

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Morris Mattson, Bill Duncan, Derek Lundell, Mary Jill Bringgold, Matt Montgomery, and Steve Gesme. Also present were Dave Maroney, City Administrator; Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief; Mike Althoff, Fire Chief/Public Works Director; Samantha Pierret, Zoning Assistant; and Tim Malchow, EMS Chief.

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

Roll Call All members were present.

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

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

Public Input Kyle Paulson, representing the Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, shared a community calendar of events for 2019 and discussed upcoming Chamber events.

Tim Dehmer, Cannon Falls, inquired of the Council if they had any further information regarding the issues he had addressed during the last City Council meeting. City Administrator Maroney stated his understanding that there was communication with Assistant City Administrator Endres or Library Director Miller. Mr. Dehmer stated that he spoke with Assistant Administrator Endres about his concerns regarding the Library. He asked about discussion by the Personnel Committee. Administrator Maroney indicated that there was not a personnel issue involved. Mayor Althoff stated that there was discussion about bringing these issues up at a Personnel Committee meeting, but there has not been a Personnel Committee meeting since the last Council meeting. Mr. Dehmer stated that he felt these issues could have been taken care of months ago after he was banned from the Library for a year. Mayor Althoff stated that when the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled, staff will call him and he can attend the meeting. Mr. Dehmer expressed agreement with this approach.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending March 13, 2019
- B. Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2019, City Council Meeting
- C. Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2019, City Council Work Session
- D. Resolution 2413, Approving Conditional Use Permit and Variance for Countryside Disposal
- E. Approve Job Description for Motor Vehicle Clerk, Receptionist,

- Office Assistant, and Authorize Appointment of Lois Berg
- F. Approve Contract with CEDA for Professional Services-Project #1, Lee Chevrolet Demolition
  - G. Resolution 2414, Amending the Interfund Loan Included in Resolution 2241 Approving Proposed Establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 2-6 Within Development District No. 2 and Approving the Tax Increment Financing Plan Therefor
  - H. Resolution 2415, Amending the Interfund Loan Included in Resolution 2277 Approving Proposed Establishment of Tax Increment Financing (Redevelopment) District No. 2-7 Within Development District No. 2 and Approving the Tax Increment Financing Plan Therefor
  - I. Resolution 2416, Requesting Speed Study for Goodhue County Road 17 East Within Cannon Falls
  - J. Resolution 2417, Supporting the Grant Application to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Local Trail Connections Program

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

Resolution 2418,  
Extending Local  
Emergency

Administrator Maroney provided background information regarding the proposed extension of declaration of a local emergency. He noted that Public Works Director Althoff had given the Public Works Commission an updated report on the neighborhood flooding throughout the community. Administrator Maroney stated that the Mayor declared a local emergency for a 3-day period, which allowed the City to spend money to address flooding that was occurring. Administrator Maroney stated that, in anticipation of additional flooding, the Council was being asked to consider Resolution 2418, which would extend the local emergency for another 30 days and allow the City to expend money to protect the community from additional flooding. Administrator Maroney also recommended that three Council Members join with staff to talk about any dangers or damages from the impending flooding of the Cannon River. Mayor Althoff read proposed Resolution 2418.

A motion was made by Council Member Bringgold, seconded by Council Member Duncan, to adopt Resolution 2418, extending the local emergency. A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

Zoning Assistant Pierret stated this would be her last Council meeting, as she has accepted a new position with Goodhue County.

She thanked the City of Cannon Falls, the citizens, the Council, and the Planning Commission for the great opportunity she had over the last two years.

Public Works Director Althoff reiterated that the Public Works Department had been in flood preparation mode for the last week and a half. He reviewed the preparations that have been made. He also stated that Public Works would be filling potholes over the next few days.

Police Chief McCormick provided additional background information with regard to flooding events. He discussed the discontinuation of telephone lines that had been monitoring the Little Cannon River, noting that this was now done through telemetry. He stated that those funds have been dedicated to the river gauge project that the National Weather Service had in place along the Cannon River. He stated that the National Weather Service had added a predictability component to the Northfield gauge, noting that this capability would be coming to the 9th Street Bridge in Cannon Falls in the future as more data becomes available.

Chief McCormick stated his opinion that river levels would go up and down roughly six to eight inches in the coming days. He noted that rain was not in the forecast over the next few days. He reviewed recent communications with the Emergency Management Director. He discussed the purposes of green spaces along the rivers. He discussed the use of sandbagging when and where necessary, adding that sandbags were being prepared at this time. He discussed the last major flooding event in 2014. He stated his opinion that there would be no major threat to residential properties, adding that the situation would be monitored and updates provided.

Administrator Maroney extended appreciation to the Public Safety and Public Works Departments for their work regarding the flooding situation. He also thanked Zoning Assistant Pierret for her service to the City. He reminded the Council that a work session would be conducted after the adjournment of the Council meeting.

Mayor and Council  
Reports

Council Member Gesme thanked Zoning Assistant Pierret for her service.

Council Member Montgomery also thanked Zoning Assistant Pierret for her service. He asked whether the Park Board should start meeting in April. Council Members expressed agreement, and Council Member Montgomery stated that he would schedule a

meeting.

Council Member Duncan also thanked Zoning Assistant Pierret for her service. He stated that the Public Works Commission met the prior week, during which flooding was discussed and a solar energy presentation was provided.

Council Member Lundell also thanked Zoning Assistant Pierret and congratulated her on her promotion.

Council Member Bringgold stated it has been nice working with Zoning Assistant Pierret.

Council Member Mattson also thanked Zoning Assistant Pierret.

Council Member Mattson inquired whether Council Member Duncan had his garbage picked up after a month. Council Member Duncan stated that both his garbage and recycling had been picked up. Council Member Mattson commented he has had a lot of citizens discuss their concerns. Council Member Duncan stated that weather has had something to do with this situation. It was suggested to look at the contract if there were continued concerns. It was noted that citizens pay a recycling fee with their water bills. The contract was discussed. Council Member Bringgold stated her understanding that the City paid more in order to retain a local contractor, noting that Dale Gibson subsequently retired and sold his business. She suggested inviting a representative from Waste Management to attend a future Council meeting to address resident concerns. Administrator Maroney stated that he would reach out and see if a representative would be willing to come and speak with the Council. Mayor Althoff stated that the contract was competitive.

Council Member Mattson commented that citizens have been calling him regarding dogs running wild in Troll Haven Park and people not picking up pet waste. He stated he felt perhaps this should be looked into.

Council Member Mattson commended the Public Works and Public Safety Departments and the Fire Chief on the excellent job they have done with regard to the flooding situation. He noted that Cannon Falls High School students provided assistance and worked hard, but enjoyed the experience. Director Althoff also noted that the students did a great job.

Mayor Althoff thanked the Public Works Department and the Police Department on their great work. He also commented that it has been nice working with Zoning Assistant Pierret, noting that she would be missed.

Mayor Althoff discussed a Cannon Falls Bikeable Community Workshop on May 7 at the Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Mattson and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

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John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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David Maroney, City Administrator