

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Council Members Jay Sjoblom, Morris Mattson, Rodney Holst, Cathy Gallups, and Merlyce Johnson. Mayor Robby Robinson was absent. Also present were Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; Justin Padgett, Library 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 6:36 p.m.
- Roll Call Mayor Robby Robinson was absent.
- 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 presented.
- Public Input Babe O’Gorman, Michael Avenue, Douglas Township, introduced himself, stating that he has owned his own construction company for 40 years. He praised the current Public Works crew as the best one he has ever seen. He also expressed his concern regarding the Public Works Director.
- Presentations:
Library Presentation Library Director Padgett provided an overview of Library activities.
- The Cannon Falls Library Mission Statement was reviewed.
 - The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) program was discussed.
 - Services provided by the Library were discussed.
 - Circulation information for the month of October was reviewed.
 - The catalog system was described.
 - E-materials were discussed.
 - Library programming and activities were summarized.
 - Library staffing and assistance provided by others was discussed.
- Mayor Pro Tem Mattson commented with regard to audio books. Director Padgett discussed access to audio books, DVDs, music CDs, and other materials through the ILL system.
- EDA Presentation: Community Development Director Maroney provided an overview of EDA and Planning Department activities.
- Director Maroney described economic development and planning functions as the business of “we,” not “me.”

- Support from the City Council was discussed.
- A project update was provided.
- Public Works Commission involvement was discussed.
- Planning Commission roles and responsibilities were described.
- The overlapping nature of various groups was discussed.
- EDA assistance on several projects was described, including the Cannon River Winery event center, access into the new Olmsted Medical Center from Highway 20, and relocation of Lorenz Meats into the industrial park.
- Partnership opportunities were discussed, including evaluation of property for future growth near the industrial park.
- A brewery project on Mill Street was discussed.
- The Cannon Falls Economic Initiatives loan fund was discussed.
- Chamber of Commerce activities were described, including business retention and expansion visits.
- The efforts of a new economic development group, Grow Cannon Falls, were reviewed.
- The SHIP Live Well program was discussed, which helps to promote local food businesses.
- Housing projects involving the former hospital site were discussed.
- Citizen involvement in the economic development and planning process was discussed.
- Cooperation with County, State, and Federal agencies was discussed.

Mayor Pro Tem Mattson commented with regard to the redevelopment project on the former hospital property. Director Maroney commented that this collaborative effort resulted in an unusual and very positive outcome for this property.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending November 25, 2015
- B. Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2015, City Council Meeting
- C. Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2015, City Council Work Session
- D. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 343, Amending Title III of the Cannon Falls City Code Relating to Salaries of the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Council Members

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

Council Business:

Resolution 2169,
Adopting 2016 Tax
Levy and Budget –
Public Input

Mayor Pro Tem Mattson provided background information. Council Members expressed satisfaction with City staff administration of the budget. Assistant Administrator Endres stated that this meeting serves as an opportunity for public comment regarding the proposed 2016 budget and tax levy. No public input was received.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2169.

Reports:

Staff

Public Works Director Bergeson thanked Mr. O’Gorman for his review of the Public Works staff and stated that he agrees 100%.

Police Chief McCormick reported that no vehicles were towed during the most recent snow event and issued a reminder with regard to winter parking restrictions. He discussed the Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths program, which involves increased patrols to try to prevent impaired driving from now through New Year’s.

Mayor and Council

Council Member Gallups expressed concerns related to thin ice and currents on Lake Byllesby. Chief McCormick indicated that the Goodhue and Dakota County Sheriff’s Offices will monitor conditions and post warning signs. Council Member Gallups stated that hopefully the newspaper will mention these concerns as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Mattson inquired regarding snowplowing in the Downtown area, and Director Bergeson provided additional information related to this.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 15th day of December, 2015.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator