

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Morris Mattson and Council Members Jay Sjoblom, Rodney Holst, Cathy Gallups, and Merlyce Johnson. Mayor Robby Robinson was absent. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

Call to Order Mayor Pro Tem Mattson called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Pro Tem Mattson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Input Jose Lopez expressed concerns related to the location of the proposed liquid asphalt storage facility. He suggested locating this facility away from the City, such as near the former Apco gas station, citing concerns related to odor and proximity to residential areas.

Community Development Director Maroney reported that the Planning Commission continued the Public Hearing on September 14 and made a recommendation to the City Council, which will be discussed on October 6. The Planning Commission has recommended approval of a conditional use permit for Bituminous Roadways and a conditional use permit for Progressive Rail, and rezoning of the property for both of those sites to an I-2 industrial classification. Director Maroney provided background information with regard to the project.

Mr. Lopez expressed concerns related to the proposal and recommended that the City Council deny the request.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending September 11, 2015
- B. Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2015, City Council Meeting
- C. Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2015, City Council Work Session
- D. Resolution 2148, Adopting the Preliminary Tax Levy and Budget Collectible in 2016 and Setting a Public Meeting Date
- E. Resolution 2149, Declaring a Vacancy on the City Council
- F. Part-Time Police Officer Hire
- G. Police Supervisor Hire

H. Application for Payment No. 9 (Final) for 2013 Street Improvements

I. Waste Water Generator Repairs

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

Resolution 2150,
Receiving Feasibility
Report for West Side
II Public Improvement
Project and Calling for
a Hearing on
Improvements

City Engineer Anderson presented the feasibility study for the proposed 2016 West Side II improvement project. The proposed project scope, area, and construction timeline were reviewed. Council Member Gallups inquired with regard to project funding. Assistant City Administrator Endres indicated that this project would be funded through general obligation bonds. City Engineer Anderson reviewed the projected project cost, estimated at \$3,612,809.85. If approved, the public hearing would be held on October 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2150, Receiving Feasibility Report for the West Side II Public Improvement Project and Calling for a Hearing on Improvements.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Maroney provided an update with regard to a potential application for transportation and economic development (TED) funding through MnDOT. Staff had researched whether there would be sufficient opportunity for economic development related to the construction of the overpass, should this be funded by the TED Program. Director Maroney reported that, due to the inability to use DEED funds for the kind of project that would need to be financed with them in order to facilitate economic development, it did not appear advisable from a competitive perspective to apply for TED funding at this time. Director Maroney commented with regard to potential business ventures on the west side, which would not necessarily require construction of the overpass in order to be successful. He recommended not proceeding with an application at this time but reviewing this possibility next year.

Police Chief McCormick issued a reminder with regard to Homecoming Week. Any suspicious activities should be reported to the Cannon Falls Police Department for investigation.

City Administrator Johnson reported with regard to a recent meeting with Senator Matt Schmit. A Community Forum has been scheduled to be held on October 8, during which concerns related to rising

healthcare costs would be discussed. Senator Schmit would provide assistance with facilitating panelists. Community Development Director Maroney added additional information with regard to the purpose of the forum and potential participants.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Johnson requested an update with regard to a new Mediacom franchise agreement. Mike Gesme reported that the current franchise agreement was now officially expired but had no further update to report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 6th day of October, 2015.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator