

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Morris Mattson, Jay Sjoblom, Rodney Holst, Cathy Gallups, and Merlyce Johnson. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; 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 Holst and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Public Input There was no public input.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2154, Ordering Improvements and Preparation of Plans for West Side II Improvement Project

City Engineer Greg Anderson provided background information and reviewed the feasibility report for the proposed West Side II improvement project. The West Side II project was included in the City's Capital Improvement Plan and, following some revisions to the project area, is now under consideration to be completed in 2016. The improvements would consist of replacing the sanitary sewer, water mains, and storm sewer along with street reconstruction. The project area was reviewed. Proposed sidewalks were discussed. The feasibility report included several options for street and utility improvements to three properties on River Road and St. Clair Street, which were reviewed. The project was estimated to cost approximately \$3.3 million, with assessments totaling approximately \$680,000. Estimated assessments have been calculated at approximately \$7,300 per parcel. Cost estimates and potential assessments for the River Road portion of the project were reviewed. The project schedule was discussed.

Council Member Gallups requested clarification of the utility improvements for the River Road portion of the project. Mr. Anderson commented with regard to the need for an approved septic system prior to the sale of one of the properties.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the public hearing procedure and opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Carolee Stock, owner of the property at 1014 River Road, Cannon Falls, expressed concerns related to the proposed assessments. She stated that she feels caught between the City and the County

regarding the need for a new septic system. She indicated her understanding that there was adequate room to install a new septic system on the property. Mayor Robinson suggested further discussion with Goodhue County staff. City Administrator Johnson commented with regard to challenges related to the location of the well and septic system on this property. He indicated that there has been discussion that installation of a water main may allow installation of a new septic system on the property. Ms. Stock inquired why the West Side property owners will be assessed 20% of the project cost, whereas it has been proposed that River Road property owners be responsible for 100% of project costs. Administrator Johnson indicated that a decision with regard to assessments has not yet been made. Ms. Stock indicated her understanding that an assessment cannot exceed the amount of increased value to the property. Council Member Johnson recommended that Ms. Stock develop a plan with a septic contractor and provide Goodhue County with this information.

Mike Siebenaler, 1010 River Road, Cannon Falls, stated that he worked with a septic system designer in the past but that the City refused to allow the project to move forward. He indicated that he would help facilitate the development of a septic design plan with this contractor for his property and Ms. Stock's property, to be presented to the County for review.

Marcine Lundell, 1100 Hoffman Street West, Cannon Falls, inquired with regard to assessments per parcel and asked whether a condo owner would be charged more than a single family homeowner. Mr. Anderson indicated that it has been proposed for each condo unit to be assessed the same amount as a single family home. Ms. Lundell commented with regard to debris flowing down from the north along Floyd Street during a rain storm. Mr. Anderson commented with regard to drainage issues that would be addressed as part of the project design process.

Betty Wilson, 700 West Hoffman Street, Cannon Falls, inquired with regard to the proposed assessments and the location of planned sidewalks. Mr. Anderson provided additional information. Ms. Wilson commented that her property was assessed for a retaining wall and a new sidewalk about 12 years ago. Mr. Anderson clarified that new sidewalks would not be installed except where necessary and that homeowners would be notified of impacts.

With no further public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2154.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending October 16, 2015
- B. Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2015, City Council Meeting
- C. Resolution 2155, Accepting a Donation in Memory of Patricia Rehbein
- D. Resolution 2156, Accepting a Donation in Memory of Margaret Skillestad
- E. Resolution 2157, Accepting a Donation from Gemini, Inc.
- F. Police Officer Positions Final Hire Approval
- ~~G. Approve Expense for Reinstallation of TH52 Welcome Sign~~
Pulled by Council Member Mattson
- H. Assessment Agreements for Union Court Lift Station

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

Resolution 2158,
Approving Findings of
Fact and Decision for
Rezoning

Community Development Director Maroney provided background information regarding the rezoning request from Bituminous Roadways and Progressive Rail and clarified that Resolution 2158 was drafted in accordance with the City Council's recommendation to deny the application for rezoning and conditional use permits by Bituminous Roadways and Progressive Rail. The findings of fact were reviewed.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2158, Approving Findings of Fact and Decision for Rezoning.

Approve Expense for
Reinstallation of TH52
Welcome Sign

Council Member Mattson asked where the Welcome to Cannon Falls sign would be located. Public Works Director Bergeson reported that the sign would be installed along High Point Road. City Administrator Johnson indicated that this was approximately 1-1/2 miles south of the interchange. Community Development Director Maroney reported that a Miscellaneous Work Permit application would be completed, as required by MnDOT. He added that the City would be working with Cannon Falls Township and MnDOT to acquire this small parcel of property.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to approve the expense for the reinstallation of the welcome sign.

Staff Reports

Police Chief McCormick commented with regard to safety considerations during the Trick or Treat Trot event on October 30 and Halloween activities on October 31.

Mayor and Council Reports

Council Member Johnson requested a Mediacom update. Council Member Mattson reported with regard to discussion that occurred during a recent Cable Commission meeting. Mike Gesme reported that negotiations continue with regard to the terms of the agreement. Discussion points surround the amount of an up-front payment to the City by Mediacom and how much of this amount would be taken back by Mediacom in the future. Mr. Gesme stated that there was no estimated time frame for completion of the agreement and that the City Attorney was involved in the negotiation process. Council Member Johnson inquired with regard to service issues. Administrator Johnson stated that Mediacom had been responsive to consumer complaints recently. Council Member Mattson commented with regard to other problems. Administrator Johnson and Mr. Gesme recommended that issues be reported to City staff in order to expedite communication with Mediacom. Council Member Mattson commented with regard to potential options related to the payment terms.

Mayor Robinson issued a reminder that the next City Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, due to the School District referendum vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator