

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson, Council Members Cedar Abadie, Ken Carpenter, Mike Dalton and LeRoy McCusker. Also present were City Administrator Ron Johnson, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator Lanell Endres, Community Development Director Dave Maroney, and Public Works Director Tom Bergeson. Council Member Morris Mattson was absent.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the mission statements and duties of the Public Works Commission and Park Board.

Discussion The Mayor stated he felt the Public Works Commission and Park Board would need to work together. He also stated the Park Board, among other things, should look for grants and help with improvements to the parks.

Council Member Abadie, chair of the Public Works Commission, questioned if the Council should consider making the Park Board a subcommittee of the Public Works Commission with a shared member serving both. She stated she felt this would increase efficiency.

Council Member McCusker stated he felt this would make it more complicated than necessary and he would go to both meetings most of the time anyway but he didn't want to be a member of both boards. He indicated he would like to be a member of the Park Board and that he would want both boards to work together.

Council Member Dalton questioned if the Park Board were a subcommittee would all requirements including residency need to be met. It was noted that some of the other committees had members that were non-residents and that only two people have indicated their interest in serving on the Park Board. Council Member McCusker stated he thought he had reasons for that and wanted to close the Council meeting to discuss issues.

The Council discussed trails and trail connections including ideas for the Mill Towns Trail connection. The consensus was that trail-related discussions, oversight and recommendations would remain with the Public Works Commission and the Park Board would take care of the parks.

It was noted that the proposed mission statements were guidelines and gave a good start for direction. Mayor Robinson stated that during the Council reports portion of the meeting was when the chairs should give updates and information to the rest of the Council and to the community.

The consensus of the Council was that the Public Works Commission and Park Board would remain two separate boards, the oversight of the trails would remain with the Public Works Commission and applications for membership on the Park Board would be brought forward.

Council Member Abadie suggested possibly having the Public Works Commission members go out and look at the areas under discussion during the meetings and meet twice a month before each council meeting. The Council agreed with the idea.

Adjournment The work session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 4th day of April, 2017.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator