

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Matt Montgomery and Council Members Laura Kronenberger, Derek Lundell, Steve Gesme, Lisa Groth, Ryan Jeppesen, and Diane Johnson. Also present were Sara Peer, City Clerk; Neil Jensen, City Administrator; Jed Petersen, Public Works Director; 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. All members 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 Johnson, seconded by Council Member Jeppesen and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as presented.
- Public Input Mayor Montgomery reviewed the public input procedure.

Babe O’Gorman, Cannon Falls, commented regarding the pay study and asked why there was not more discussion by the City Council. He stated that David Drown Associates was paid more than \$10,000 to conduct the study, with a revised pay scale approved in November of 2023. He stated that the LELS union contract was negotiated a month before this and was approved. He stated that City Administrator Jensen discovered a “glitch” during negotiations with the 49ers union. Mr. O’Gorman inquired whether the study was found to be incomplete or inaccurate and asked whether City Administrator Jensen contacted David Drown Associates about this issue. He also referenced a conflict of interest relating to Council Member Groth serving on the committee.

Alex Hatzis, Cannon Falls, asked whether the City Council would be conducting a Public Hearing for discussion of a garage variance request. It was clarified that the Public Hearing for this item will be conducted by the Planning Commission on April 8.

- Consent Agenda A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending March 27, 2024
 B. Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2024, City Council Meeting

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

Council Business: There was no other Council business.

Reports:

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Organizations

Council Member Kronenberger summarized topics of discussion during a recent Joint Powers Trail Board meeting, including bridge repairs and discussions with the DNR relating to endangered plants.

Staff

Public Works Director Petersen discussed upcoming hydrant flushing activities. He provided an update regarding the 2023-2024 street improvement project and discussed a bridge closure and utility work.

Police Chief McCormick reported that winter parking restrictions have officially expired but provided a reminder regarding parking and towing procedures during snow events.

City Clerk Peer clarified the start time of the Library Board meeting on April 8.

Mayor and Council

There were no reports.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Groth, seconded by Council Member Lundell and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 16th day of April, 2024.



Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:



Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator