

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Jay Sjoblom, Morris Mattson, Cathy Gallups, and Merlyce Johnson. Council Members Lynne Berg and Rodney Holst were absent. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

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| 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 Gallups and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.   |
| Public Input         | Jeff Kalchik, 307 Ridgecrest Drive, Cannon Falls, expressed concerns related to cable system issues that he and his neighbors have recently been experiencing. He stated that when he reported these problems to Mediacom, he was told that no one else had reported difficulties. He inquired as to the date of the next Cable Commission meeting. City Administrator Johnson requested his contact information, stating that he will send an email to the general manager of Mediacom and copy Mr. Kalchik. Mr. Kalchik indicated that he will forward the names and addresses of his neighbors who are experiencing problems. Council Members expressed agreement that Mediacom has received numerous customer calls.   |
| Legislative Update   | <p>This item was discussed following discussion of Council business.</p> <p>Senator Matt Schmit expressed appreciation for the opportunity to provide an overview of the 2016 legislative session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislative accomplishments were discussed, including maintaining fiscal stewardship and resisting the temptation to turn a surplus into a deficit.</li><li>• He discussed challenges, including managing the State budget responsibly going forward.</li><li>• He commented regarding the importance of building strong partnerships between State and local government.</li><li>• The supplemental budget bill was reviewed, including investment in expanding broadband coverage.</li><li>• Progress toward development of a comprehensive transportation funding package was discussed.</li><li>• An update regarding the tax bill and the bonding bill was provided. Senator Schmit commented that a special session may be scheduled to finalize legislation not completed during</li></ul> |

the legislative session.

- Education funding was discussed.

Mayor Robinson commented with regard to funding toward the overpass and health insurance concerns.

Senator Schmit provided additional information regarding health insurance issues, including efforts to secure a Federal waiver in order to realign the geographic regions and discussions related to individual and small-group insurance plans. He also discussed challenges associated with the bonding bill.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending June 30, 2016
- B. Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2016, City Council Meeting
- C. Application for Payment No. 2 for 2016 Street Improvements
- D. Approve 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Fire Relief Association
- E. Resolution 2207, Adopting Primary and General Election Judges for 2016
- F. Approve John Burch Park Agreement
- G. Hire Full-Time Paramedic
- H. Approve Craft and Vendor Show for Eastside Park

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

River Road Water /  
Sanitary Sewer  
Project – Consider  
Hearing Improvement  
Resolution

Administrator Johnson provided background information regarding the River Road water and sanitary sewer discussion, reporting that utility improvements for the River Road area were added into the 2016 West Side II project. Project estimates and anticipated assessments for the three affected parcels were reviewed. Administrator Johnson commented with regard to further discussion during a recent Public Works Commission meeting. Options for Council action at this time were discussed. Administrator Johnson reported with regard to a recent phone conversation with a representative of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency about potential funding sources, potentially in combination with the sanitary sewer bridge project. Mayor Robinson inquired with regard to potential grant funding. City Engineer Anderson provided additional information regarding potential funding options. Council Member Gallups asked whether the property owners will benefit if the project is delayed, and additional information was provided. Mayor Robinson spoke in support of delaying the project in order to investigate potential funding assistance. Administrator Johnson commented with

regard to potential grants or low-interest loans and MPCA application criteria.

Council Members inquired regarding the process that has taken place to this point in conjunction with Goodhue County. Mike Siebenaler, 1010 River Road, Cannon Falls, provided additional background information, stating that Goodhue County is awaiting a design plan.

Katie Weidner, daughter of property owner Carolee Stock, 1014 River Road, Cannon Falls, provided additional background information. She reported that the septic system designer stated that a plan could not be completed until variances from the City and Goodhue County have been approved. She also commented with regard to long-term planning.

Carolee Stock, owner of the property located at 1014 River Road, inquired regarding the grant application process. Mayor Robinson and Administrator Johnson indicated that the grant application would include both the sanitary sewer bridge project and the River Road project.

A motion was made by Council Member Mattson, seconded by Council Member Johnson and unanimously carried, to not move forward on the River Road project at this time and investigate project funding options.

Staff Reports

Reports were provided following the legislative update.

City Engineer Anderson provided a project update concerning the Westside II project.

Public Works Director Bergeson reported on the installation of five outdoor exercise units on the trail system. He expressed appreciation to Rosie Schluter and project sponsors for their assistance.

Police Chief McCormick commented with regard to the upcoming Wine & Art Festival.

Mayor and Council  
Reports

Council Member Mattson inquired with regard to concerns related to liability insurance for farmers market and First Thursday vendors. Council Member Johnson provided background information, stating that this issue is under discussion.

Mayor Robinson expressed appreciation to the Public Works and Police Departments for their assistance during the Cannon Valley

Fair. He commented with regard to communication he received from a recent visitor to Cannon Falls.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

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Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator