

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a work session on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 6:29 p.m. in City Hall. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Cathy Gallups, Morris Mattson, Merlyce Johnson and Jay Sjoblom. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; Tim Malchow, EMS Chief; Justin Padgett, Library Director; Jeff McCormick, Police Chief; and Todd Anderson, Fire Chief. Council Member Lynne Berg was absent.

The purpose of the work session was to review and discuss the 2017 budget and levy.

Administrator Johnson reviewed the 2017 Levy Summary and memo that were presented to the Council for review. The Levy Summary indicated a levy increase of 12.7%. He stated staff recognized that cuts would need to be made and that this was the starting point for discussions. He also reviewed the bond levies that are set to increase 30.7%. He noted that the budget included an estimated 8.5% increase for health insurance and 3% for cost of living adjustments (COLA). It also included a half-time planning department employee to allow the Director of Economic Development and Planning to focus primarily on economic development issues. This would be a potential shared position with Goodhue County.

Items discussed with Council included health insurance, the COLA rates, snow plowing, ambulance staffing, Public Works and Police funding, Capital Improvement Plans (CIPs), Data Processing, Training, Information Technology (IT) contract amounts and cable equipment.

Mayor Robinson stated he would prefer a preliminary levy increase of 10% or less but that he wasn't ready to make a decision and wanted further information regarding the CIPs and COLA.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator