

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:36 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff, Council Members Mary Jill Bringgold, Bill Duncan, Steve Gesme, Derek Lundell, Morris Mattson , and Matt Montgomery. Also present were Dave Maroney, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator; Jeff McCormick, Police Chief; Joe Berg, Police Lieutenant; Tim Malchow, EMS Chief; and Mike Althoff, Public Works Director/Fire Chief.

Purpose The purpose of the work session was to discuss the 2020 budget.

Discussion Finance Director Endres presented a summary of the 2020 budget information. She noted the process of adopting the budget in which the preliminary budget would need to be adopted by September 30, 2019 and that once adopted the levy could not be higher but could be reduced. She informed the Council that not all information was yet available regarding such things as the 2020 Local Government Aid allocation and health insurance rates. A spreadsheet was presented that indicated a levy increase of 6.55% noting however that this was a very preliminary number and that it would be updated once additional information became available.

Administrator Maroney also discussed the proposed budget and the process the Council desired.

Further discussion was held regarding the budget amounts for elections, the police department, Information Technology, Cannon Valley Trail, unallocated amounts, and building permits.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the police department budget. Several items were discussed including but not limited to the amount of the preliminary request, patrol areas and sheriff's department, forfeitures, number of police vehicles, staffing, scheduling and firearms.

The Council and staff also discussed ambulance revenue. EMS Chief Malchow discussed the issue of lift assists and the increasing number of calls for this service. He raised the question of possibly charging for this service. They also discussed the possibility of establishing a special taxing district for the ambulance service. Chief Malchow also discussed charging for ambulance stand-by.

It was noted updated and detailed information would be provided for the next budge work session.

Adjournment The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maroney, City Administrator