

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a special session on Monday, November 25, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff, and Council Members Mary Jill Bringgold, Bill Duncan, Steve Gesme, Derek Lundell, Morris Mattson and Matt Montgomery. Also present were Finance Director Lanell Endres and Police Chief Jeff McCormick.

Roll Call Roll call was taken and all council members were present.

Purpose The special meeting was called by Council Members Montgomery and Lundell. The purpose of the special meeting was to consider whether to reduce the term of the 90-calendar day suspension previously approved for City employee Bonnie German.

Discussion Finance Director Endres informed the Council the only discussion that could be held would be regarding the disciplinary action. No discussion concerning the allegations or anything that was discussed during the previously held closed session would be allowed.

Council Member Montgomery indicated that he felt the Council should amend the disciplinary action taken because he thought the 90-calendar day suspension without pay was too stiff a penalty and that the time already served should be enough. Council Member Lundell agreed with the comments made by Council Member Montgomery and that the 90-day suspension was too severe.

A motion was made by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Lundell to reconsider the motion approving the 90-calendar day suspension for City employee Bonnie German. The following voted in favor thereof: Gesme, Lundell and Montgomery. Voting against: Bringgold, Duncan and Mattson. The vote was tied. As per the City Charter, Mayor Althoff voted to break the tie. He voted nay. The motion was declared failed.

Adjournment The meeting was duly adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maroney, City Administrator