

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, in the City Council Chambers. In attendance were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Bill Duncan, Steve Gesme, Mary Jill Bringgold, Laura Kronenberger, and Derek Lundell; Council Member Matt Montgomery was absent. Also present were Neil Jensen, City Administrator and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

Call to Order

Mayor Althoff called the City Council work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

2023 Preliminary
Budget and Levy
Discussion

City Administrator Jensen provided background information on the 2023 preliminary budget. Jensen provided some of the highlights of the budget;

1. 1% salary adjustment in July and December
2. Health insurance 3.47% increase
3. Bituminous mill and overlay increased from \$175,000 to \$200,000
4. \$78,000 library building bond completed
5. \$121,000 fire capital increase
6. Motor vehicle gas and utility significant increase
7. Local Government Aid increase \$3,596.00
8. Invenergy increase \$12,130.00
9. 2023 Sewer Bridge and Street Reconstruction Project approximately \$2,000,000.00

Water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer rates were discussed in depth and council settled on a 1% increase in rates.

Council Members agreed with the budget increase of 3.49% and requested it be put on the council agenda.

Recycling Services
Contract Discussion

City Administrator Jensen provided background information. He reviewed two options for contract renewal with Waste Management.

- 1) Retain the same containers and cart, with a pricing structure of \$4 per home per month, with a fixed annual increase of 4%.
- 2) Retain the same containers and cart, with a pricing structure of \$3.50 per home per month, with increases in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for water, sewer, and trash (WST) data for the Midwest region.

City Administrator Jensen and Council Member Duncan further reviewed each option. Administrative fees were discussed.

Council Member Duncan spoke in favor of offering Waste Management a five-year extension of the recycling contract, selecting Option 2.

Council Member Kronenberger asked whether comparison information was available from other recycling companies. Council Member Duncan described the options as very competitive.

City Administrator Jensen stated his understanding from the City Attorney that a bidding process would not be required.

Council Members expressed agreement with extending the contract for five years, selecting Option 2. City Administrator Jensen reviewed the next steps in the contract approval process.

Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 20th day of September, 2022.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator