

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, November 19, at 8:00 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; Wes Anway, Interim Public Works Director; Jeff McCormick, Police Chief; and Joe Berg, Police Lieutenant.

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

Discussion       Finance Director Endres provided updated worksheets to the Council which included different scenarios for levy amounts.

Council Member Montgomery stated he would like to approve the levy as presented with a 5.863% levy increase. Council Members Gesme and Lundell indicated they supported that increase. Council Members Bringgold, Duncan and Mattson did not.

Council Member Lundell stated he was not in favor of any staff reductions in the police department. Council Member Montgomery urged the Council to adopt the budget as presented which would keep the police department as is and accomplish the mill and overlay project. Council Member Duncan stated he supported a 1% decrease and felt that the City should eliminate two positions in the police department, the police chief and one of the two administrative assistant positions. Council Member Mattson stated he felt the patrol officers were ok but the administration side of the police department was over budget. Mayor Althoff indicated he felt everyone wanted a strong police force and no one was in favor of cutting patrol officers.

Further discussions included information on cuts already presented; the pay study that was done a few years earlier; the number of personnel in the administrative side of the police department; job descriptions and duties for the police chief and lieutenant; the role of the police chief, retaining and attracting employees; the mill and overlay project; and possible revenue increases.

The Council recognized there appeared to be a 3-3 split on the budget and levy. Mayor Althoff indicated that if staff could reduce the levy increase to 4% he would be satisfied.

The consensus of the Council was to hold another work session on Monday, November 25, 2019 after the scheduled 5:30 p.m. special meeting.

Adjournment    The meeting was duly adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019.

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John O. Althoff, Mayor

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David Maroney, City Administrator