and Correct
Claims – Accounting
Period Ending August
28, 2014

Council Member McCusker requested further information with regard to Library and Public Works expenses. Clarification would be provided. A motion was made by Council Member McCusker, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to

approve the Just and Correct Claims for the accounting period ending August 28, 2014.

Resolution 2096,
Accepting a Monetary
Donation to the Police
Department from
Lynn Carpenter

Council Member McCusker expressed appreciation to Dick Carpenter's family for the donation and service to the community. He suggested that a commemorative plaque be purchased. A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Sjoblom and unanimously carried, to approve Resolution 2096, accepting a donation to the police department from Lynn Carpenter.

Staff Reports

City Engineer Anderson provided a Second Street Improvement Project update, which was nearing completion.

Police Chief McCormick issued a reminder with regard to the start of school and safety concerns.

Mayor and Council
Reports

The Mayor and Council Members expressed appreciation to Director Voshalike for her service to the community.

Council Member McCusker inquired regarding discussion of a potential right turn lane proposal on Highway 52. Administrator Johnson provided an update, stating that the study was ongoing.

Council Member Mattson inquired with regard to clean-up of brush in alleys. Administrator Johnson stated that he would check with Public Works with regard to progress.

Council Member McCusker inquired with regard to a Public Works painting project. Chief McCormick provided an update.

Council Member Mattson requested an update with regard to Library drainage issues. Administrator Johnson provided an update.

Mayor Robinson commented with regard the new interchange.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 16th day of September, 2014.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator