

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Bill Duncan, Mary Jill Bringgold, Matt Montgomery, Laura Kronenberger, and Steve Gesme; Council Member Derek Lundell was absent. Also present were Neil Jensen, City Administrator; Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief; and Laura Qualey, Community and Business Development Specialist.

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

Roll Call Roll call was conducted. Mayor Althoff and Council Members Bringgold, Duncan, Kronenberger, Gesme, and Montgomery were in attendance. Council Member Lundell was not in attendance.

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

Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Council Member Bringgold, seconded by Council Member Montgomery and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Public Hearing:
Introduction and First
Reading of Ordinance
374, Annexing Land
Located in Cannon
Falls Township,
Goodhue County,
MN, Pursuant to MN
Statute 414.033
Subdivision 2(3),
Permitting Annexation
by Ordinance

City Administrator Jensen provided background information and reviewed the request by Josie and Zachary Hayes to annex 12.4 acres currently located in Cannon Falls Township. He stated that the request was approved by Cannon Falls Planning and Zoning. He stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide an opportunity for public input regarding the annexation request. He stated that if the annexation is approved, the land will be zoned R-3 medium density residential.

Mayor Althoff opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. No one spoke during the Public Hearing. Mayor Althoff closed the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Montgomery and unanimously carried, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 374 and move it to a second reading.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending February 25, 2021
- B. Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2021, City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Union Contract Between City of Cannon Falls and Minnesota Public Employees Association (Supervisors Unit)
- D. Approve Investigation of City Affairs Policy
- E. Approve Full-Time Police Officer Hire

~~F. Resolution 2537, Providing for Post-Employment Health Care Savings Plan for Supervisors Unit~~

This item was tabled and removed from the Consent Agenda.

G. Resolution 2538, in Support of Grant Application to MN DNR for the Regional Trail Connections Program

H. Resolution 2539, Relating to Markid Properties II, LLC and the Option to Purchase Land from the City of Cannon Falls

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, minus Item F, which had been removed from the Consent Agenda.

Council Business:

There was no other Council business.

Council
Committees/
Commissions

Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Director Kyle Paulson discussed plans for a children's Easter cruise event, noting that this drive-through activity will be held at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds. She added that Food Shelf donations will be accepted during the event. She stated that volunteers are needed to assist with this event.

Director Paulson reported that the 2021 Discover Guides have gone to print and should be available in mid-March.

Police Chief McCormick discussed a recent Police Commission meeting, during which the investigation of City affairs policy was discussed along with speed display signage and the process of designating an Urban District. He noted that the Police Commission also discussed Police Department staffing.

Staff

There were no reports.

Mayor and Council

Mayor Althoff reviewed upcoming meetings.

Public Input

Mayor Althoff reviewed the public input procedure. There was no public input.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 16th day of March, 2021.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator