

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Bill Duncan, Steve Gesme, Matt Montgomery, Laura Kronenberger, Derek Lundell, and Mary Jill Bringgold. Also present were Neil Jensen, City Administrator; Dan Howard, Public Works Director; Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief; and Laura Qualey, Community & Economic Business Specialist.

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 Mayor Althoff requested the addition of two items under Council Business, one relating to a letter of intent regarding the Sandstone Ridge development, and a second agenda item relating to the scheduling of a Public Hearing for discussion of a solid waste contract.

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Lundell and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Public Input There were no public comments regarding items not listed on the Agenda.

Consent Agenda A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending February 23, 2022  
B. Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022, City Council Meeting

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

Council Business:  
Sandstone Ridge  
Development Letter of  
Intent

Community & Economic Business Specialist Qualey provided background information regarding the property, which is currently owned by the City. She referenced a letter of intent to purchase and develop the property that was received from a group of local developers. She reviewed the next steps in the process, which would include re-platting of the existing lots, televising the sewer mains, and working with the developers on a concept plan.

City Administrator Jensen provided additional information. He noted that the developers would agree to repair the streets to City specifications, if the City agrees to sell the property for \$1. A

representative of the developer group expressed agreement with the information that was presented.

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme to accept the letter of intent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Duncan. It was clarified that passage of a motion to accept the letter of intent would not constitute a purchase agreement but would initiate further discussion. A vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

Schedule Public  
Hearing for  
Discussion of Solid  
Waste Contract

Council Member Bringgold reported that the recycling contract with Waste Management is set to expire at the end of the year. She referenced the Council work session that was conducted prior to the meeting, during which the possibility of contracting with a single hauler for both garbage and recycling was discussed. She reviewed some of the benefits of this agreement, including decreased truck traffic and cost savings.

A motion was made by Council Member Bringgold, seconded by Council Member Lundell and unanimously carried, to schedule a Public Hearing during the April 5 Council meeting for discussion of a single hauler garbage and recycling contract.

Reports:

Council Committees /  
Commissions /  
Nonprofit  
Organizations

Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce President Kyle Paulson reviewed a revised calendar of events. She discussed a Lions Club Father's Day pancake feed on June 19 at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds. She also discussed the annual Country Cruise by the Cannon Car Cruisers, which is scheduled on August 5. She noted that the Sogn Valley Art Fair is scheduled for October 1-2. She reported that the Cannon Falls Wine & Art Festival has been cancelled in 2022. President Paulson also reported that the Discover Guide will be going to print soon and should be received by the end of March.

Council Member Bringgold reported that the Joint Powers Board will be meeting on March 22.

Staff

Public Works Director Howard discussed a project at the wastewater treatment plant. He reported that the EV charging station project in the City parking lot is moving forward.

Police Chief McCormick discussed winter parking restrictions during snow events.

City Administrator Jensen discussed the annual financial audit and budget planning process.

Mayor and Council

Mayor Althoff reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator