

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 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; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

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| 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   | <p>Melinda and Naji Aljabri, owners of SuperAmerica at 31600 65<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cannon Falls, were present to discuss negative impacts related to the closing of access at the intersection of Highway 52 and County Road 24. They expressed frustration related to declines in both traffic and customer counts for businesses in the area. They presented a customer petition that was circulated, which included 743 signatures. They requested that the City Council put pressure on MnDOT to complete the safety study and hopefully initiate a project to reopen the access. Mayor Robinson offered to help submit the petition to MnDOT. Council Member Duncan expressed frustration regarding the time delay in receiving the results of the safety study. Greg Anderson explained the process and reported that preliminary information is anticipated to be received within the next month. Mr. Aljabri reported a 75% decline in overall sales, with diesel sales diminishing to almost nothing. Trucking companies have expressed concerns related to round-about navigation.</p> <p>City Administrator Johnson reported that a meeting had been scheduled with local business owners. He reviewed the components of the study currently under review by MnDOT, which include traffic distribution, safety analysis, concept development for right-in and right-out access, and an operational analysis. Once the operational analysis was agreed to, a technical memorandum would be prepared along with a list of study conclusions.</p> |
| Public Hearing:<br>Resolution 2107,<br>Certifying Unpaid<br>Utility Charges to | Assistant Administrator Endres reviewed the final resolution for this calendar year for delinquent water and sewer bills to be assessed with next year's property taxes. Mayor Robinson commented that the number of  |

be Collected with Taxes properties has remained relatively stable, but the dollar amount has decreased. Ms. Endres replied that this may be due to decreased water usage. Mayor Robinson opened the Public Hearing. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2107, certifying unpaid utility charges to be collected with taxes.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending November 7, 2014
- B. Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2014, City Council Meeting
- C. Resolution 2106, Canvass Returns and Declare Election Results from City General Election
- D. Resolution 2108, Accepting Donation for the Fire Department
- E. Approve Frozen Service Line Policy

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

Staff Reports City Administrator Johnson recommended scheduling a budget workshop immediately following the next City Council Meeting on November 18. The Mayor and Council were in agreement with this recommendation.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014.

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Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator