

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Matt Montgomery and Council Members Ryan Jeppesen, Chad Johnson, Diane Johnson, Laura Kronenberger, and Lisa Zimmerman; Council Member Chris Nobach was absent. Also present were Jon Radermacher, City Administrator; Sara Peer, City Clerk; Jed Petersen, Public Works Director; Izzy Carlson, License & Permit Technician; 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, 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 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 December 31, 2025
 - B. Just and Correct Claims-Accounting Period Ending January 15, 2026
 - C. Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2026, City Council Meeting
 - D. Approve 2026 Fire Department Officers and Pay Rates
 - E. Resolution 2855, Acceptance of a Monetary Donation of \$101,440 from Cannon Falls Fire Department Relief Association to the Fire Department
 - F. Resolution 2856, Acceptance of a Monetary Donation of \$500 from Olmsted Medical Center to the Fire Department
 - G. Resolution 2857, Approving a Conditional Use Permit for Outdoor Storage for Knutson Construction
 - H. Resolution 2858, Accepting a Donor Recognition Sign and Approval of Installation at John Burch Park
 - I. Approve Greater Minnesota Small Cities Housing Aid Grant Program Application
 - J. Approve Cancellation of February 3, 2026, City Council Meeting

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

Council Business: There was no other Council business.

Reports:
Council Committees,
Commissions,
Nonprofit
Organizations

City Administrator Radermacher summarized a recent conversation with Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Board Member Andy Althoff relating to the search for a new Executive Director along with potential office space at City Hall and staff cross-training.

Community & Economic Business Specialist Qualey reported that she will be providing a presentation on behalf of the Cannon Falls EDA during an upcoming meeting of the Economic Development Association of Minnesota regarding the Hardwood Estates project. She also reported that she has been working with a local business owner on a grant application.

Public Works Director Petersen summarized a recent Public Works & Park Board meeting, including approval of signage at John Burch Park and discussion of ice rinks.

Council Member D. Johnson summarized topics of discussion during a recent Planning Commission meeting, including a CUP application by Knutson Construction for outdoor storage.

Staff Public Works Director Petersen issued a reminder regarding parking restrictions during snow events.

Police Chief McCormick commented that it is expected to be extremely cold over the next few days. He suggested contacting the Police Department if residents needing to move their vehicles experience any difficulties starting them. He also suggested checking in on elderly neighbors.

Administrator Radermacher summarized a recent conversation with the new owner of the former nursing facility property regarding safety and security concerns. He indicated that he shared information regarding potential Minnesota DEED grant assistance toward demolition.

Administrator Radermacher reported that a grant application has been submitted to MnDOT toward a design alternative study relating to the Highway 19 and Highway 52 intersection.

Administrator Radermacher reported that a Cable Commission meeting will be scheduled for discussion of equipment upgrade options and the franchise agreement with Mediacom. He also referenced funding challenges relating to franchise fees.

Mayor and Council
Members

Administrator Radermacher discussed an upcoming email conversion.

Administrator Radermacher reported that the committee working on a proposed fairgrounds zoning ordinance will be meeting soon.

Council Member C. Johnson expressed support for the law enforcement officers in Minneapolis.

Mayor Montgomery thanked Fire Department staff for their work during a recent fire, noting the extremely cold conditions. He also thanked the Goodhue County GOP for hosting a recent gubernatorial forum.

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 6:43 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 17th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:

Matt Montgomery, Mayor

Jon Radermacher, City Administrator