

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Matt Montgomery; Council Members Laura Kronenberger, Ryan Jeppesen, Chad Johnson, Diane Johnson, Chris Nobach, and Lisa Zimmerman. Also present were Jon Radermacher, City Administrator; Sara Peer, City Clerk; Jed Petersen, Public Works Director; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

- 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 Kronenberger, Jeppesen, C. Johnson, D. Johnson, Nobach, and Zimmerman 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 D. Johnson, seconded by Council Member Jeppesen and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.
- Public Input There was no public input.
- Consent Agenda
A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending February 26, 2025
B. Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2025, City Council Meeting
- A motion was made by Council Member Zimmerman, seconded by Council Member Nobach and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
- Council Business:
Memorandum of Understanding with Three Rivers Community Action, Inc.
- City Administrator Radermacher introduced representatives from Three Rivers Community Action, Tracy Borgschatz and Dianne Ford.
- Tracy Borgschatz introduced herself as a Co-Director of Hiawathaland Transit. She discussed the history of public transit in the area. She detailed the types of services that are offered in Cannon Falls, including deviated routes, Dial-A-Ride, and HART volunteer transportation. She referenced the boundaries of the service area on a map. She reviewed ridership statistics over the last few years. She discussed other Dial-A-Ride communities and reviewed current fares. She discussed a new bus that was received in 2024 and discussed anticipated camera system and radio upgrades.

Ms. Borgschatz reviewed other plans for 2025, including a new public education position, ridership goals, an RFP for new scheduling software update that will allow for a passenger portal app, and public discussion of community connections routes. She shared contact information for herself and Co-Director Dianne Ford.

City Administrator Radermacher discussed past City contributions toward equipment. He stated that the replacement cost for a new bus has doubled due to inflation. He reviewed a proposal for a \$6,000 annual cost share for five years toward much-needed equipment. He stated that the Finance Committee has discussed the proposal and recommends Council approval of the MOU.

A motion was made by Council Member Zimmerman, seconded by Council Member D. Johnson, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding and annual contribution agreement with Three Rivers Community Action as presented. A vote was conducted and the motion carried unanimously, with Council Member Nobach abstaining from the vote.

Dianne Ford from Three Rivers Community Action further discussed the community connections route and the anticipated fare structure.

Reports:
Staff

City Administrator Radermacher summarized topics of discussion during a recent collaborative strategic planning meeting hosted by the EDA.

Public Works Director Petersen discussed the impending snow event and predicted blizzard conditions. He advised everyone to stay safe, noting that Public Works employees will not begin plowing until the conditions are safe to do so. Police Chief McCormick discussed parking restrictions and advised residents to move their vehicles off the streets.

City Administrator Radermacher expressed appreciation for the recent Council retreat discussion.

Mayor and Council
Members

Council Member C. Johnson thanked Public Works Director Petersen for a recent tour of the wastewater treatment plant. He also referenced a recent League of Minnesota Cities meeting that he attended.

Mayor Montgomery congratulated members of the Cannon Falls High School wrestling team who made it to the State meet. He discussed

a recent event at the farm of Danny Lundell that was attended by Governor Walz.

Mayor Montgomery referenced topics of discussion during the recent work session, noting that the recording will be posted on YouTube. City Administrator Radermacher invited citizens to share their comments and concerns about the proposed Tract project and AUAR review. Mayor Montgomery added that comments will be seen and responded to.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Jeppesen, seconded by Council Member Zimmerman and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 18th day of March, 2025.

Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jon Radermacher, City Administrator