

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 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; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; and Josh Colvard, Police Officer.

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 presented.

Public Input Ross Nelson from Welch Mill Canoeing and Tubing requested to continue using Riverside Park as a river access location. He stated he would like to discuss issues related to the Riverside Park access area with City Administrator Johnson and requested that any issues or concerns with regard to his operation be brought to his attention.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the request for Welch Mill Canoeing and Tubing to use Riverside Park as the access point for the river.

Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month Mayor Robinson read a proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Laura McDonough and Susan Draves from the HOPE Coalition discussed the impacts of sexual violence on the community and described the work performed by sexual assault advocates. Information was provided with regard to the crisis line.

2014 Audit Presentation Kevin Knopik, from Abdo, Eick & Meyers, presented the results of the 2014 financial audit and management letter. An unmodified opinion was issued for the City's audit, with no issues noted. He stated there were no compliance issues and that adequate fund balances were maintained. He also stated revenue and expenditures in relation to budgeted amounts were reviewed, with both revenue and expenses coming in slightly over budget. Audit trends and comparisons with other small cities were discussed as well as capital improvement project funds, enterprise funds, capital assets and accounting standard changes.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the Management Letter and Annual Financial Report.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending April 17, 2015
- B. Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2015, City Council Meeting
- C. ~~Prohibiting of Garbage Trucks in Alleys~~ Pulled by Council Member Sjoblom
- D. Spring Garden Road Closure/Private Drive
- E. Approve Transportation Alliance Fly-In
- F. Resolution 2124, Approve Variance for Interstate Building Supply and Design

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

Prohibiting of
Garbage Trucks in
Alleys

Mayor Robinson provided background information and rationale for prohibiting garbage trucks in alleys, as recommended by the Public Works Commission, in order to prevent damage to alley surfaces. Council Member Sjoblom inquired with regard to allowing roll-off dumpsters for construction and demolition projects. Public Works Director Bergeson clarified that the restrictions pertain to residential alleys only. He stated that occasional use of roll-off dumpsters should not present a problem. Council Member Mattson inquired with regard to certain alleys. Director Bergeson commented that it would be difficult to make exceptions for certain alleys and not others. The use of satellite trucks was discussed. Residents would be responsible for garbage receptacle placement for curbside pick-up.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan, to prohibit garbage trucks in alleys. All members present voted aye, except Council Member Sjoblom abstained. The motion was declared passed.

Street Lighting
Update

City Administrator Johnson discussed lighting improvements at the southern end of the City, on each side of Highway 52. He stated that discussions have been held with Goodhue County Co-op Electric and Xcel Energy. Proposed lighting improvements were reviewed, at a cost of approximately \$10,000. Council Member Duncan inquired with regard to funding of the lighting improvements. Administrator Johnson reviewed funding options.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the proposed street lighting improvements.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Bergeson provided information that hot-mix plants would not be open for another couple of weeks and that potholes would be repaired as soon as feasible.

City Administrator Johnson reported that the Planning Commission was moving forward with the rezoning process for the former medical center property.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 5th day of May, 2015.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator