

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 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; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; Tim Malchow, Ambulance 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 Holst and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Public Input Goodhue County District 2 Commissioner Brad Anderson provided an update on County activities. He reported that the Parks Board initiated an RFP process to develop property near Lake Byllesby for a campground, but no proposals were received. The new plan would be to develop a Master Plan for this area. He added that Dakota County was in the process of updating the Master Plan for their park system, so hopefully these plans could be coordinated.

Commissioner Anderson also provided an update regarding the County Road 24 extension project. He reported regarding a \$60,000 gift to the Cannon Valley Trail from the family of Jim Grantman as well as a grant award toward development of a Master Plan. This Master Plan would be used by the Minnesota State Parks and Trails Commission as a model for other entities.

Commissioner Anderson discussed the upcoming legislative session and issues of interest, including transportation. He commented regarding the importance of long-range planning.

Public Hearing:
Resolution 2182,
Certifying Unpaid
Utility Charges to
be Collected with
Taxes Assistant Administrator Endres provided background information regarding the proposed certification of unpaid utility charges that would be collected with property taxes. Mayor Robinson commented that the amount of unpaid charges had decreased compared to recent quarters. He reviewed the Public Hearing procedure and opened the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m. No one came forward to speak regarding the proposed certification. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by

Council Member Berg and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2182, a resolution certifying unpaid utility charges to be collected with taxes.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending December 31, 2015
- B. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending January 28, 2016
- C. Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2016, City Council Meeting
- ~~D. Replace Variable Frequency Drive at Public Works~~ Pulled by Council Member Gallups
- E. Approve MN Transportation Alliance Membership
- F. Change Meeting Date of March 1st Meeting
- G. Statutory Tort Limits
- H. Election of 2016 Fire Department Officers
- I. Approve Additional Full-Time Paramedic
- J. Police Lieutenant Promotion
- K. Second Reading and Adoption for Ordinance 344, Amending Chapter 111 of the Cannon Falls City Code Concerning Alcohol Licensing and Regulation
- L. Resolution 2183, Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids
- M. Approve School Board Use of Council Chambers

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

Replace Variable
Frequency Drive

Public Works Director Bergeson provided rationale regarding the need for replacement of the variable frequency drive. He added that the life expectancy of a variable frequency drive is typically 10 years and that this one was at least 14 years old. This expense would be covered under the operating budget. A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Gallups and unanimously carried, to approve replacement of the variable frequency drive.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Maroney expressed appreciation to the Goodhue County GIS staff for their assistance with documents used in grant applications and for other purposes.

Director Bergeson provided information related to water quality testing and recommendations with regard to water usage.

Police Chief McCormick reported that Officers Paul Larson and Nathan Timm have completed their training and are now patrolling on their own. He added that another officer should be completing his training by mid-April.

City Administrator Johnson reported with regard to his attendance at a recent meeting of the Southeastern Minnesota League of Municipalities. He also reported with regard to a meeting in Red Wing hosted by Senator Matt Schmit as well as a separate meeting held with Senator Schmit to discuss legislative issues affecting Cannon Falls. He stated that he will be attending a Hiawathaland Transit meeting on February 11 and on February 12 he will be meeting with George Eilertson from Northland Securities to discuss the West Side II project.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Gallups reported on a recent session she attended on the topic of making a city more fun for residents and visitors.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 2nd day of March, 2016.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator