

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 7:28 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson, Council Members Bill Duncan, Cathy Gallups, Rodney Holst, Merlyce Johnson, Morris Mattson and Jay Sjoblom. Also present were City Administrator Ron Johnson, Assistant City Administrator Lanell Endres Police Chief Jeff McCormick, Community Development Director Dave Maroney, Public Works Director Tom Bergeson and Library Director Justin Padgett.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the proposed preliminary 2016 budget.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the budget process indicating that a preliminary levy is required to be adopted by September 30 of each year. He stated that once the preliminary levy is adopted it cannot be increased and that is why the preliminary levy is typically higher than the final budget that is adopted in December. Mayor Robinson also discussed the tax capacity and the impact that has on the property taxes.

City Administrator Johnson reviewed the proposed preliminary 2016 budget and noted that the first-round budget information resulted in a possible 7.2% levy increase. He stated the first round the previous year was 9.6%, the preliminary levy was 8.2%, and that the final adopted levy was 3.5%. Administrator Johnson indicated the 2016 proposed budget included an estimated 10% health insurance premium increase, a 3% cost of living adjustment and the inclusion of one regular half-time employee in the Administration budget. The Council asked that more information be provided by the various departments regarding variations in their budget requests.

The Council decided to hold the next budget meeting after the Council meeting on September 1, 2015.

The meeting duly adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator