

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Bill Duncan, Steve Gesme, Matt Montgomery, Mary Jill Bringgold, Derek Lundell, and Laura Kronenberger (remotely). Also present were Neil Jensen, City Administrator; Dan Howard, Public Works Director; and Joe Berg, Police Lieutenant.

- 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 Lundell, to approve the Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Public Input Mayor Althoff reviewed the public input procedure.
- Tim Dehmer, Cannon Falls, referenced the importance of courage, integrity, knowledge, transparency, and accountability. He stated that he attempted to speak during a recent Library Board of Trustees meeting. He commented that he was interrupted by a Library Board Member after approximately one minute and was not allowed to finish his comments about displaying the flag at the Library.
- Babe O’Gorman, Cannon Falls, referenced comments that he made during a recent Public Works Commission meeting. He cited examples of City Code violations relating to fence height and truck parking resulting from confidential complaints.
- Consent Agenda
- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending October 13, 2022
 - B. Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2022, City Council Meeting
 - C. Approve Pay Request No. 2 for Water Tower Painting Project
 - D. Resolution 2647, Adopting General Election Judges for 2022
 - E. Resolution 2648, Acceptance of a Monetary Donation of \$500 from SELCO
 - F. Approve No Outlet Street Sign on State Street West
 - G. Approve Disposal of 2001 Toro Workman 3200
 - H. Approve Roof Inspection Reports and Repairs
 - I. Approve Repairs to City Hall Fire Sprinkler System
 - J. Approve Driveway Gates Near Wells 3, 4, and 5
 - K. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with MPCA for PFAS Monitoring
 - L. Resolution 2649, Prohibiting Garbage and Refuse Haulers from Residential Alleys in Zones R1, R2, R3, and R4

- M. Resolution 2650, Designating Polling Places for 2023
- N. Approve Disposal of Fleet Vehicle for Police Department

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Montgomery, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

Council Business: There was no other Council business.

Reports:

Council Committees /
Commissions /
Nonprofit
Organizations

Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce President Kyle Paulson discussed an upcoming fundraising event for the Cannon Valley Senior Center, featuring a performance by the White Sidewalls. She also described the Chamber's Halloween Trick or Treat Trot on October 31, noting that at least 900 children are expected to attend. She stated that parade units are encouraged to register to participate in the Deck the Falls parade on November 26, adding that there is no charge to be in the parade. She discussed a Health Fair at the Library on November 12. She expressed appreciation to Public Works for assistance with flower baskets and garland.

Council Member Montgomery summarized topics of discussion during a recent EDA meeting, including consideration of a social media subscription and discussion of the revolving loan fund. He noted that possible future projects were discussed during a closed session.

Council Member Montgomery summarized topics of discussion during a recent Park Board meeting, including John Burch Park improvement projects in preparation for hosting the State Amateur Baseball Tournament in 2028. He stated an update was provided regarding a project at Veterans Memorial Park.

Council Member Lundell summarized topics of discussion during a recent Public Works Commission meeting, referencing items that were approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Duncan summarized discussion during a recent Finance Committee meeting, including fire contracts with the townships and a request by the Historical Society.

Council Member Kronenberger reported that the Library Board did not meet in October, due to the lack of a quorum.

Staff

Public Works Director Howard discussed hydrant flushing and winter preparation activities in the parks.

City Administrator Jensen discussed a planned 2023 street and utility reconstruction project. He discussed 2022 building permits, noting that most have been roofing permits.

Mayor and Council

Council Member Montgomery congratulated the Cannon Falls Bombers football team on their Homecoming victory.

Tim Dehmer discussed an upcoming event at the Library.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Montgomery, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 1st day of November, 2022.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator