

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Matt Montgomery and Council Members Ryan Jeppesen, Chad Johnson, Diane Johnson, Laura Kronenberger, Chris Nobach, and Lisa Zimmerman. Also present were Jon Radermacher, City Administrator; Sara Peer, City Clerk; Jed Petersen, Public Works Director; Izzy Carlson, License & Permit Technician; 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, Kronenberger, 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 Zimmerman, seconded by Council Member Nobach and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.
- Public Input Mayor Montgomery reviewed the public input procedure.
- Erin McMahon, Cannon Falls, indicated that she received information from Tim Schwarz from the MPCA regarding noise testing that was conducted during the monster truck event that was held at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds on September 13, 2025. She reviewed how, when, and where the measurements were taken. She detailed the decibel levels and noted how often the noise levels exceeded statutory noise standards. She stated that it was unfortunate that this information was not available during the recent Planning Commission meeting. She recommended consideration of a zoning overlay district as opposed to a new zoning classification.
- Presentation: Goodhue County Solid Waste Presentation Dick Thompson, Goodhue County Solid Waste Manager, discussed waste containers and plastics recycling options and challenges. He provided comparison information from surrounding communities.
- When asked about cameras, Public Works Director Petersen indicated that there are currently no cameras in this area.
- Consent Agenda A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending November 13, 2025

- B. Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2025, City Council Meeting
- C. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 412, an Ordinance of the City of Cannon Falls, Minnesota, to Amend the Cannon Falls Zoning Ordinance by Amending a Zoning District
- D. Resolution 2845, Authorizing 2026 City License Renewals
- E. Approve WWTP Headworks Engineer's Report
This item was pulled by Council Member C. Johnson
- F. Approve Final Pay Request for 2025 Street Maintenance Project
- G. Approve Purchase of IV Infusion Pumps for Ambulance Department
- H. Approve Hiring of Part-Time Paramedic
- I. Approve 2026 Agreement for State Building Code Administration

A motion was made by Council Member Zimmerman, seconded by Council Member Jeppesen and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, minus Item E.

Council Business:
Approve WWTP
Headworks
Engineer's Report

Council Member C. Johnson requested clarification of the proposed Council action at this time. City Administrator Radermacher provided additional background information regarding the project and timeline. He indicated that the City Council is being asked to approve the report at this time. He noted that during future meetings proposals will be presented relating to potential action steps. Council Member D. Johnson commented that the report was very helpful.

A motion was made by Council Member D. Johnson, seconded by Council Member C. Johnson and unanimously carried, to approve the WWTP (Wastewater Treatment Plant) Headworks Engineer's Report as presented.

Reports:
Council Committees,
Commissions, and
Nonprofit
Organizations

City Administrator Radermacher summarized topics of discussion during a recent EDA meeting, including the status of current loans, an \$8,000 grant from SMIF (Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation) toward welcome packets, a Hardwood Estates update, CEDA contract language, a presentation regarding the proposed data center project, and a recent ag industry cluster meeting.

Council Member D. Johnson summarized topics of discussion during a recent Planning Commission meeting, including the proposed zoning text amendment. She reported, after a lively discussion, that the Planning Commission ultimately voted to table action to the December meeting.

Staff

Public Works Director Petersen discussed winter planning activities and provided a reminder regarding winter parking restrictions. He expressed appreciation for Public Works assistance with Downtown holiday lights.

Police Chief McCormick discussed upcoming Deck the Falls activities on November 29, noting that there should be minimal traffic disruption.

City Administrator Radermacher further discussed the noise studies that were conducted at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds in September. He stated that he is waiting for additional feedback from the MPCA. He reported that information has been shared with the Cannon Valley Fair Board.

Administrator Radermacher provided a 2026 budget update. He noted that there have been some positive changes and that additional information will be provided during the next Council meeting.

Administrator Radermacher reported that City Attorney Ryan will be leaving Hoff Barry and a replacement attorney will be assigned.

Administrator Radermacher announced that Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Director Maggie Wilson has accepted a new position with the Cannon Falls School District and will be leaving her position with the Chamber after the Deck the Falls event.

Mayor and Council
Members

Council Member D. Johnson reported that the Cannon Falls Rotary Club will be presenting the Paul Harris Award to Maggie Wilson on November 22 in recognition of her community work.

Council Member C. Johnson stated that he attended the Monster Truck Mania event at the Cannon Valley Fairgrounds in September. He stated his understanding from Police Chief McCormick that there were no complaints about this event.

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 6:59 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 2nd day of December, 2025.

Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jon Radermacher, City Administrator

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