

The City of Cannon Falls met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 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, Cathy Gallups, and Merlyce Johnson. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; Tom Bergeson, Public Works 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 Mayor Robinson discussed a proposed change to the Agenda, pulling discussion of the Police Supervisor Hire item under Council Business. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the amended Agenda.

Public Input There was no public input.

Public Hearing:
Resolution 2137,
Adopting
Assessments for the
Second Street
Southwest Street
Improvement Project

City Administrator Johnson provided background information on the Second Street SW street improvements and the proposed assessments. He stated the project was necessary as a result of a water main break and that the water main repair portion of the project had been completed. The proposed assessments pertained to the street improvement portion of the project. The assessments were calculated on a per-lot basis. The street improvement and curb and gutter improvement assessment percentages were reviewed, with the street improvements assessed at 20% and the curb and gutter improvements assessed at 19/20, per policy and the Chapter 429 assessment process.

Mayor Robinson opened the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. No one present wished to speak with regard to the proposed assessments. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2137, adopting assessments for the Second Street SW project.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending July 2, 2015
- B. Meeting Minutes for June 16, 2015, City Council Meeting
- C. Sale of 2001 Chevrolet Utility Truck

- D. Approve payment to SEH for Additional \$900 for TH52 Highway Safety Assessment Report
- E. Approve Cost for Soil Borings

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

Police Supervisor Hire This item was removed from the Agenda.

Resolution 2138,
Ordering Preparation
of Report on
Improvement for River
Road Water Main
Request

Administrator Johnson provided background information with regard to a request from Carolee Stock pertaining to 1014 River Road. There is a well that serves her property and another home, and her septic system is in need of replacement in order for the home to be sold.

City Engineer Anderson described the challenges associated with installing water and sewer services to these properties and reviewed available options. The property owner was requesting to be hooked up to City water and requested an allowance for installation of a new private septic system. The policy with regard to hooking up to City utilities was discussed. Council Member Duncan added that even under the Chapter 429 assessment process, initial estimates indicated that there would be substantial costs to the affected properties due to feasibility issues in this location.

Carolee Stock, owner of 1014 River Road, described past discussion related to extending City water and sewer services to the property, stating that the plan was not approved at that time. Ms. Stock inquired with regard to the cost to extend both sewer and water service lines. Mr. Anderson provided clarification of the initial cost estimates.

Council Member Duncan inquired whether the proposed feasibility report would include both water and sewer services. Administrator Johnson indicated that the report would pertain only to water services at this point. Council Member Johnson provided additional comment, stating her understanding that if the well was capped there would be adequate area for installation of a new septic system.

Lisa Hanni, Goodhue County Surveyor, provided additional background information, indicating that there was no guarantee that there would be adequate space for a septic system on the site, adding that the home located to the south of this property was situated on an even smaller parcel. It was suggested that the City

review the entire area in order to determine a long-range plan. Council Members Johnson and Duncan stated their understanding, from past Public Works Commission discussions, that there was adequate room to design a new septic system on the 1014 River Road property. Ms. Hanni reviewed correspondence related to the three parcels in the area and challenges related to septic system compliance requirements. A feasibility report related to sewer services was suggested.

Administrator Johnson recommended ordering a feasibility report pertaining to both water and sewer services. Council Members Duncan and Johnson expressed concerns related to past communication. The affected properties were reviewed.

Administrator Johnson recommended preparing a resolution to order a feasibility report that would include extension of water and sewer services to all of the affected properties. Council Member Johnson inquired with regard to adding street improvements as well. Mayor Robinson suggested discussion of incorporating this project into the already scheduled West Side II project.

Ms. Stock expressed appreciation to City staff for their assistance. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to table discussion of this item in order to gather more information.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Maroney reported that the Planning Commission would not be meeting during July.

Public Works Director Bergeson provided a reminder with regard to reporting illegal dumping activities. He added that issues related to flushable wipes will continue to persist as long as these are available to consumers.

Police Chief McCormick added that residents should utilize 911 to report illegal dumping activities. He provided a reminder with regard to traffic concerns during the upcoming Cannon Falls Wine & Art Festival.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 21st day of July, 2015.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator