

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 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; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development 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 There was no public input.

Recognition Award Police Chief McCormick provided background information regarding an incident and presented a Cannon Falls Police Department Life Saving Award to Officer Jill Ekstrom. On February 21 Officer Ekstrom, who is also a trained emergency medical technician, saved the life of a choking woman through her quick response and actions. Mayor Robinson commented with regard to the importance of ongoing training and putting that training to use. Officer Ekstrom was congratulated by the Mayor and Council Members.

Chief McCormick also commented with regard to Police Week, during which officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in serving their communities are recognized.

Public Hearing: Resolution 2202, Establishing Utility Rate Charges City Administrator Johnson provided background information regarding the proposed utility rate adjustments stating that during the City Council meeting on April 19 the Council approved the utility rate study and called for a public hearing to consider utility rate adjustments. Mayor Robinson reviewed the recommended utility rate increases, which include 5% increases for water and sanitary sewer rates, and a 2% increase in stormwater rates.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the Public Hearing procedure and opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Berg and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2202, a resolution establishing utility rate charges.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending May 13, 2016
- B. Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2016, City Council Meeting
- C. Personnel Committee Hiring Recommendations
- ~~D. Emergency Response Team Agreement~~ – Pulled by Council Member Berg
- E. John and Phyllis Althoff Sanitary Sewer Issue
- F. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 345, Renewing Dakota Electric Franchise Agreement
- G. Approve Concept of Separate Assessment Agreement – West Side II Project
- H. City Administrator Annual Performance Review

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

Emergency Response Team Agreement

Council Member Berg requested clarification of expenses associated with the emergency response team. Chief McCormick clarified that existing staff would participate on the team. He provided more information with regard to expenses, including equipment and specialized uniforms. Council Member Berg asked how staffing hours would be determined. Chief McCormick indicated that team members would be called into service on an on-call basis. He indicated that current department staffing would allow participation on this team and reviewed the benefits of this, including additional training and an incentive for current staff to remain with the department. He reported that the additional expenses should not negatively impact the operating budget.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Berg and unanimously carried, to authorize the Police Chief to sign and implement the agreement, after review and approval by the City Attorney.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Maroney reported with regard to improvements to the former bowling alley building, which was purchased by ArtOrg.

Chief McCormick provided a reminder with regard to increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Administrator Johnson reported that, although there had not been an update from Mediacom, Frontier was considering establishing a franchise agreement with the City. He also reported that he would be

meeting with a representative from Hiawatha Broadband Communications the following week.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Berg reported with regard to ongoing discussions related to the feasibility of a public-private partnership to develop a pickleball facility in Cannon Falls.

Mayor Robinson provided an update with regard to the legislative session, which would conclude within the next few days. He also reported that he would be traveling to Washington DC to speak with legislators regarding concerns related to health insurance and transportation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 7th day of June, 2016.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator