

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Morris Mattson, Bill Duncan, Derek Lundell, Mary Jill Bringgold, Matt Montgomery, and Steve Gesme. Also present were Dave Maroney, City Administrator; Lanell Endres, Assistant City Administrator; Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief; Mike Althoff, Fire Chief/Public Works Director; Samantha Pierret, Zoning Assistant, and Tim Malchow, EMS Chief.

- Call to Order Mayor Althoff called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call All members were present.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Althoff led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Bringgold and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda
- Public Input Tim Dehmer, Cannon Falls, inquired as to what procedure he needed to use to be provided advocacy with the Library, as he has been banned until June or July and he would like to be able to go there sooner.
- Mr. Dehmer stated that he was looking for due process. City Administrator Maroney and Council Members asked what he was referring to.
- Mr. Dehmer commented that he had sought advocacy from many different government employees and felt he has gotten nowhere. He stated that he felt he had experienced defamation of character and been accused of improper behaviors, such as loitering, trespassing, or harassing employees. He stated that he was looking for someone to mediate difficulties he was having with many different entities. Mr. Dehmer discussed a company called Mediation & Conflict Solutions out of Rochester.
- Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce President Kyle Paulson reported that the Chamber Board of Directors had four new members – Brian Hokanson, Suzanne Siebert, Tim Skog, and Melanie Carlson. She provided details about upcoming Fun Fest events and the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Presentation: Cannon Valley Senior Center Jesse Johnson, Cannon Valley Senior Center Board Member, expressed appreciation for the financial contributions that have been provided from the City in the past. Mr. Johnson introduced past Board Member John Hobert, who provided a slide presentation that

reviewed the organization's current Board of Directors, Executive Director, Advisory Board, mission, programs, and services. Mr. Hobert noted that some programs were taped for broadcast on Channel 12. Physical activities, including pickleball, were discussed. The TRIAD program was also discussed. An upcoming fundraising concert on April 12 was discussed. Mr. Hobert expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council Members for their continued support.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending February 27, 2019
- B. Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2019, City Council Meeting
- C. Hire of 2019 Pool Manager
- D. Resolution 2412, Accepting Donation of \$250 from Brian and Julie Miest to Ambulance Department
- E. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 365, Amending Chapter 152 of the Cannon Falls City Code, The Zoning Ordinance Concerning Building Relocation

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Lundell and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Althoff reviewed details of an upcoming gas line project the gas company was doing. He stated that a portion of Water Street / Stoughton Street would need to be closed for a day or two and that this required Council approval. He pointed out the project area on a map. Access during the street closure was discussed. He stated that Public Works would assist with signage and notifying impacted residents.

Council Members commented that as long as all affected residents were notified, they felt the temporary street closure would be okay. The placement of the gas line was discussed.

Police Chief McCormick discussed traffic flow. He suggested closing the area for through traffic and establishing a detour, as opposed to directing traffic through the work zone. Local resident access and signage was discussed.

A motion was made by Council Member Duncan, seconded by Council Member Mattson, to close a portion of Water Street / Stoughton Street for gas line maintenance. A vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Chief McCormick stated that the next Coffee, Cops, and Conversation event was coming up on Thursday, March 7.

EMS Chief Malchow thanked the Council, on behalf of the volunteers and unscheduled part-time employees, for the wage increase that was previously approved.

Administrator Maroney reminded the Council about the workshop that would be held following the regular meeting. He reviewed the topics of discussion during the workshop.

Mayor and Council
Reports

Council Member Gesme commented that if the public tuned into KDHL on Wednesday mornings at 9:20 a.m. they could get an overview of what happened during the Council meeting the night before.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Bringgold, seconded by Council Member Duncan and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 19th day of March, 2019.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

David Maroney, City Administrator