

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Bill Duncan, Mary Jill Bringgold, Matt Montgomery, Laura Kronenberger, Steve Gesme, and Derek Lundell. Also present were Neil Jensen, City Administrator, and Dan Howard, Public Works Director.

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| Call to Order | Mayor Althoff called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. |
| Roll Call | Roll call was conducted. All members were 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 Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda. |
| Public Hearing:
Resolution 2545,
Certifying Unpaid
Utility Charges to be
Collected with Taxes | <p>City Administrator Jensen provided background information and reviewed the process of certifying unpaid utility charges to be collected with property taxes. He stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow residents with unpaid utility charges to address the City Council. Mayor Althoff opened the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. No one spoke during the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:32 p.m.</p> <p>A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2545.</p> |
| Presentation:
Presentation of
Certificate of
Commendation to
Public Works | Mayor Althoff presented a Wastewater Treatment Facility Operations Award to Public Works Director Howard, who accepted on behalf of the Public Works staff. This award was in recognition of exceptional compliance with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency wastewater permit during the 2020 review period. Mayor Althoff commented regarding the City's state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility. |
| Consent Agenda | <p>A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending April 29, 2021</p> <p>B. Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2021, City Council Meeting</p> <p>C. Resolution 2546, Declaring the City of Cannon Falls as the Applicant and Partner for the Proposed Cannon Falls Single Purpose SCDP Rehabilitation Projects Contained in the Community Finance Preliminary Proposal</p> <p>D. Resolution 2547, Rezoning and Preliminary Plat for Towering Bluffs</p> <p><i>This item was pulled by Council Member Gesme</i></p> |

- E. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 376, an Ordinance of the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, Amending City Code Chapter 114 and Chapter 152 Relating to Farmers Markets
- F. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 375, Amending City Code Chapter 152 Relating to Sign Height and Parking and Loading Surfaces
- G. Approval to Hire Seasonal Pool Employees

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

Council Business:
Resolution 2547,
Rezoning and
Preliminary Plat for
Towering Bluffs

Council Member Gesme stated that he was skeptical of the preliminary plat at first. He stated that he and Planning Commission member John Christensen recently visited a similar development in Hastings and were very impressed with this development.

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2547.

Reports:
Council
Committees/
Commissions

Kyle Paulson, President of the Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, congratulated First Choice Clinic on a successful renovation project and open house. She discussed an upcoming open house at Woodhaven Weddings and Events on May 20. She provided a reminder about the city-wide garage sales on May 7 and 8. She reported that the Cannon Valley Fair Board recently approved going forward with this year's fair and 4th of July parade. She noted that this year's Wine and Art Festival has been cancelled. She stated that the flower baskets will be arriving the third week of May. She discussed the Open Air Fair on June 10 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Althoff reported with regard to a recent Police Commission meeting, during which a posting for a police officer position was approved. He discussed the formation of a hiring committee.

Staff

Public Works Director Howard reported that hydrant flushing activities are wrapping up. He stated that pothole repair and work on the Third Street Bridge are continuing, along with mowing and maintenance activities.

Director Howard stated that WHKS will be initiating a bidding process for the water main installation under the river at the Third Street Bridge.

Administrator Jensen discussed pool work and a tentative June 9 opening, adding that updates will be posted on the City website and Facebook page.

Mayor and Council

Council Member Bringgold relayed concerns relating to the recycling pick-up process. Administrator Jensen stated that concerns have been forwarded to Waste Management. The Waste Management contract was discussed.

Council Member Montgomery stated that Bike Cannon Falls is requesting to host an event at the O’Gorman rest stop on Saturday, June 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., during which information about the organization will be handed out and a volunteer from a bike shop in Northfield will be on hand to help with tune-ups and discuss safety guidelines.

Council Member Duncan commented that Countryside Disposal has been acquired by Waste Management. He suggested that the Finance Committee discuss a potential single hauler contract. The prevalence of single hauler contracts in the area and the Goodhue County solid waste ordinance were discussed.

Council Member Gesme discussed issues with Channel 12.

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 Duncan, seconded by Council Member Gesme and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 18th day of May, 2021.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator