

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Matt Montgomery and Council Members Laura Kronenberger, Ryan Jeppesen, Chad Johnson, Diane Johnson, Chris Nobach, and Lisa Zimmerman. Also present were Jon Radermacher, City Administrator; Sara Peer, City Clerk; Jed Petersen, Public Works Director; Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief; Laura Qualey, Community & Business Development Specialist; and Brice Miller, Fire Chief.

- Call to Order Mayor Montgomery called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- Roll Call Roll call was conducted. All members were in attendance.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Montgomery led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Oath of Office City Administrator Radermacher administered the Oath of Office for newly-elected Council Members Chad Johnson, Chris Nobach, and Lisa Zimmerman and re-elected Council Member Laura Kronenberger.
- Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Council Member D. Johnson, seconded by Council Member Kronenberger 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, 2024
B. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending January 3, 2025
C. Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2024, City Council Meeting
D. Approve Designation of Official Newspaper for 2025
E. Resolution 2796A, Designating the Depositories for City Funds for Fiscal Year 2025
F. Approve Statutory Tort Limits.
~~G. Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 408 and Summary of Publication, an Ordinance Amending Cannon Falls City Code Regarding Zoning Related to Cannabis Businesses
This item was pulled by Council Member C. Johnson~~
H. Resolution 2797, Providing for Post-Employment Health Care Savings Plan for Non-Union Employees
I. Resolution 2798, Accepting a Monetary Donation of \$67,000 from the Cannon Falls Fire Department Relief Association

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

Council Business:
Election of Mayor Pro
Tem

Mayor Montgomery reviewed the duties of the Mayor Pro Tem. A motion was made by Council Member D. Johnson, seconded by Council Member Jeppesen and unanimously carried, to elect Council Member Kronenberger to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2025.

Approve 2025 Annual
Appointments

Mayor Montgomery referenced the proposed appointments. He clarified that Council Members Zimmerman and C. Johnson are being appointed to serve on the Hiawathaland Transit Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Council Member Jeppesen, seconded by Council Member Nobach and unanimously carried, to approve the 2025 appointments as presented.

Second Reading and
Adoption of
Ordinance 408 and
Summary of
Publication, an
Ordinance Amending
the Cannon Falls City
Code Regarding
Zoning Related to
Cannabis Businesses

Council Member C. Johnson asked about the need for this ordinance and how this differs from the current alcohol and tobacco business licensing process.

Police Chief McCormick provided background information. He noted that responsibility for licensing of cannabis businesses has been delegated to Goodhue County, adding that the City of Cannon Falls is responsible for zoning regulations. He stated that Permit & License Technician Zach Logelin worked with former City Administrator Neil Jensen to draft the ordinance language. He noted that Ordinance 408 was modeled after language recommended by the League of Minnesota Cities and has been reviewed by the City Attorney. Council Member C. Johnson asked whether there are any cannabis businesses licensed to operate in Cannon Falls. Chief McCormick referenced a current hemp business.

Council Member C. Johnson asked about ordinance language relating to signage. Council Member Nobach commented that the Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance language and recommended that the City Council approve Ordinance 408 as drafted.

A motion was made by Council Member D. Johnson, seconded by Council Member C. Johnson and unanimously carried, to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 408 as drafted.

Reports:
Council Committees,
Commissions, and
Nonprofit
Organizations

Community & Business Development Specialist Qualey provided an EDA update. She referenced purchase agreements relating to Hardwood Estates.

Staff

Police Chief McCormick discussed a recent snow event and stated that a vehicle needed to be towed. He issued a reminder regarding parking restrictions.

City Administrator Radermacher welcomed the new Council Members and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the new City Administrator. He stated that he plans to provide weekly Council updates. He reported that the League of Minnesota Cities hosts elected officials training sessions, adding that City staff can provide assistance with the registration process. He stated that he will be attending the Southeastern Minnesota League of Municipalities annual meeting later this month along with a meeting of ambulances services. He referenced potential dates for a Council retreat in late January. He announced that he has been invited to speak at the Cannon Falls Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting on January 8 and at an upcoming Rotary meeting. He stated that the old License Center signage will be removed from City Hall.

Mayor and Council Members

Council Member Kronenberger expressed appreciation for being re-elected to the City Council and stated that she looks forward to serving the community for another four years.

The new Council Members introduced themselves, and they were welcomed by the Mayor and the other Council Members. Police Chief McCormick discussed iPads and email access.

Mayor Montgomery discussed the process of working together to make decisions.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Jeppesen, seconded by Council Member Zimmerman and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 21st day of January, 2025.



Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jon Radermacher, City Administrator

