

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Matt Montgomery and Council Members Laura Kronenberger, Derek Lundell, Steve Gesme, Lisa Groth, Ryan Jeppesen, and Diane Johnson. Also present were Neil Jensen, City Administrator; Sara Peer, City Clerk; Jed Petersen, Public Works Director; Kyyra Sulo, EMS Lieutenant; Mike Althoff, Fire Chief; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief

- Call to Order Mayor Montgomery called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call All members were in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Montgomery led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Council Member Groth, seconded by Council Member Gesme and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as amended.
- Public Input There was no public input.
- Consent Agenda
- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending December 14, 2023
 - B. Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2023, City Council Work Session
 - C. Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2023, City Council Meeting
 - D. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 401, an Ordinance Establishing a Public Works and Park Board
 - E. Approve Final Pay Request for Bluff Drive Paving Project
 - F. Resolution 2725, Accepting a Monetary Donation of \$1,000 from Invenergy to the Fire Department
 - G. Resolution 2726, Accepting a Monetary Donation of \$1,000 from Invenergy to the Police Department
 - H. Resolution 2727, Accepting a Monetary Donation of \$1,000 from Invenergy to the Ambulance Department
 - I. Approve Public Works (49ers) Union Contract
- A motion was made by Council Member Jeppesen, seconded by Council Member Johnson and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Council Business:

Resolution 2728,
Adopting 2024 Tax
Levy and Budget

City Administrator Jensen reviewed changes to the 2024 budget, including anticipated revenue from the State toward public safety and street projects.

A motion was made by Council Member Lundell, seconded by Council Member Gesme and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2728, approving the 2024 tax levy and budget as presented.

Paramedic Tuition
Program

City Administrator Jensen provided background information, reviewed the proposed program, and referenced discussion of the program by the Finance Committee. He discussed the need to recruit more paramedics.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Groth and unanimously carried, to approve the program.

Full-Time Paramedic
Brenda Voshalike
Retirement

EMS Lieutenant Sulo summarized the career of long-time Ambulance Service employee Brenda Voshalike and expressed appreciation for her service to the community. Fire Chief Althoff provided additional information and further discussed her contributions to City departments.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Jeppesen and unanimously carried, to thank Ms. Voshalike for her service and approve her retirement request.

Reports:

Council Committees /
Commissions /
Nonprofit
Organizations

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

Staff

Public Works Director Petersen discussed tree trimming activities and provided an update regarding utility work at Hardwood Estates.

On behalf of the Police Department, Police Chief McCormick thanked Ms. Voshalike for her service.

City Clerk Peer thanked Ms. Voshalike for her service. She discussed the process of auditing the City's finances. She reviewed the election process.

City Administrator Jensen thanked Ms. Voshalike for her service.

Mayor and Council

Council Members thanked Ms. Voshalike for her service.

Mayor Montgomery thanked Ms. Voshalike for her service and thanked Council Members for their hard work over the last year.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Lundell, seconded by Council Member Johnson and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 2nd day of January, 2024.

Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator