

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Jay Sjoblom, Morris Mattson, Cathy Gallups, Merlyce Johnson, Lynne Berg, and Cedar Abadie. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; 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 Gallups and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

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

Presentation:
Southern Minnesota
Initiative Foundation
Presentation

Tim Penny, President and CEO of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, distributed information describing the work of the foundation. He introduced John Peterson, General Manager of Ferndale Market, who is a new member of the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Board of Trustees. He reported the foundation has invested approximately \$100 million in the region over the past 30 years. He stated that the foundation has helped smaller towns create community funds, has provided business grant recovery relief funding, and has helped facilitate donations of farmland. The foundation also invests in early childhood development activities and programs. Mr. Penny reported that a third primary area of focus involves entrepreneurial investment in business start-ups. He reported that the foundation will again be a sponsor of the Local Foods Marketplace at the Rochester Civic Center on December 3.

Mr. Peterson discussed the support provided by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to the Grow Cannon Falls initiative. He commented with regard to the foundation's focus on smaller communities, like Cannon Falls.

Mayor Robinson expressed appreciation for support provided by the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation to small towns in the region. Mr. Penny discussed the importance of partnerships and collaboration.

Consent Agenda

A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending September 29, 2016
B. Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2016, City Council Meeting

- C. Confirm Council Member Cedar Abadie's Appointment to Committees
- D. Application for Payment No. 5 for 2016 Street Improvements

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

Winery Liquor License
Application

Police Chief McCormick provided background information and discussed concerns related to potential safety issues. He reported that a provision had been added that would require the winery to provide a 48-hour notice to the City prior to utilizing the patio area. He clarified that the license application amendment is not specific to any certain day or event.

Council Member Abadie referenced the Council's prior discussion and requested clarification of what the winery plans to do within this space. Chief McCormick commented that the winery would be allowed to utilize the space in any way they choose, except for liquor sales. He added that the winery has control of their property, while the City controls the alleyway. Property lines were discussed. Chief McCormick commented that, upon notice from the winery of an upcoming event, a conversation would be initiated and an assessment would be undertaken by the City, which may lead to temporary traffic restrictions. Council Member Gallups stated her understanding that this area would only be utilized occasionally. Chief McCormick commented with regard to a good working relationship with the winery.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Mattson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the liquor license application. Council Member Sjoblom inquired with regard to potential new ownership of the winery. Chief McCormick clarified that, in the event of an ownership change, a new liquor license application would need to be submitted and approved. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

City Engineer Anderson provided an update with regard to the 2016 street improvement project, reporting with regard to the completion of final punch list items.

Chief McCormick reported with regard to a final FEMA payment as a result of flooding events in 2010 and 2012. He reported that damages from the most recent flooding event should not require FEMA funding, adding that the situation will continue to be monitored

and then further assessed once river levels have receded.

Mayor Robinson expressed appreciation to the Police Department, the Public Works Department, Cannon Falls High School students, and community members for their assistance with sandbagging efforts. Geological measurement equipment recovery efforts were discussed.

Administrator Johnson commented with regard to special assessments for the West Side II project, reporting that a date will be set for a Public Hearing related to final assessments and that notices will be mailed to affected residents. He expressed appreciation to City Engineer Anderson, the project contractor, and impacted residents, stating that overall very few complaints were received.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Mattson commented that Wednesday, October 5, had been designated as Walk to School Day. Chief McCormick and Mayor Robinson provided additional information related to this activity.

Council Member Sjoblom reported that the Planning Commission will not be meeting in October and that the next meeting was scheduled for November 14.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 18th day of October, 2016.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator