

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

Call to Order	Mayor Pro Tem Steve Gesme called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	Roll call was conducted. Council Members Gesme, Duncan, Kronenberger, Lundell, and Montgomery were in attendance. Mayor Althoff and Council Member Bringgold were absent.
Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Pro Tem Gesme led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
Approval of Agenda	A motion was made by Council Member Lundell, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to approve the amended Agenda.
Public Input	<p>Mayor Pro Tem Gesme reviewed the public input procedure.</p> <p>Becky Youngmark congratulated the newly elected Council Members. She referenced a request made during a past Council meeting by Tim Dehmer to erect a flag at the Library. She suggested acting on this request, adding that the local American Legion and VFW would probably be willing to provide assistance in this regard. She also suggested acting on Tim Dehmer's request to keep the camera focused on Council Members when others are speaking during meetings.</p>
Consent Agenda	<p>A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending November 10, 2022</p> <p>B. Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2022, City Council Meeting</p> <p>C. Resolution 2654, to Canvass Returns and Declare Election Results from City General Election</p> <p>D. Approve Renewal of Cannon Falls Prosecution Services Contract with Goodhue County</p> <p>E. Resolution 2655, Authorizing 2023 City License Renewals</p> <p>F. Approve Hiring Full-Time Paramedic</p> <p>A motion was made by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Lundell and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.</p>
Council Business:	There was no other Council business.

Reports:

Council Committee /  
Commissions /  
Nonprofit  
Organizations

Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce President Kyle Paulson discussed the upcoming Deck the Falls parade and activities. She expressed appreciation to the Public Works Department for putting up the holiday decorations. She stated that volunteers are needed to assist with the parade and the tree lighting ceremony. She noted that additional contributions toward the fireworks would be appreciated. She discussed the annual community Thanksgiving dinner on November 24. President Paulson announced that she will be leaving her position as of November 30 and thanked everyone for their support.

City Administrator Jensen summarized recent EDA activities.

Council Member Montgomery reported that the Park Board discussed options to proceed with improvement projects at John Burch Park.

Council Member Duncan discussed a recent joint meeting of the Finance Committee and the EDA, during which potential acquisition of the Hardwood Estates development property owned by Glenn Mulvihill was discussed. He stated that a request from the Cannon Valley Fair Board was also discussed.

Council Member Gesme summarized discussion during a recent Planning Commission meeting, during which a Public Hearing was conducted and Conditional Use Permit requests for an outdoor sales lot and outdoor automobile sales on property owned by Ray Schoenfelder were recommended for approval. He stated that the Planning Commission also discussed potential access to a parcel in the Cannon Mall area for a telecommunications company.

Council Member Kronenberger summarized topics of discussion during a recent Library Board meeting, including the approval of a printer policy. She also reported that a new member will be joining the Library Board.

Staff

Public Works Director Howard discussed winter preparations.

Police Chief McCormick discussed traffic impacts during the Deck the Falls parade.

Mayor and Council

Council Member Montgomery thanked Becky Youngmark for her kind words.

Council Members expressed appreciation to Chamber President Paulson for her contributions to the Chamber.

Mayor Pro Tem congratulated Cannon Falls High School sports teams and commented that the current Highway 52 construction project has been completed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Montgomery, seconded by Council Member Duncan and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

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John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator