

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Morris Mattson, Cedar Abadie, Mike Dalton, Ken Carpenter, John Althoff, and LeRoy McCusker. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Samantha Meyer, Zoning Assistant; Tom Bergeson, Public Works Director; Nicole Miller, Library Director; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

Call to Order Mayor Robinson called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call All members were present.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Robinson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Council Member Carpenter, seconded by Council Member Mattson and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Public Input Chris Albrecht, 6670 Bluff Drive, Cannon Falls, indicated that there is an alternative proposal for the Sandstone Ridge development and asked about the appropriate time to bring this forward. Mayor Robinson stated that this proposal should be brought up during the upcoming SEMMCHRA discussion. It was clarified that this will be a Public Hearing.

No one else came forward to speak about issues not listed on the Agenda.

Public Hearing:
Resolution 2311,
Authorizing
SEMMCHRA to Move
Forward the
Redevelopment Plan
for Sandstone Ridge
Development City Administrator Johnson provided background information regarding the failed Sandstone Ridge development, which includes 35 to 40 acres of property. He reported that most of the property is currently owned by the State of Minnesota with Goodhue County being the custodian of the property by statute.

Administrator Johnson reported that earlier this year the Southeast Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority submitted a development plan for Council consideration. An ad hoc committee comprised of Mayor Robinson and Council Members Abadie and Dalton reviewed the initial proposal and recommended approval by the City Council.

Administrator Johnson reported that the Council ultimately approved a resolution for SEMMCHRA to move forward with the project.

Administrator Johnson reported that Joe Wheeler, Executive Director

of SEMMCHRA, subsequently contacted him and indicated that a Public Hearing was required. A Public Hearing was set for October 3, but in the meantime there was noted to be interest in residential lots, primarily on the west end of the Sandstone Ridge development. He noted that SEMMCHRA has since submitted a revised development plan, and a Public Hearing is being conducted at this time.

Mayor Robinson opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

SEMMCHRA Director Wheeler reiterated that, by statute, a Public Hearing is required in order for the City Council to consider formally approving a redevelopment plan. He indicated that, if the Council approves this plan, the County Board would need to take action on whether the plan meets the State statute to acquire tax-forfeited property. He noted that, if that action occurs, the next steps would be to get the property surveyed, complete the title work, and work with the City on any property that it currently owns. He added that proposals would be solicited from for-profit and non-profit developers. He referenced a report from Stantec, which outlines some of the issues with the property and potential costs to resolve these issues. He noted that funds would be set aside to investigate the sewer and water mains within the east end of the development.

Director Wheeler clarified that the revised redevelopment plan focuses only on the east end of the development. He reviewed a plan to develop 36 townhomes and / or rental units to be used for workforce housing and / or the elderly. He explained how pending federal tax legislation may impact funding resources, adding that the State recognizes the need for affordable housing and is working on a tax credit program. He commented that, once a developer is identified, SEMMCHRA would work with this developer and the City regarding potential funding sources. Mayor Robinson commented with regard to the projected State budget deficit. Director Wheeler indicated that there are other sources of funding, such as the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency and the Greater Minnesota Housing Fund.

Mr. Wheeler discussed information that was provided as a reference pertaining to the west end of the development, where single family lots are located. He reiterated that the focus of the SEMMCHRA plan is on the east end of the development. He added that SEMMCHRA would work with the City and the County to determine the boundaries of the project area.

Mayor Robinson asked how lots that have already been sold will

affect the project. Director Wheeler clarified that these are all on the west end.

Council Member Abadie asked about a solar garden. Director Wheeler noted that options in this regard will be investigated.

Council Member McCusker expressed concerns about the soil in this area and uncertainty about whether the City owns the streets. He noted involvement in the development by the City, the County, and the State. He asked about assessments to cover the City's investment in infrastructure. He suggested that the Council schedule a workshop for further discussion of all of the issues, stating that there are a lot of unanswered questions. He referenced recent discussion with regard to the zoning.

Mayor Robinson asked about assessments. Administrator Johnson stated his understanding that the City would have the ability to collect special assessments on tax-forfeited property, which would require a Minnesota Statute, Chapter 429, Special Assessments process.

Council Member McCusker asked about the lots that were recently sold. Administrator Johnson indicated that the Council would need to determine whether or not to collect special assessments on these parcels.

Council Member Dalton asked what action the Council is being requested to take at this point. Director Wheeler indicated that adoption of Resolution 2311 would allow SEMMCHRA to move the project forward. Council Member Dalton commented that the questions that have been raised would be addressed as part of the process. Director Wheeler indicated that the title work would provide additional information in terms of what the City owns and does not own.

Council Member McCusker asked about developer interest in the other lots and an alternate proposal. Mayor Robinson indicated that the public will be offered an opportunity to provide additional input.

Council Member Mattson asked about the construction schedule. Director Wheeler indicated that construction is anticipated to begin in 2020 at the earliest. He referenced issues and costs, as documented in the engineering study, relating to soil correction and potential utility considerations.

Director Wheeler provided rationale for focusing on multi-family development in the east end.

Council Member McCusker suggested researching all options in terms of the soil issues. Director Wheeler expressed agreement with this suggestion and referenced discussion with potential developers in this regard. He noted that the current proposal is based on available information.

Mayor Robinson opened the meeting for public input at this point.

Chris Albrecht stated that he and his wife have lived in the Sandstone Ridge development for about ten years. He reviewed a proposal to develop some of the property in the development for senior housing, consisting of 28 single-level condominiums, one side-by-side twin home, five back-to-back four-plexes, and one back-to-back six-plex. He indicated a plan to hold the price on these units to under \$225,000. He discussed the need for affordable senior housing in Cannon Falls. He stated a desire to work with the City with regard to assessments. He noted that information is being gathered in terms of the streets, utilities, and soil conditions. He commented that, by building larger units and larger slabs, the soil remediation costs can be kept relatively low. He noted that similar units are being built successfully in the Rochester area, which also has blue clay issues. He discussed the advantages of utilizing slab construction in these types of soils. Mr. Albrecht discussed plans to utilize local funding sources, partner with local builders, and use materials from local vendors.

Mr. Albrecht commented that Cannon Falls is perfectly situated to become an age-friendly community in terms of its location, small town charm, state-of-the-art medical services, and an abundance of community-oriented and recreational opportunities for today's active senior. He expressed a desire to work with the City and stated that he would need approximately two months to compile more detailed information for City Council review. He indicated a plan to start construction in 2019. Mr. Albrecht clarified the potential project area. Mayor Robinson suggested Council review and discussion of the proposal submitted by Mr. Albrecht.

Council Member McCusker stated that it is ironic that, following years of no interest in the development, two proposals have come forward in the last few months. He suggested finding ways for everyone to work together. He discussed the benefits of trail connections. He expressed support for working with local people and suggested more

discussion.

Mayor Robinson asked whether anyone else wished to address the Council during the Public Hearing.

Director Wheeler commented that Mr. Albrecht could potentially be one of the developers to move a proposal forward.

Director Wheeler clarified that SEMMCHRA is not interested in owning and operating the development. He discussed the process that would take place, if the development plan moves forward, including soliciting proposals from developers. He indicated that it made sense to SEMMCHRA to start on the east end, due to its proximity to County Road 25.

Council Member Mattson asked about the project timeline. Director Wheeler indicated that the construction schedule would be determined by the developer, the financing, the acquisition and planning process, and other factors. He suggested that an ad hoc committee participate in the developer selection process.

Council Member Abadie asked whether proposals would be solicited for only workforce housing. Director Wheeler noted that proposals would be solicited for workforce and / or elderly housing. He noted the huge demand for workforce housing and elderly housing in Cannon Falls.

Council Member McCusker commented with regard to the need for affordable housing and noted a recent interest in tiny houses by young people. Director Wheeler commented that additional elderly housing may result in freeing up some single-family dwellings in the community, which would allow young families to move into Cannon Falls. He indicated that SEMMCHRA would work with the City to develop criteria for both for-profit and non-profit developers. He stated his hope that several proposals would be considered, including the proposal discussed by Mr. Albrecht.

No one else came forward to speak during the Public Hearing. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Robinson reviewed options for Council action relating to Resolution 2311.

Council Member McCusker asked what would happen if the County sells more lots to individuals and how this might impact the project.

Administrator Johnson referenced a recent conversation with Carolyn Holmsten, Goodhue County Finance Director, who indicated that the City would be notified of any future potential sales. Administrator Johnson and Mayor Robinson noted that the Goodhue County Board would need to approve a redevelopment plan in order for parcels to be acquired by the City or by SEMMCHRA and that statutory criteria would need to be met. Administrator Johnson stated his understanding that Mr. Albrecht and his wife have purchased three lots on Bluff Drive and that another four lots have been purchased. He discussed some of the street issues.

Council Member McCusker commented that more information needs to be provided with regard to the streets and utility lines. He expressed concerns that the City may be tying itself to something from which it cannot back out.

Council Member Abadie stated her understanding that Resolution 2311 would not bind the City to anything but would permit more of the ideas to be developed in order to determine how best to proceed.

A motion was made by Council Member Abadie, seconded by Council Member Dalton, to adopt Resolution 2311, authorizing SEMMCHRA to move forward with a redevelopment plan for the Sandstone Ridge development. A vote was taken, and the motion carried by a vote of 5:1, with Council Member McCusker voting nay.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending November 30, 2017
- B. Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2017, City Council Meeting
- C. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 355, Amending Chapter 152 of the Cannon Falls City Code, Concerning the Zoning Map and Zoning Classification for a Specific Property
- D. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 356 and Approve Summary of Publication of Ordinance, Annexing Certain Property Abutting the City of Cannon Falls
- E. Approve Agreement with Goodhue County for State Building Code Administration
- ~~F. Recycling Contract Extension~~
This item was pulled by Council Member Althoff.
- ~~G. Application for Payment No. 1 for First English Church Bank Erosion Repair~~
This item was pulled by Council Member McCusker.
- H. Application for Payment No. 2 for Alexander Court Project
- I. Resolution 2312, Designating Polling Places for 2018
- J. Resolution 2313, Adopting the Public Improvement and Special

Assessment Agreement for GrandStay Hotel

- K. Approve Labor Agreement with International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Local 49.
- L. Resolution 2315, Providing for Post-Employment Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP)

A motion was made by Council Member Mattson, seconded by Council Member Carpenter and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, minus Items F and G.

Council Business:

Resolution 2314,
Adopting 2018 Tax
Levy and Budget

Administrator Johnson provided background information. He noted that the City Council has held four meetings and workshops with regard to the 2018 budget. He reported that a preliminary tax levy increase of 7.8% was approved in September. He commented with regard to a significant tax capacity increase, resulting in an approximately 2% tax rate increase for property owners. He reported that the Council directed staff to prepare a 2018 budget proposal based on a 5.5% tax levy increase. He noted that under this plan the actual tax rate for the City's portion of property taxes would be decreased by 0.337%, due to the increased tax capacity. He provided examples of taxpayer impacts under this proposal.

Administrator Johnson highlighted the proposal 2018 budget, which includes a 9% health insurance premium increase for employees. He noted that the Council implemented a new classification and compensation plan for employees. He added that the budget includes funding toward the Cannon Valley Trail of \$34,700.

A motion was made by Council Member Dalton, seconded by Council Member Mattson, to adopt Resolution 2314, approving the 2018 tax levy and budget.

At this point Mayor Robinson asked whether there was any public comment with regard the proposed 2018 tax levy and budget.

Brent Vrieze, 135 Grove Street North, Cannon Falls, expressed confusion about the process. He indicated that he received his proposed property tax statement, which referenced a meeting on December 5 at 6:30 p.m. about property taxes. He stated his understanding that this public meeting is required by law. He expressed concerns about the Council voting on a resolution to adopt the budget and levy prior to holding a public meeting. He suggested following the correct procedure in the future.

Mr. Vrieze stated that his property tax statement indicates that his taxes went up by approximately 12%. Mayor Robinson explained that the property tax statement is based on preliminary information. He noted that the final levy cannot be increased but may be decreased. Administrator Johnson added that a property valuation increase will also impact the property taxes.

Mr. Vrieze inquired regarding the total City budget in 2017 compared with 2018. Administrator Johnson indicated a total levy of \$2.654 million for 2018, compared with \$2.516 million in 2017. He offered to review this information with Mr. Vrieze.

Mr. Vrieze commented that the City portion of his 2017 taxes increased by about 5%, compared with approximately 12% in 2018. Administrator Johnson stated that the tax rate increase in 2017 was approximately 4%. Council Member Dalton commented that the City's proposed 2018 budget reflects an increase of approximately \$140,000. Administrator Johnson commented that much of this increase is attributable to health insurance premiums and wage adjustments for employees, based on the classification study that was conducted. It was clarified that the budget has been increased but the tax rate is slightly decreased. Mr. Vrieze reiterated that his tax statement reflects an approximately 12% property tax increase.

Mayor Robinson asked whether anyone else wished to address the Council with regard to the proposed budget and tax levy.

Jeff Hommedahl, 710 Cannon Court, Cannon Falls, requested clarification of the increased tax capacity and how this impacts property taxes. Administrator Johnson provided additional information in this regard. Mr. Hommedahl reported a 10% increase in his valuation. Administrator Johnson discussed the Board of Appeal and Equalization process. Mr. Hommedahl commented that it should be made clear that, even though the tax rate may be decreased, taxes may go up due to increased valuation. Council Member Abadie commented that the City cannot influence the valuation of real property. Mr. Hommedahl recommended taking the valuation increase into consideration when setting the levy.

No one else came forward to speak with regard to the proposed 2018 budget and levy.

A vote was taken, and the motion to adopt Resolution 2314, approving the 2018 tax levy and budget, carried by a vote of 5:1, with Council Member McCusker voting nay.

Cannon River Winery
Expansion Request

Administrator Johnson reviewed a proposal submitted by the Cannon River Winery for an approximately 19,040 square foot expansion to the west of the existing facility. He referenced recommendations made by the Cannon Falls Economic Development Authority. He commented that a committee has been working with the winery on this proposal. Mayor Robinson provided additional background information.

Ron Stowell, 3635 Great Oak Circle, Eagan, introduced himself as the owner of the Cannon River Winery. He discussed capacity restraints and provided rationale for the proposed building expansion.

Mr. Stowell noted that the additional space would be utilized for production and storage. He discussed the process of working with area businesses.

Mr. Stowell provided statistics in terms of employees, visitors, events, and brand recognition. He described Cannon River Winery as one of the top wineries in Minnesota in both volume and wine quality, noting that the winery has received a number of awards. He noted that the contractor for the project would be R J Ryan Construction.

Mayor Robinson commented that the Cannon Valley Trail is the first thing listed as a destination spot for Cannon Falls on the Trip Advisor website, with the Cannon River Winery listed next. Mayor Robinson referenced information that was provided about the proposal, including requests from the City and from the EDA.

Council Member Althoff discussed the proposal in more detail, including discussions with the EDA about land acquisition. He suggested that this question be resolved prior to moving forward. Mayor Robinson suggested focusing on the City requests. Council Member Althoff commented that it all ties together. Administrator Johnson described the size and location of the City-owned parcel under discussion.

Mayor Robinson discussed expenses related to relocation of utilities. City Engineer Anderson provided additional information with regard to water and sewer service lines. Council Member Abadie commented that these costs could be impacted by environmental factors. Council Member McCusker asked environmental studies. Mr. Anderson indicated that this would be part of the EDA work. Mayor Robinson reported that the EDA has approved a phase 1 and phase 2 environmental study.

Mayor Robinson discussed a request for the City to design and install a sidewalk along the river, coming up from the trail. He noted that this has been previously discussed with the EDA. He referenced an estimated cost of \$40,000 to \$50,000. Mr. Anderson discussed grading considerations. The location of the proposed sidewalk was discussed. Mayor Robinson reviewed estimated costs for applicable platting and land use applications to be paid for by the City, contingent upon the project moving forward.

Mayor Robinson discussed a pay-as-you-go tax abatement proposal for 15 years. He stated his understanding that Goodhue County may also be amenable to tax abatement for the building expansion, if the City approves a tax abatement proposal.

Council Member Dalton asked about tax abatement versus TIF. Community Development Director Maroney reviewed the differences between tax increment financing (TIF) and tax abatement relative to the Cannon River Winery proposal, which mainly revolve around the time frame.

Upon request of Council Members Abadie and McCusker, it was clarified that tax abatement or TIF would involve only the Cannon River Winery addition and not the existing winery building.

Council Member McCusker expressed excitement about the prospect of investing in and expanding the winery. He discussed issues relating to parking and access. He suggested consideration of another location for the production facility. He expressed concerns about tax abatement, citing resident concerns about increasing property taxes.

Mr. Stowell referenced past discussion and research indicating that there is no designated road or alley to the west of the winery, but rather an entrance and exit to a parking lot. He commented that there have been no customer complaints with regard to parking. He added that expanding the parking range results in visitors walking around Downtown and taking note of other businesses.

Mr. Stowell commented that he would prefer to keep the winery in Cannon Falls but has investigated relocating the winery to another community. He discussed potential impacts of a winery relocation. He discussed commitments that have been made to the winery's employees. He stated his goal of expanding the facility in order to create the nicest winery in Minnesota. He stated that the winery draws visitors to Cannon Falls from throughout the region. He

commented that the business model for the GrandStay Hotel was based on the winery hosting weddings and other large events.

Council Member McCusker expressed agreement that the winery is special, adding that there are other businesses and attractions drawing visitors to Cannon Falls. He commented regarding public safety issues resulting from increased traffic. He stated that he is attempting to understand the overall picture. Mr. Stowell referenced the number of business owners, employees, and other interested citizens in attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Robinson asked whether there have been any public safety issues. Police Chief McCormick indicated that there have been no significant issues with the winery or the Mill Street area.

Mr. Stowell and Chief McCormick commented that Police Department personnel have provided assistance during wedding receptions and other events. They indicated that there have been only one or two incidents, which were quickly resolved.

Council Member Dalton asked what type of action is being requested from the City Council at this point. Mayor Robinson indicated that Council action is being requested to let Mr. Stowell know that the City is willing to negotiate with him with regard to the tax abatement proposal and the City-owned property. He discussed the merits of dealing with one entity as opposed to multiple entities.

Council Member Abadie stressed the fact that the City Council fully understands the importance of the winery and the other Downtown businesses in terms of keeping Cannon Falls a vibrant community for both residents and visitors.

Council Member Mattson discussed the negotiation process and asked what would happen if the negotiation process breaks down. Mr. Stowell commented that the Council and the EDA would have to make a decision at that point. He added that no parameters have been established that cannot be adjusted. He discussed his investment in the planning process and requested assurance from the Council that the project will move forward. He discussed the project time line and a goal of breaking ground on or about April 15, 2018.

Council Member Abadie asked how winery operations would be impacted during construction. Mr. Stowell indicated that winery operations would not be affected.

Council Member Abadie referenced the land valuation of the EDA parcel. Mayor Robinson clarified that the City-owned parcel has not been discussed in terms of valuation. Council Member Abadie asked whether the negotiation process for the City-owned parcel could be handled by the EDA on behalf of the City. She asked whether the tax abatement process could be put on hold, pending completion of the other components. The tax abatement process was discussed.

Mr. Stowell commented that combining the two parcels into one would provide clear direction in terms of the land acquisition process and allow the project to move forward.

Council Member McCusker requested clarification of how the addition would be utilized and asked if the production facility could be relocated.

Mr. Stowell stated that the addition, which would be between 19,000 and 20,000 square feet, would include 600 square feet of office space and a patio next to the existing facility, with the remaining portion allocated to manufacturing. He noted that the production facility would be moved into the addition, which would free up space in the existing building to expand the tasting room and add more food items.

Council Member Abadie referenced a memo indicating that the purpose of the addition is to increase production capacity, add an infiltration system, and expand the tasting room, with a goal of doubling production to 240,000 bottles per year. The project would include new equipment and 6,000 square feet of warehouse space. Mr. Stowell indicated that this information is accurate. He noted that the total project cost is projected to be between \$1.7 million and \$2 million.

Council Member McCusker asked whether past problems with trucks and forklifts will be eliminated. Mr. Stowell indicated that the entire production process would be enclosed and would therefore be safer, cleaner, and more attractive.

Council Member Althoff spoke in support of the project, stating that he has sat in on the EDA meetings and met with Mr. Stowell.

Council Member Dalton asked what type of motion is required at this point. Council Member Abadie discussed making a motion to to combine the two impacted parcels for the purposes of negotiation and allow the EDA to negotiate the sale of the City-owned parcel and the EDA-owned parcel. It was discussed the City could suggest a

reserve amount for the City-owned parcel. Administrator Johnson reviewed the dimensions of the City-owned parcel.

A motion was made by Council Member Abadie, seconded by Council Member Dalton, to combine the two parcels for the purposes of negotiation and assign the Economic Development Authority to negotiate the sale of the combined parcel for the purposes of Cannon River Winery expansion. Council Member McCusker indicated his intention to abstain from voting on this motion. Administrator Johnson indicated that Council action needs only to involve the City-owned parcel, as the EDA already has control of the other parcel. Council Member Abadie clarified the intention of her motion. The City-owned parcel number was clarified.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried by a vote of 5:0, with Council Member McCusker abstaining from the vote.

Mayor Robinson discussed the next steps in the process.

A motion was made by Council Member Abadie, seconded by Council Member Dalton and unanimously carried, that the City complete and pay for applicable platting and other applicable land use applications, contingent upon the project moving forward.

It was agreed to further discuss the sidewalk proposal.

A motion was made by Council Member Abadie, seconded by Council Member Mattson and unanimously carried, that the City complete and pay for applicable costs related to replacement, abandonment, or relocation of utilities.

Council Member Abadie thanked members of the gallery for demonstrating their support for the project.

Application for
Payment No. 1 for
First English Church
Bank Erosion Repair

Council Member McCusker asked about going with sod as opposed to concrete. City Engineer Anderson provided rationale for this decision and indicated that this will be monitored.

Council Member McCusker asked about access to the pump drain and expressed safety concerns. Mr. Anderson indicated that improvements have been made in the right-of-way. He suggested consulting with Public Works Director Bergeson about access and safety issues. Council Member Mattson asked about a catch basin. Mr. Anderson provided additional information in this regard.

Council Member Mattson asked about FEMA funding toward the project. Police Chief McCormick discussed the reimbursement process. He added that the cost of installing gravel or fencing would be the responsibility of the City. He noted that a significant portion of the project cost will be covered under FEMA reimbursement.

A motion was made by Council Member Dalton, seconded by Council Member Carpenter and unanimously carried, to approve the requested payment.

Recycling Contract
Extension

Council Member Althoff requested clarification of rate increases. Administrator Johnson provided additional information in this regard.

Council Members spoke in support of the contract extension.

Administrator Johnson indicated that, per City Attorney opinion, a bidding process is not required.

A motion was made by Council Member McCusker, seconded by Council Member Mattson and unanimously carried, to approve the recycling contract with Gibson Sanitation.

Reports:
Staff

Police Chief McCormick discussed the current Toward Zero Deaths campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers. He recommended planning ahead during the holidays.

Mayor and Council

Council Member Dalton commended Public Works Department personnel for their work in clearing the streets of ice and snow.

Council Member Abadie expressed appreciation to City staff for their work on the budget. She noted that important goals have been accomplished, including meeting rising health insurance costs, compensating employees fairly, and planning responsibly for infrastructure needs without raising the tax rate.

Council Member Althoff suggested working together with SEMMCHRA and Mr. Albrecht on the Sandstone Ridge development. Council Member Abadie commented that there will hopefully be opportunity for collaboration.

Council Member Althoff asked about continued leaks at the Library. City Engineer Anderson reported that a third party has been hired to do a forensic review and provide recommendations.

Council Member McCusker commented regarding community partnerships and provided several examples.

Council Member Carpenter voiced support for encouraging partnerships between SEMMCHRA and other groups toward the goal of affordable housing.

Council Member Mattson expressed appreciation for plowing up to the curb. He commented regarding a new event center and other projects.

Mayor Robinson expressed appreciation to City staff for their hard work. He commented that it takes everyone working together to make Cannon Falls a great place to live and raise a family.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 19th day of December, 2017.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator