

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 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, Kathy Gallups, and Merlyce Johnson. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Justin Padgett, Library Director; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; Tim Malchow, 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.

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 Rosie Schluter, Stanton Township, spoke with regard to a proposal for outdoor exercise equipment trail enhancements, stating this would provide health benefits for trail users. She showed examples of what this equipment would look like if installed at various points along the trail. It was proposed that sponsors of the project cover the cost of the equipment and that the Public Works Department would maintain the equipment. A public meeting had been scheduled at the Library for Tuesday, March 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. for further discussion of this project. Mayor Robinson suggested contacting Goodhue County to request assistance as well.

Joyce Morgan, Cannon Falls, inquired with regard to the City's official newspaper. She was advised that the *Cannon Falls Beacon* was the City's official newspaper. Ms. Morgan asked whether City Council meeting minutes were printed in the newspaper or otherwise available to the public. Ms. Morgan suggested that if the minutes are not printed in the newspaper, copies should be made available at the Library, stating that there were residents without internet access or expertise who were interested in reviewing this information. Library Director Padgett added that the library staff was willing to provide assistance to library patrons in accessing the internet. Ms. Morgan expressed concern with regard to the absence of the City Attorney from City Council meetings, stating her belief that this was required according to the City Charter.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending March 12, 2015
- B. Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2015, City Council Meeting
- C. Purchase 2016 Horton Ambulance
- D. Cannon Arts Board Grant Support Letter

E. Resolution 2122, Supporting Dedicated State Funding for City Streets

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

Library Director Padgett commented with regard to the Cannon Falls Library Arts Challenge exhibit, featuring paintings by local artists. The next Arts Challenge would highlight woodworking, sculpture, and ceramics pieces. He reported that the Library would be hosting a "Bach in the Subway" performance event on Saturday, March 21, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Public Works Director Bergeson reported that a new male swan had been acquired for the pond.

Ambulance Director Malchow provided a department update.

Police Chief McCormick commented on early spring driving conditions.

Administrator Johnson commented that he and Ambulance Director Malchow have had discussions with Mayo Health System regarding the community paramedic program. He provided an update with regard to technology and communication enhancements. He reported that a meeting was held with Xcel Energy and Goodhue County Co-op Electric to develop a plan with regard to street lighting improvements.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 7th day of April, 2015.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator