

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 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 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 A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Public Input Steve Bodette spoke on behalf of the Ridgebrook Condo Association Board of Directors. Mr. Bodette stated that he attended a Planning Commission meeting on August 10. At that time proposals for liquid asphalt storage and railroad maintenance facilities were discussed, which would involve the current Ray Rapp property. The association had discussed these proposals and wanted to express concerns related to these facilities being located so close to residential properties, specifically related to odor and noise issues. The association wanted to inquire whether discussions regarding a potential industrial park location had been held. Mayor Robinson indicated that additional discussion of the proposals would take place during the Planning Commission meeting on September 14, prior to any further action.

Police Recognition Awards Police Chief McCormick recognized Cannon Falls Police Officers Jacob Edwinston and Trevor Sullivan for their actions on July 1, 2015. The two officers assisted a suicidal juvenile male who was attempting to jump off the roof of a grain bin. Chief McCormick presented both officers with a Cannon Falls Police Department Life Saving Award. A juvenile friend present at the scene, who also provided assistance, will be presented with a Citizen Recognition Award.

Chief McCormick recognized Officer Joshua Colvard for his actions on July 28, 2015, during which time he provided assistance to a newborn baby girl who appeared to be in respiratory distress and to her family. He monitored the condition of the baby and her mother until the arrival of ambulance personnel. Chief McCormick presented Officer Colvard with a Cannon Falls Police Department Life Saving Award.

The Mayor and Council Members expressed appreciation to the three officers for their life-saving actions.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending August 26, 2015
- B. Meeting Minutes for August 18, 2015, City Council Meeting
- ~~C. Approve Classification and Compensation Study Proposal~~ Pulled by Council Member Gallups
- D. Resolution 2145, Ordering a Portion of State Street West to be Included in West Side II Public Improvement Project
- E. Accept Resignation of Trevor Sullivan
- F. Reserve Officer Additions
- G. Resolution 2146, In Support of Application for a Temporary Classification of Body-Worn Camera Data
- H. Hire PEG Access Technician
- I. Approve Alison McCusker to Practice Massage in the City Limits
- J. Resolution 2147, Authorizing Entering into the Minnesota Government Access Agreement

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

Authorize Evaluation of Submittal of Transportation Economic Development (TED) Program Application

Community Development Director Maroney provided an overview of the Transportation Economic Development (TED) program, which helps fund transportation projects throughout the State of Minnesota, helping to create jobs, expand the tax base, etc. If an application was pursued, the request for funding would involve the overpass bridge project. He stated the application would need to demonstrate economic development potential. If the Council expressed support, Director Maroney would explore potential economic development opportunities and work with SEH on the application process. The application would need to be submitted by September 25, 2015. Mayor Robinson provided additional background information. Council Member Duncan requested clarification of the economic development component, and Director Maroney provided additional information.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to move forward with the application process.

Approve Classification and Compensation Study Proposal

Council Member Gallups expressed concerns related to varying job duties for the same position within different organizations. Mayor Robinson reported that the study would evaluate the entire pay system to ensure that City employees are adequately compensated.

He indicated that the current system needed to be updated. Council Member Duncan added that the information would be beneficial during future labor union negotiations. Assistant City Administrator Endres clarified that the study would evaluate each job description, define the duties that each employee does, and utilize a point system to realign employee positions relative to one another. This information would then be utilized to revise the current compensation system.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the classification and compensation study proposal from Springsted, at a cost of \$13,600, plus up to \$1,000 for expenses.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Bergeson reported an estimated cost of \$1.4 million to maintain the Third Street Bridge on the National Register of Historic Places, of which the City would be required to fund approximately \$280,000. Mayor Robinson inquired with regard to bridge inspections. Director Bergeson stated that the bridge is inspected annually and that the condition of the bridge will need to be addressed in the near future.

Police Chief McCormick provided information related to phone scams. Suspicious calls should be reported to the Cannon Falls Police Department.

Mayor and Council

Council Member Johnson inquired with regard to fireworks permits. Police Chief McCormick provided background information, stating that the process had changed from a County issued permit to a locally issued permit.

Council Member Mattson thanked Officer Sullivan for his service as a member of the Cannon Falls Police Department.

Council Member Duncan reported that he would be resigning from the City Council effective at the close of the meeting. He expressed appreciation to the Mayor, Council Members, and City Staff for their assistance. The Mayor and Council Members thanked Council Member Duncan for his service to the community. Mayor Robinson encouraged anyone interested in serving on the City Council for the remainder of Council Member Duncan's term to contact him or City Hall for more information with regard to the process. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to reluctantly accept the resignation of Council Member Duncan.

Adjournment            The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator