

The City of Cannon Falls met in a regular session on Wednesday, August 3, 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; 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 Holst and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.  |
| Public Input  | <p>Babe O’Gorman, Cannon Falls, expressed concerns with regard to an article in the newspaper that he said falsely accused him of threatening a public official, which he reported as a felony. He stated that the article was written by the wife of the Public Works Director. Police Chief McCormick stated that he was not familiar with this specific charge. Mayor Robinson commented with regard to the content of Mr. O’Gorman’s letters to the editor. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the <i>Beacon</i> has been editing his letters. He indicated that he was in attendance to enlighten the City Council as to what was going on.</p> <p>Glenn Schultz, 1025 State Street West, Cannon Falls, stated that he was appointed as a Board Member of SMART, the Southeastern Minnesota Association of Regional Trails, by the Goodhue County Parks Commission approximately four years ago. He reported with regard to an upcoming quarterly meeting on August 18 at Hannahs Bend Park, during which the Mill Towns Trail project will be discussed. He encouraged public attendance at this meeting.</p> |
| Public Hearing:<br>Resolution No. 2209,<br>Certifying Unpaid<br>Utility Charges to be<br>Collected with Taxes | Assistant City Administrator Endres provided background information, stating that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to provide impacted property owners an opportunity to speak with regard to pending assessments due to unpaid utility charges. Mayor Robinson commented that the number of unpaid utility charges has remained steady. Mayor Robinson opened the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.   |

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Gallups and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 2209, a resolution certifying unpaid utility charges to be collected with taxes.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending July 22, 2016
- B. Meeting Minutes for July 19, 2016, City Council Meeting
- C. Hire Unscheduled Part-Time Ambulance Employee
- D. Resolution No. 2210, Accepting Monetary Donation from Gemini
- E. Resolution No. 2211, Accepting Monetary Donation from Kasey Krie through Gemini, Inc., Nonprofit Donation Fund
- F. Resolution No. 2212, Accepting Monetary Donations in Memory of Elaine Wilcox
- G. Set Budget Workshop Meeting
- H. Hire Part-Time Motor Vehicle Employee
- I. Approve Pay Request #3 for S.M. Hentges for 2016 Street Improvements
- J. Warsaw Township Fire Coverage
- K. Approve Partial Release of PUD / Subdivision Agreement in South Pines Addition
- L. Approve Proposal to Install Water Service Line

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

Provide Notice of  
Intent to Consider  
Issuance of Cable  
Franchise

City Administrator Johnson provided background information regarding a company that has expressed an interest in entering into a cable franchise agreement with the City of Cannon Falls. He described the process of issuing a cable franchise. Council Member Mattson inquired with regard to the services provided by more than one cable company. Administrator Johnson indicated that the companies would be required to provide equal services. He clarified that the franchise fees would be the same for both companies.

Approve Legal  
Services Proposal  
from Kennedy &  
Graven

Administrator Johnson provided background information with regard to the legal services proposal that would be needed for the cable franchise discussions and action. The cost of these services was not to exceed \$7,500.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to provide notice of the Council's intent to consider issuance of a cable franchise and to approve a proposal from Kennedy & Graven to provide legal services

to assist with the competitive cable franchise process.

Resolution No. 2213,  
Applying for State  
Deed for Tax-  
Forfeited Land

Mayor Robinson provided background information with regard to the process to acquire property located just north of Subway/Best Buy Liquors. A portion of this parcel could be a potential site for a dog park. It was noted that a portion of the parcel may be needed if an overpass were constructed in the area.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Berg and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 2213, a resolution approving application for state deed for tax-forfeited parcel 52-719-2400.

Request Conveyance  
of State Parcels

Administrator Johnson provided background information regarding a portion of the parking lot north of Veteran's Lane, adjacent to the American Legion/VFW. The parcel is owned by the State of Minnesota (parcel 52-100-1580). The parcel immediately north of this State parcel is also owned by the State of Minnesota (parcel 52-100-4150). It was clarified that one of the parcels includes a portion of Minneiska Park. The City may request that these parcels be conveyed to the City to simplify any future economic development and public parking improvements. Council Member Berg asked how MnDOT acquired this property. It was clarified that this occurred during construction of the highway. Council Member Berg inquired with regard to the costs involved. Administrator Johnson indicated that the cost of conveying this property is unknown at this time, adding that the process can be halted at any time if desired. Administrator Johnson commented that a motion to move forward could contain a contingency related to the expense.

A motion was made by Council Member Berg, seconded by Council Member Gallups and unanimously carried, to initiate the process of conveyance of State parcels to the City.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Maroney provided an update with regard to the new brewery.

City Engineer Anderson provided an update regarding the street improvement project.

Public Works Director Bergeson reported with regard to tree trimming work by Asplundh Tree Service at the request of Xcel Energy. He indicated that extra wood chips will be available to the public from the compost site. He added that the compost site is open every day.

Chief McCormick clarified that threatening a non-law enforcement public official appears to be classified as a gross misdemeanor but indicated that he will research this further.

Chief McCormick reported with regard to National Night Out activities and the Annual Firemen's Street Dance. He provided a reminder that school will be starting soon and to watch for pedestrians.

Administrator Johnson provided an update with regard to the application process for Legacy Grant funding toward the Third Street Bridge project.

Assistant Administrator Endres provided a reminder with regard to the candidate filing period for open City Council positions.

Mayor and Council  
Reports

Council Member Berg reported with regard to a recent Public Works Commission meeting, during which a discussion was held with a representative of the GrandStay Hotel chain, which has expressed interest in expanding in Cannon Falls. A work session was recommended for further discussion of road improvements, potential tax abatement, and other issues. Mayor Robinson recommended scheduling this work session following the City Council meeting on September 6.

Council Member Mattson commented with regard to recent visit to Cannon Falls by WCCO as part of their "Goin' to the Lake" series. Mayor Robinson provided additional comments and expressed appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for their assistance.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

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Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator