

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 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; 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.

Public Input There was no public input with regard to items not listed on the Agenda.

Legislative Update Senator Matt Schmit was not in attendance to provide a legislative update.

Public Hearing:
Resolution 2205,
Vacating Part of
Pendelton Street

Community Development Director Maroney provided background information regarding a request to vacate part of Pendelton Street and pointed out the area under discussion on a map. He stated that a request was received from Mitch and Aftin Otto, who own property on Pendelton Street. A portion of the home was built with a little less than 5 feet within the existing Pendelton Street right-of-way. In order to correct this title deficiency and allow sale of the property, request has been made for the City to vacate the north 5 feet of Pendleton Street. Director Maroney reported that a Public Hearing is required, the notice of which was published in the *Cannon Falls Beacon* and sent to surrounding property owners. Director Maroney stated that he had received no written or verbal comments related to the requested Pendelton Street vacation.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the Public Hearing procedure and opened the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Berg and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2205, vacating part of Pendelton Street.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending June 17, 2016
- B. Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2016, City Council Meeting
- C. Application for Payment No. 1 for 2016 Street Improvements

- D. Approve New Wine and Strong Beer License for Café 52
- ~~E. Hire Unscheduled Part-Time EMT~~ Pulled by Council Member Gallups
- F. Resolution 2206, Accepting a Donation from Gary and Gail Gusa for the Ambulance Department
- G. Hire Temporary Administrative Assistant

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Gallups and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, minus Item E.

Hire Unscheduled
Part-Time EMT

Council Member Gallups stated that the prospective hire apparently lives in Red Wing and asked whether this will present a problem. Council Member Berg stated that Ambulance Service employees living outside the City limits have been hired in the past and make arrangements to be available when they are on call. Police Chief McCormick added that the Ambulance Service has three bunk rooms in the Public Safety Building, which are available to on-call personnel.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to approve the hiring of an unscheduled part-time EMT.

Staff Reports

Chief McCormick reported that the first regular Council meeting in August would be on August 2, which coincided with National Night Out. Chief McCormick inquired as to whether the Council would consider moving the meeting to a different day and participating in National Night Out activities. Council Member Berg recommended participation in neighborhood events and recommended rescheduling the Council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Berg, seconded by Council Member Gallups and unanimously carried, to move the August 2 City Council meeting to Wednesday, August 3.

Council Member Berg inquired with regard to information available to residents who are interested in hosting a neighborhood event. Chief McCormick reported that letters would be sent to residents who hosted events last year, and information would also be made available to the public during the Cannon Valley Fair. He commented that Police and Fire Department personnel attempt to visit all of the neighborhood events. He invited the Mayor and Council Members to participate along with Police and Fire Department personnel.

Chief McCormick provided an update with regard to concerns associated with cars passing on the right on Highway 19 at the semaphores. He stated that he was working with MnDOT on signage and perhaps some street markings.

Chief McCormick thanked Kindness Club volunteers for their visit and tokens of appreciation to the Police Department and for giving back to the community.

City Administrator Johnson provided an update with regard to the West Side improvement project. Council Member Berg suggested sending a reminder to City Engineer Anderson with regard to the upcoming 4th of July parade related to a rough section of Mill Street. Chief McCormick reported that he spoke with Public Works Director Bergeson about this, who indicated that this concern was discussed during a weekly planning meeting. The intention was to grade this area as close to the 4th of July weekend as possible and should not present a problem for parade participants.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Sjoblom stated that he recently inquired with regard to a chicken ordinance. Chief McCormick reported receiving a response from the City Attorney, who indicated the circumstances under which a permit from the City would be required for a traveling exhibition. Council Member Sjoblom inquired with regard to the process for adopting a chicken ordinance, similar to ordinances adopted by Zumbrota and Goodhue. Chief McCormick clarified that Cannon Falls residents are not currently allowed to keep fowl of any kind. Chief McCormick indicated that a new ordinance would need to be drafted pertaining to urban chickens, adding that staff could research ordinance language utilized by other communities. Council Member Berg asked whether there have been requests to keep chickens. Council Member Sjoblom indicated that there have been inquiries related to this, adding that there are residents currently raising chickens within the City limits. Council Member Berg commented with regard to Police Department assistance with concerns related to cats. Chief McCormick clarified that the City Code contains no ordinances relative to cats. Mayor Robinson recommended looking into a chicken ordinance. Chief McCormick stated that the biggest questions would involve the number of chickens allowed and whether or not roosters would be allowed. Council Member Sjoblom indicated that Goodhue and Zumbrota do not allow roosters. He stated his understanding that Zumbrota allowed a maximum of 10 chickens, and Goodhue would be allowing residents to keep up to 6 chickens.

Mayor Robinson reported with regard to his trip to Washington, DC, during which time the group met with members of the Minnesota delegation to discuss transportation issues and health insurance rate concerns. He stated that a meeting would be scheduled with a staff member from Senator Al Franken's office for further discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator