

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 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; Lanell Endres, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator; Greg Anderson, City Engineer; Mike Althoff, Fire Chief/Public Works Director; Nicole Miller, Library Director; and Mitch Althoff, Police Officer.

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 Mayor Althoff discussed the new meeting format. A motion was made by Council Member Bringgold, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda.

Public Hearing:
Resolution 2419,
Vacating Platted
Utility Easements in
the Woodridge Bluffs
Subdivision City Administrator Maroney provided background information regarding the consideration of vacating an existing small utility easement. He stated that the reason for the request was that the applicant wished to purchase two existing platted lots to build one home. He noted that the easement was not needed for public purposes.

Mayor Althoff opened the Public Hearing for this item at 6:33 p.m. No one came forward to speak during the Public Hearing. Mayor Althoff closed the Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Mattson and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2419, vacating platted utility easements in the Woodridge Bluffs subdivision.

Public Hearing:
Resolution 2420,
Vacating Platted
Street in the City of
Cannon Falls Administrator Maroney provided background information regarding consideration of vacating an original platted street – part of Cedar Street and part of Hoffman Street – due to topography. He noted that the property owners have requested that this street be vacated. He commented the City had no reason to retain the 80-foot right-of-way for the street but did have reason to retain the existing easement for access to the water main that was present.

Mayor Althoff opened the Public Hearing for this item at 6:36 p.m. No one came forward to speak during the Public Hearing. Mayor Althoff closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Bringgold, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2420, vacating a platted street in the City of Cannon Falls.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending April 11, 2019
- B. Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2019, City Council Work Session
- C. Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2019, City Council Meeting
- D. Summer/Fall Event Street Closures
- E. Application for Payment No. 2 for TH 19 Utility Improvements
- F. Approve Parking of Strawberry Ride in Front of Althoff's Hardware
- G. Approve Fun Fest Use of Bridge
- H. Approve River Edge Properties Sewer Credit

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

Approve 2019
Farmers Market

Administrator Maroney reviewed discussions that had taken place with both the Downtown Farmers Market and Artisan Plaza Farmers Market regarding past farmers markets. He stated that these discussions resulted in the concept of a single farmers market for Cannon Falls for 2019 in two locations. Administrator Maroney stated that there was a proposed fee of \$100 per vendor for the Downtown vendors, which was the fee that the Artisan Plaza vendors have paid in the past. He noted that the fees would pay for marketing and promotion. He stated there would be a slight difference in start dates and hours. He commented that vendors would be allowed to vend at both markets if they so wish. He mentioned special events that were held the previous year at Artisan Plaza Farmers Market and commented that with the Downtown vendors that would now be paying a fee would be welcome to attend the special events. Administrator Maroney clarified the days and hours that the markets would be open.

Council Member Bringgold inquired regarding the assignment of spaces that vendors would be given. Administrator Maroney provided an explanation of this process.

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Mattson and unanimously carried, to approve the 2019 Farmers Market Agreement.

Council Committees
and Commissions
Reports

Council Member Duncan stated that a Public Works Commission meeting was held on April 10 and a discussion was held regarding

food trucks, as directed during the previous Council meeting. He stated that information had been requested from Tilion Brewing Company. It was also noted that there had been discussion among local restaurants. Administrator Maroney provided additional information about these discussions. He stated that an update would be provided during the next Public Works Commission meeting.

Officer Althoff presented information on the Children's Easter Hunt on Saturday, April 20. He commented that the Downtown area would be pretty congested that morning. He issued a reminder about upcoming Coffee, Cops, and Conversation and TRIAD meetings.

Officer Althoff suggested a permitting process for farmers market vendors selling at other times. Administrator Maroney provided additional information in this regard.

Administrator Maroney discussed the Bridging Divides workshop on May 9, sponsored by the League of Minnesota Cities, during which community leaders would learn how to manage conflicts.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Montgomery discussed the next Park Board meeting, scheduled on April 25.

Council Member Lundell asked whether, instead of having winter parking restrictions, snow emergencies could be declared. Public Works Director Althoff stated that he and Chief McCormick discussed this at the beginning of the winter and decided to leave it as it was for now. He discussed the Ordinance language and commented that snowfalls during April and May generally melt quickly.

Mayor Althoff referenced past discussion of having a Council meeting at the Fairgrounds during the Cannon Valley Fair. He reported that too many activities had already scheduled, so the meeting would be held at the Council Chambers as normal.

Mayor Althoff stated that he would like to invite a representative of Sustane to attend the next Council meeting to discuss odor concerns. Administrator Maroney indicated that he would extend an invitation.

Public Input

Mayor Althoff reviewed the public input procedure.

Kyle Paulson, representing the Cannon Falls Areas Chamber of Commerce, commented regarding the Chamber Breakfast that was held earlier in the day. She relayed positive comments from breakfast attendees with regard to the speakers and a discussion that

was held about working together.

Ms. Paulson reported on other upcoming Chamber events.

Ken Carpenter, 1005 Park Street West, Cannon Falls, stated that he would like to see the City work with Goodhue County on a bike path along Fourth Street. He commented there were a lot of people walking in this area and that this would make good economic sense. He suggested exploring potential grant opportunities. Public Works Director Althoff commented that he would be attending a workshop on making Cannon Falls more bikable on May 9 and would bring this up.

Tim Dehmer, Cannon Falls, inquired regarding the next Personnel Committee meeting. Mayor Althoff stated that these meetings were scheduled as needed. Mr. Dehmer stated his intention to continue to attend City Council meetings in order to provide public input until his concerns have been addressed. Mr. Dehmer asked the Council if they knew about a survey that had been done at the Library, but no one on the Council knew about this survey. Mr. Dehmer stated that he had issues that he would like addressed. He referenced a meeting with Mayor Althoff and Administrator Maroney but expressed frustration that he had not received any resolution regarding his concerns.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Lundell and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 7th day of May, 2019.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maroney, City Administrator