

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Matt Montgomery; Council Members Ryan Jeppesen, Chad Johnson, Diane Johnson, Chris Nobach, and Lisa Zimmerman; Council Member Laura Kronenberger was absent. Also present were Jon Radermacher, City Administrator; Sara Peer, City Clerk; Jed Petersen, Public Works Director; Laura Qualey, Community & Business Development Specialist, Nicole Miller, Library Director; Bill Angerman, City Engineer; 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 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 Nobach, seconded by Council Member Zimmerman and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Public Input	<p>Mayor Montgomery reviewed the public input procedure.</p> <p>David Kujawa, Volunteer Coordinator of Three Rivers Community Action, described some of the services offered by the nonprofit organization to older adults, including a chore and homemaker program, meals-on-wheels, and a new program for caregiver respite. He stated that Three Rivers is seeking volunteers to assist with these programs. He reviewed the registration process for both volunteers and clients.</p> <p>Jan Fennern, 1128 West Minnesota Street, Cannon Falls, discussed a zoning amendment that the City of Cannon Falls has been negotiating with the Cannon Valley Fair Board. She stated that the City is bound to uphold the State's rules and laws relating to noise pollution. She quoted language from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency relating to noise standards and classifications that pertain to land use activities impacting residential zoning districts. She noted that noise classifications are based on the land use of the location of the person who hears the noise, which does not always correspond with the zoning of the noise area.</p> <p>Ms. Fennern stated her opinion that the Cannon Valley Fair Association has been operating illegally as it pertains to the go-kart</p>

racing track and that there is no zoning classification that would allow the noise that is generated by go-kart racing, motocross, auto racing, demolition derbies, or similar activities. She stated that it is the City's responsibility to prevent these types of land uses.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending May 15, 2025
- B. Meeting Minutes for May 6, 2025, City Council Meeting
- C. Accept Resignation and Authorize Posting of License & Permit Technician
- D. Approve Fire Department Probationary Job Description
- E. Approve Fire Department New Hires
- F. Approve Amendment to Escrow Agreement with Tract
- G. Authorize Posting Seasonal Public Works Position
- H. Approve Hiring of C. Widholm for Seasonal Public Works Position
- I. Approve User Agreement of Tennis Courts for ISD 252
- J. Resolution 2814, Amending the Economic Development Authority Resolving Loan Fund Policy

Council Member D. Johnson requested clarification of Item F in terms of the amendment to the agreement with Tract. City Administrator Radermacher discussed additional funding to cover the reimbursement of expenses for staff time and consultant fees pertaining to the development process.

A motion was made by Council Member Jeppesen, seconded by Council Member D. Johnson and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Council Business:
Resolution 2813,
Approving Preliminary
Plat and PUD Plan for
Hardwood Estates
Second Subdivision

Community & Business Development Qualey provided background information and discussed the EDA's plans to move forward with the next phase of the Hardwood Estates project. She stated that twin homes have been removed from this project phase, based on current housing demands. She reported that the Planning Commission recommends approval of Resolution 2813. She referenced the replatting of two of the lots.

A motion was made by Council Member D. Johnson, seconded by Council Member Nobach, to adopt Resolution 2813, approving the preliminary plat and PUD plan for the Hardwood Estates Second Subdivision as presented.

Reports:
Council Committees,
Commissions,
Nonprofit
Organizations

Mayor Montgomery and City Administrator Radermacher summarized topics of discussion during a recent Finance Committee meeting, including a request by the Cannon Valley Senior Center for funding and an overview of the City's various funds and a preview of the 2026 budget planning process. Administrator Radermacher suggested scheduling a workshop with the City Council and department heads for discussion of department budgets and capital improvement plans and priorities.

Council Member D. Johnson summarized topics of discussion during a recent Planning Commission meeting, including the Tract agreement and draft Resolution 2813.

Staff

Public Works Director Petersen summarized topics of discussion during a recent Public Works & Park Board meeting, including staffing updates.

Library Director Miller summarized topics of discussion during a recent Library Board meeting, including the recent ILS migration, updates to the catalog feature, and the summer reading program.

Public Works Director Petersen reported that dead ash trees will be removed beginning next week. He also discussed the permanent striping of several streets by MnDOT. An update was provided regarding the striping of the parking lot by the winery.

City Engineer Angerman discussed ongoing street paving projects.

Community & Business Development Specialist Qualey discussed recent tours that have showcased new residential development projects in Cannon Falls. She thanked the City Council for supporting these projects and Public Works for coordinating street projects.

Police Chief McCormick discussed minor traffic impacts during the Memorial Day parade.

City Clerk Peer discussed the swimming lesson sign-up process and reported that the pool is expected to open on June 9.

City Administrator Radermacher discussed the City's recent financial audit. He referenced the vacant License & Permit Technician position and described how these duties will be delegated until the position is filled and the new staff member trained.

Mayor and Council
Members

Council Member Nobach expressed appreciation to Public Works for their assistance with preparing the softball fields for the season.

Council Member Nobach referenced the hiring of new Fire Department employees and recognized the service of past and new Fire Department staff members. Mayor Montgomery commented that Cannon Falls recently hired its first female firefighter.

Council Member Zimmerman wished everyone a happy Memorial Day.

Council Member C. Johnson commented regarding the benefits of food trucks.

Mayor Montgomery commented on new Fire Department hires. He relayed his experience as a former meals-on-wheels volunteer. He discussed the benefits of a public pool. He congratulated spring sports teams on their accomplishments.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Zimmerman, seconded by Council Member C. Johnson and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 3rd day of June, 2025.

Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jon Radermacher, City Administrator