

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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; Laura Qualey, Community & Economic Business Specialist; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

Call to Order Mayor Matt 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 Jeppesen, seconded by Council Member D. Johnson and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Public Input Mayor Montgomery reviewed the public input procedure.

Tim Dehmer, Goodhue County resident, stated that he is seeking help. He quoted from the mission of the Cannon Falls Police Department, "to do the right thing." He indicated that he feels hated, ignored, marginalized, and misunderstood. He commented regarding the time limit for public input.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending December 30, 2025
- B. Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2025, City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Designation of Official Newspaper for 2026
- D. Resolution 2853, Designating the Depositories for City Funds for Fiscal Year 2026
- E. Approve Statutory Tort Limits
- F. Resolution 2854, Accepting a \$10,000 Donation from the Donald & Margaret Anderson Foundation

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

Council Business:
Approve 2026
Annual Appointments

Mayor Montgomery referenced the updated 2026 appointments, noting that Council Member C. Johnson will remain a member of the Cable Commission.

Mayor Montgomery expressed appreciation to Jesse Fox for his service on the Planning Commission. He noted that there is an open position on the Planning Commission and an open citizen representative on the Cable Commission. He stated that the Library Board will have some new members this year. He reviewed the application and appointment process.

A motion was made by Council Member D. Johnson, seconded by Council Member Jeppesen and unanimously carried, to approve the 2026 appointments as presented.

Reports:
Staff

Public Works Director Petersen reviewed ice and snow removal procedures. He discussed the challenges of making ice for the skating rink. Council Member Nobach suggested that the Park Board consider potential options.

Community & Economic Business Specialist Qualey stated that she will be discussing the Hardwood Estates project during an upcoming Economic Development Association of Minnesota conference. She also provided a Hardwood Estates lot sales update.

Police Chief McCormick issued a reminder regarding winter parking restrictions during snow events.

City Administrator Radermacher reported that a committee meeting will be scheduled for further discussion of the proposed fairgrounds ordinance.

Administrator Radermacher reviewed training opportunities for elected leaders that are offered by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Administrator Radermacher reported that the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities has scheduled a Legislative Action Day in St. Paul on March 25 and reviewed the anticipated schedule of events. He reported that the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference will be held in Rochester in late June.

Administrator Radermacher acknowledged the passing of employee family members.

Mayor and Council
Members

Council Member Nobach reported that the Library Board did not meet in December.

Council Member Nobach requested an update regarding the former nursing home property. City Administrator Radermacher summarized discussions with the property owner regarding security measures and a potential DEED grant toward demolition costs.

Council Member Nobach requested an update regarding McDonalds, and Administrator Radermacher reported that progress is being made on the new building.

Council Member C. Johnson suggested lengthening the time period for public input to 5 minutes.

Mayor Montgomery expressed appreciation for the \$10,000 donation from the Donald & Margaret Anderson Foundation to the Fire Department. He also thanked the *Beacon* newspaper for covering local government meetings.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member C. Johnson, seconded by Council Member Zimmerman and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 20th day of January, 2026.

Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jon Radermacher, City Administrator