

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Morris Mattson, Bill Duncan, Ken Carpenter, John Althoff, and Derek Lundell; Council Member Cedar Abadie was absent. Also present were Lanell Endres, Interim City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; Mike Althoff, Fire Chief / Public Works Director; Tim Malchow, EMS Chief; and Joe Berg, Police Lieutenant

Call to Order	Mayor Robinson called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	Roll call was conducted. Mayor Robinson and Council Members Carpenter, Althoff, Duncan, Lundell, and Mattson were present; Council Member Abadie was absent.
Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Robinson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
Approval of Amended Agenda	A motion was made by Council Member Carpenter, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the Amended Agenda.
Public Input	Kyle Paulson, President of the Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, discussed upcoming events, including the Treat or Treat Trot on October 31 and Deck the Falls on November 24. She expressed appreciation to City staff for their assistance with these events.
Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending October 11, 2018B. Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2018, City Council MeetingC. Disposal of Forfeited VehiclesD. Resolution 2386, Accepting Donation of \$500.00 from Barb Kamholz to the LibraryE. Resolution 2387, Accepting Donation of \$25.00 from Joan Melhouse to the LibraryF. Resolution 2388, Accepting Donation of \$50.00 from Goodhue County Chapter, Minnesota State Horticulture Society to the LibraryG. Approve Application for Payment No. 4 for 2018 Street Improvement ProjectH. Set Budget Work SessionI. Resolution 2389, Declaring Cost to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed AssessmentJ. Resolution 2390, for Hearing on Proposed AssessmentK. Grader Trade-In and Purchase Used GraderL. Hiring Full-Time Paramedic

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

2019 Medical
Insurance

Interim City Administrator Endres provided background information regarding the 2019 employee medical insurance. She noted that the City's health insurance plan had a December 1st renewal date. Bill Singer from A.T. Group introduced himself. He noted that there were only four fully-insured small group carriers in Minnesota, adding that Preferred One was not available in the Cannon Falls area. He discussed industry trends and reviewed a comparison chart for the plan options offered by HealthPartners, Medica, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota. He noted that the rates were not based on the individual group's utilization data. He provided rationale for the recommendation that the City consider changing from HealthPartners to Medica, stating that this plan most closely matched the current plan and offered better catastrophic coverage. He reviewed deductibles, co-insurance, and out-of-pocket maximums for this plan. It was noted that the Medica option would represent an 8.64% increase in health insurance expenses, while HealthPartners was proposing a 19.29% increase.

Mayor Robinson asked about the amount included in the preliminary budget. Interim Administrator Endres indicated that the preliminary budget included a 10% increase for health insurance expenses.

When asked whether an employee plus one option was available, Mr. Singer reviewed the rate structure, noting that the rates are based on family size and age.

When asked about a service cooperative, Mr. Singer indicated that this option was researched but was not being recommended, due to the 20% to 30% rate increases for groups of the City's size and the request for claims data.

Council Members expressed agreement that Medica appeared to be the best option. The Medica provider network was discussed.

Signs

Babe O'Gorman discussed property he owned near City Hall. He expressed concerns that a campaign sign was removed from his property without his permission by Police Chief McCormick.

Mr. O'Gorman relayed conversations he has since had with Community Development Director Maroney and Police Lieutenant Berg. He noted that the City had been mowing the boulevard in front

of his property.

Mr. O’Gorman commented that a courtesy call should have been made to him, prior to the sign being removed. He commented that there were signs all over town in violation of the sign ordinance. He stated that the sign was placed on his property, far from the curb.

Mr. O’Gorman suggested review and enforcement of the City’s sign ordinance.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Maroney provided an update regarding ongoing discussions with the Blandin Broadband Communities Program, including a recent public meeting held at Artisan Plaza. He stated that a steering committee has reviewed several proposed projects. He stated that this group has identified four projects to move forward and will help coordinate the grant application process.

Public Works Director Althoff provided an update regarding the street improvement project. He stated that he has been assisting with questions about trees.

Police Lieutenant Berg further discussed the Trick or Treat Trot event. He reviewed winter parking restrictions and noted that parking permits were available. He reported that a Coffee, Cops, and Conversation event would be held on November 1 at Hi Quality Bakery at 10:30 a.m.

Interim City Administrator Endres shared communication from Library Director Miller with regard to several upcoming events and activities. She discussed a History Mystery event modeled after the game Clue on Friday, October 26. She noted that this is a collaborative effort between the Cannon Falls Area Historical Museum, the Goodhue County Historical Society, and the Cannon Falls Public Library. She discussed a historical program on November 3, during which Minnesota’s involvement in World War I will be discussed.

Interim Administrator Endres provided a reminder about the general election on November 6. She added that the City Council meeting had been rescheduled to November 13.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Duncan encouraged everyone to vote on November 6.

Council Member Althoff discussed a recent meeting at Artisan Plaza, during which broadband was discussed, describing this as a very good meeting.

Council Member Lundell commented that St. Ansgar's Cemetery was hit hard during the recent storm. He stated that the funds were being raised via an online GoFundMe page for tree removal and headstone repairs.

Council Member Carpenter reported that a Park Board meeting was scheduled for October 18.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 13th day of November, 2018.

Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lanell Endres, Interim City Administrator