

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Jay Sjoblom, Rodney Holst, Kathy Gallups, and Merlyce Johnson. Council Members Bill Duncan and Morris Mattson were absent. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development 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.

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

Public Input Rosie Schluter expressed concerns related to communication challenges she had recently experienced with regard to contacting the Mayor and City Council Members to request comments as a journalist. Mayor Robinson explained that responding to a journalist's questions was not required, especially when no decision on a particular issue had been reached. Ms. Schluter replied that both City Administrator Ron Johnson and Community Development Director Dave Maroney responded to her inquiry, suggesting that even a "no comment" response would have been appropriate. City Administrator Johnson provided additional information, including his response to an email he received from Ms. Schluter on February 20, during which he referenced Minnesota Open Meeting laws and cited the importance of Council Members sharing their ideas and providing direction as one body, not individual members.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending February 27, 2015
- B. Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2015, City Council Meeting
- C. Accept Generator from Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Cannon Falls, and Approve Expenses to Relocate and Install at City Hall/Police Station
- D. Retirement of Assistant Chief Wisniewski
- E. Resolution 2121, Establishing Utility Rate Charges
- F. Approve Zip Rail Advisory Committee Membership and Appoint Representative

City Administrator Johnson added that Council Member Gallups has expressed interest in serving on the Zip Rail Advisory Committee as an alternate member. Mayor Robinson suggested adding this item to the Council Business portion of the meeting.

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

TH52 Access Safety
Study – Set Special
Meeting

City Administrator Johnson reported that representatives from MnDOT, SEH, and Goodhue County would be available to attend a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, to continue the Highway 52 access discussion. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to schedule a Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Highway 52 Access Safety Study and related topics.

Appoint Zip Rail
Advisory Committee
Alternate Member

Mayor Robinson stated that City Administrator Johnson had been appointed to serve on the Zip Rail Advisory Committee. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to appoint Council Member Gallups to serve as an alternate member of the Zip Rail Advisory Committee.

Staff Reports

Development Director Maroney reported on the Planning Commission meeting schedule stating there would be no meeting in March.

Police Chief McCormick reported on updated flooding predictions by the National Weather Service stating that currently there was a lower than normal chance for flooding in this area, given the current snow cover and moisture content.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Mayor Robinson reported on a recent meeting with members of the Minnesota Senate Transportation Committee. He congratulated Assistant Police Chief Wisniewski on his retirement and thanked him for his service.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 17th day of March, 2015.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator