

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Bill Duncan, Steve Gesme, Matt Montgomery, Laura Kronenberger, and Derek Lundell; Council Member Mary Jill Bringgold joined the meeting remotely. Also present were Neil Jensen, City Administrator; Dan Howard, Public Works Director; Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief; Dianne Howard, Zoning Administrator; and Bill Angerman, City Engineer.

- 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 Duncan, Gesme, Kronenberger, Lundell, and Montgomery were in attendance. Council Member Bringgold later joined the meeting remotely.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Althoff led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Gesme and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.
- Public Input Mayor Althoff reviewed the public input procedure.
- Becky Youngmark, Cannon Falls, expressed concerns regarding tax increment financing of the new housing development on the former Cannonball property and referenced a recent Letter to the Editor published in the *Beacon* newspaper. She also expressed frustration about the Council's willingness to sell the former Sandstone Ridge property to a developer for \$1.
- Consent Agenda
- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending March 10, 2022
  - B. Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2022, City Council Work Session
  - C. Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2022, City Council Meeting
  - D. Resolution 2620, Reestablishing Precincts and Polling Places
  - E. Approve MnDOT Highway 19 Project Field Office Rental
  - F. Resolution 2621, Accepting a Monetary Donation from Henkel Cannon Falls for \$11,500 to the Fire Department
  - G. Resolution 2622, Accepting a Monetary Donation from River Country Cooperative for \$2,500 to the Fire Department
  - H. Approve Replacement of Variable Frequency Drive at Well 4
  - I. Approve Park Street Mill and Overlay
  - J. Approve Hire of 2022 Pool Manager
  - ~~K. Re-Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance 379, an Ordinance of the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, Amending City~~

~~Code Chapter 152 Rezoning Property at 415 Hickory Drive from  
B-2 to R-4 PUD and Approving Final Plans~~  
*This item was pulled by Council Member Gesme*

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

Council Business:  
Resolution 2623,  
Approving Plans and  
Specifications and  
Ordering  
Advertisement for  
Bids

City Engineer Angerman reviewed the water tower repainting project and discussed the current bidding environment. He also noted challenges related to the water tower being out of service during the project. He referenced grant funding toward the railing portion of the project.

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Montgomery, to adopt Resolution 2623, approving plans and specifications and ordering advertisement for bids for painting and resurfacing of the water tower. A voice vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

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First Reading of  
Ordinance 379, an  
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of Cannon Falls,  
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City Code Chapter  
152 Rezoning  
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Hickory Drive from B-  
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Approving Final Plans

Council Member Gesme indicated that he pulled this item in order to correct the ordinance language. City Administrator Jensen reviewed the proposed language revision, replacing "The City Council" with "The City of Cannon Falls" hereby ordains . . .

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Montgomery, to approve the re-introduction and first reading of Ordinance 379, with the language revision as reviewed. Council Member Kronenberger provided rationale for her intention to cast a nay vote, to support members of the community who are opposed to the project. A voice vote was conducted and the motion carried by a vote of 5:1, with Council Member Kronenberger voting nay.

Reports:  
Council Committees /  
Commissions /  
Nonprofit  
Organizations

Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce President Kyle Paulson provided a flower basket update. She discussed the upcoming Easter Bunny Hunt event on April 16 and requested permission to host this event in the City parking lot. She also discussed the Chamber golf tournament on June 16 at Gopher Hills.

City Administrator Jensen summarized topics of discussion during a recent EDA meeting.

Council Member Lundell summarized topics of discussion during a recent Public Works Commission meeting.

Council Member Montgomery summarized topics of discussion during a recent Park Board meeting.

Council Member Duncan summarized topics of discussion during a recent Finance Committee meeting.

Zoning Administrator Howard summarized a recent Planning Commission meeting, during which a Public Hearing was conducted relating to a Conditional Use Permit application by Central Trucking to operate a truck terminal business along Highway 52. She reported that the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the CUP, pending conformance with all engineering specifications, City ordinances, and State and Federal permits. She stated that the Planning Commission also reviewed a concept plan for the Winchell subdivision, with action tabled for further research.

Council Member Kronenberger discussed a recent Library Board meeting.

Staff Public Works Director Howard reviewed tentative plans for hydrant flushing. He also discussed recent utility line televising activities.

City Administrator Jensen discussed a recent Habitat for Humanity open house.

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 6:57 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

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John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator