

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Jay Sjoblom, Morris Mattson, Rodney Holst, Cathy Gallups, Merlyce Johnson, and Lynne Berg. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; Todd Anderson, Fire Chief; Mike Gesme, PEG Access TV Coordinator; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

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

Roll Call All members were present.

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.

Public Input There was no public input.

Council Business:
Resolution 2170,
Appointing Council
Member to Fill
Vacancy

Mayor Robinson reported that he recommends the appointment of Lynne Berg to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Council Member Bill Duncan, effective immediately. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2170, appointing Lynne Berg to the City Council.

City Administrator Johnson administered the oath of office for Council Member Berg.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending December 11, 2015.
- B. Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2015, City Council Meeting.
- C. Cost of Living Adjustment – Non-Union Employees.
- D. Resolution 2171, Accepting Monetary Donations in Memory of Esther Schaezke to the Library. Mayor Robinson reported that an additional \$50 was received toward this donation.
- E. Resolution 2172, Accepting a Monetary Donation in Memory of Collette Spooner.
- F. Resolution 2173, Approve Conditional Use Permit for MN Woodcraft Property.
- G. Resolution 2174, Approving Special Assessment Agreements and Adopting Special Assessment Roll for the Union Court Lift Station Improvements.

~~H. FuelMaster Replacement and Rolling Gates~~ Pulled by Council Member Sjoblom.

I. Approve Raise in Pension for Fire Department Relief Association.

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

FuelMaster
Replacement and
Rolling Gates

Public Works Director Bergeson provided background information and rationale for the requested equipment purchase. Tank size was discussed. Police Chief McCormick reviewed fuel usage.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to upgrade the FuelMaster system and install the rolling gates with remote control, as recommended by the Public Works Commission.

Presentations:
Fire Department
Presentation

Fire Chief Anderson provided an overview of the Cannon Falls Fire Department.

- Department personnel roles and responsibilities were discussed.
- Equipment was reviewed.
- Areas served by the Cannon Falls Fire Department were described.
- Mutual Aid agreements were discussed.
- Call volume statistics were reviewed.
- Community events were discussed.
- Training activities were discussed.
- The Cannon Falls Fire and Rescue Facebook page was discussed.
- A celebration will be held in 2017 to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Fire Department.
- Grant awards received in 2015 were reviewed.
- Equipment replacement needs were discussed.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chief Anderson for providing the presentation.

Cable Presentation

Coordinator Gesme provided an overview of the Cable Department.

- Cable Department functions were reviewed.
- Cable channel programming was discussed.
- The *Our Story* program was discussed, in partnership with the Cannon Falls Historical Society.
- Information was provided regarding PEG Access via Channel 12

and programming available via the Cannon Falls YouTube channel.

- Cable Department staff, volunteers, and community partners were discussed.
- Benefits of local programming were reviewed.
- Challenges were discussed, including technology, regulation, and funding.
- Goals for 2016 were reviewed, including renewal of the cable franchise agreement, strategic planning, technology upgrades, and website improvements.

Council Member Johnson inquired with regard to the anticipated time frame for completion of the franchise agreement. Coordinator Gesme provided an update regarding the agreement negotiation process.

Mayor Robinson thanked Coordinator Gesme for the presentation.

Administrator Johnson requested feedback from the Mayor and Council Members with regard to benefits of the departmental presentations.

Reports:
Staff

Community Development Director Maroney reported regarding participation in a recent trade show held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, which provided an opportunity for exposure by several local food producers.

Chief McCormick provided a reminder regarding safe travels during the upcoming holiday season and the Toward Zero Deaths enforcement efforts.

Administrator Johnson thanked City staff along with the Mayor and City Council for their assistance during the past year. He provided an update regarding upcoming road construction projects.

Mayor and Council

Council Members Johnson and Holst wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Berg expressed appreciation for the opportunity serve on the City Council.

Council Member Gallups thanked Council Members and City staff for their assistance.

Council Members Sjoblom and Mattson wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Robinson commented with regard to the recent Goodhue County Board vote regarding solid waste designation. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated that he looks forward to serving the citizens of Cannon Falls for another year.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 5th day of January, 2016.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator