

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 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; Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief; and Daren Sikkink, WHKS (Assistant City Engineer).

Call to Order	Mayor Montgomery called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	Roll call was conducted. Mayor Montgomery and Council Members Gesme, Groth, Kronenberger, and Lundell were in attendance. Council Member Jeppesen attended the meeting remotely. Council Member Johnson joined the meeting at 6:31 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance	Mayor Montgomery led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
Approval of Agenda	A motion was made by Council Member Lundell, seconded by Council Member Gesme, to approve the Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.
Public Input	<p>Mayor Montgomery reviewed the public input procedure.</p> <p>Anthijuan Beeks, Sr., introduced himself as a new resident of Cannon Falls. He stated his intention to run for an at-large position on the City Council this fall.</p>
Presentation: Three Rivers Community Action Presentation	David Kujawa introduced himself as the Volunteer Coordinator with Three Rivers Community Action. He described the services provided by the organization, including the Meals on Wheels program along with chore and homemaker services. He stated that Three Rivers CAP helps connect elderly adults with community volunteers to help them feel safe in their homes. He discussed a new website that was recently launched to help facilitate these connections. He noted that volunteers can select the types of assistance that they would like to provide and will then receive notifications when those services are needed. He provided examples of the types of assistance that is needed. He commented that this is a great opportunity for students to complete volunteer hours. He noted that advocates are available to visit older adults in their homes to discuss their situations. He provided contact information for Three Rivers CAP.



Mayor Montgomery inquired regarding the number of local Meals on Wheels participants and the number of volunteers. Mr. Kujawa commented that this program continues to have a good group of volunteers, adding that Mayo Clinic Health System also provides assistance. He discussed the benefits of this program, including helping with social isolation. Council Member Groth expressed interest in volunteering.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending May 30, 2024
- B. Meeting Minutes for May 21, 2024, City Council Meeting
- ~~C. Approve July Meeting Date Change~~  
*This item was pulled by Council Members Groth and Kronenberger*
- D. Approve Probation Extension for Public Works Director
- E. Resolution 2759, Accepting a Monetary Donation of \$1,500 from Invenergy to the Police Department
- F. Resolution 2760, Accepting a Monetary Donation of \$1,500 from Invenergy to the Ambulance Department

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Groth, to approve the Consent Agenda, minus Item C. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

Council Business:  
John Burch Park  
Improvements Project  
Change Order

Daren Sikkink from WHKS provided a project update. He summarized recommendations that were provided during recent pre-construction meetings:

- 1) Use a combination of retaining wall blocks and concrete caps for the seating area, which would be a cost reduction.
- 2) Extend the seating area.
- 3) Add a landscape block area near the concession stand using the same materials.

Mr. Sikkink reported that the changes would add \$39,045 to the cost of the project. He noted that the total project cost would remain in budget, since the bids came in lower than the original cost estimates.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Kronenberger, to approve the John Burch Park project change order, as proposed. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.



Approve July Meeting  
Date Change

Following discussion, a motion to change the second city council meeting in July to July 23rd was made by Council Member Kronenberger, seconded by Council Member Groth. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:  
Council Committees /  
Commissions /  
Nonprofit  
Organizations

Council Member Groth discussed the upcoming Fun Fest on June 13 and the Chamber golf tournament on June 24. She noted that upcoming events and activities are listed on the Chamber's Facebook page.

Council Members Kronenberger and Groth summarized topics of discussion during a recent Joint Powers Trail Board meeting, including a grant application and an endangered species identification project in conjunction with the Minnesota DNR.

Staff

Public Works Director Petersen discussed high water conditions.

Mr. Sikkink provided project updates.

Police Chief McCormick further discussed flooding concerns and emergency management planning activities. He issued a reminder to use caution and avoid going into the river. He also discussed street closures and interruptions during upcoming summer events.

City Clerk Peer reported that the pool will open on June 10.

City Administrator Jensen referenced an email from Goodhue County relating to cannabis registration delegation. He suggested scheduling a work session for further discussion of this topic along with the 2025 budget planning process. Work session dates were discussed, and it was suggested to schedule a work session on June 18 at 5:00 p.m. Police Chief McCormick provided additional background information, summarized Police Commission discussion relating to cannabis licensing, and suggested a consistent process.

Mayor and Council

A motion was made by Council Member Gesme, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to schedule a work session on June 18 at 5:00 p.m. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.



Mayor Montgomery discussed Memorial Day events and congratulated the graduating high school seniors. He provided a reminder with regard to increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Groth, seconded by Council Member Kronenberger, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

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Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator