

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Council

FROM: Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: County Road 17 Speed Study Request

DATE: June 7, 2018

BACKGROUND

The issue of lowering the speed limit on County Road 17 has been raised in the past, but further housing development has increased the number of adults and children on foot or bicycles sharing the roadway with motor vehicles. Goodhue Commissioner Brad Anderson spoke with me regarding this matter. I advised the County Highway Department and the City Attorney to determine the correct format to use to make a request. Because the State of Minnesota has set speed limits by Statute, neither the City nor Goodhue County has the authority to make a change to the speed limit for the area identified. The process is to make a request by Resolution to Goodhue County that the Minnesota Department of Transportation conduct a speed study to determine what the appropriate speed should be. Goodhue County will then consider our request and may approve making a request to the Minnesota Department of Transportation to conduct a speed study.

The attached Resolution is the first step in the process of that request. Once Goodhue County has received it, they can consider making the request to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Motion and approval of the attached Resolution requesting a speed study for Goodhue County Road 17 East within the Cannon Falls.

**CITY OF CANNON FALLS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2361

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING SPEED STUDY FOR GOODHUE COUNTY
ROAD 17 EAST WITHIN CANNON FALLS**

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Falls is located in Goodhue County; and

WHEREAS, Goodhue County Road 17 has portions that are within the City of Cannon Falls; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Falls has seen significant housing develop along the eastern part of Goodhue County Road 17 within the City of Cannon Falls; and

WHEREAS, the posted speed limit on that section is 55 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the residents who live in the housing development along Goodhue County Road 17 in Cannon Falls have no alternate route to connect to the rest of the City of Cannon Falls by either foot or bicycle; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians and bicyclists must share the roadway with motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cannon Falls believes the speed of the roadway should be reduced; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota State Statute 160.14 sets the speed limits for roadways; and

WHEREAS, the authority to change roadway speeds lays with the Minnesota Department of Transportation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cannon Falls City Council requests Goodhue County to petition the Minnesota Department of Transportation for a speed study for the eastern section of County Road 17, within the City of Cannon Falls.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Cannon Falls this 19th day of June, 2018.

CITY OF CANNON FALLS

Lyman M. Robinson
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Lanell Endres
Interim City Administrator