

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Matt Montgomery; Council Members Ryan Jeppesen, Chad Johnson, Diane Johnson, Laura Kronenberger, and Lisa Zimmerman; Council Member Chris Nobach attended the meeting remotely. Also present were Jon Radermacher, City Administrator; Sara Peer, City Clerk; Jed Petersen, Public Works Director; Nicole Miller, Library Director; Laura Qualey, Community & Business Development Specialist; Bill Angerman, City Engineer; Tim Malchow, EMS Chief; and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

Call to Order	Mayor Montgomery called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call	Mayor Montgomery and Council Members Jeppesen, C. Johnson, D. Johnson, Kronenberger, and Zimmerman were in attendance; Council Member Nobach attended the meeting remotely.
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 D. Johnson, to approve the Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.
Public Input	There was no public input.
Presentations: Library Year In Review and Strategic Plan	Library Director Miller referenced the Annual Report that was submitted to the State. She reviewed information gathered over the past year, noting that library usage has remained steady. Council Member C. Johnson requested clarification of the metrics, and Director Miller provided information in this regard. Director Miller detailed the process of updating the Strategic Plan. She reviewed four core areas of focus over the next three years, including goals and tasks relating to community, literacy, availability and accessibility, and programs and events.
Cannon Valley Senior Center Presentation	Cannon Valley Senior Center Director Lora Bremer and Board Member John Hobert provided a presentation describing past and present Senior Center educational programs, community service and volunteer activities, recreational opportunities, and social events. They expressed appreciation for the support that has been provided by the City. Support provided by the American Legion, the VFW, and the Lions Club was discussed. Upcoming projects were discussed. It was noted that the Senior Center currently has 188 members and 18 Board Members. It was noted that residents aged 50 and over may join the Senior Center.

Consent Agenda

- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending April 9, 2025
- B. Meeting Minutes for April 1, 2025, City Council Meeting
- C. Approve Sewer Credit for S. Koirala
- D. Approve Hire of C. Peterson for 2025 Pool Manager
- E. Approve Ambulance Remount Project

Council Member D. Johnson discussed the ambulance remount project and referenced the ambulance replacement schedule.

A motion was made by Council Member C. Johnson, seconded by Council Member Zimmerman, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

Council Business:
Final Order Cannon
Falls Industrial
Development
Alternative Urban
Areawide Review
(AUAR)

City Administrator Radermacher provided background information and an update. He referenced comments that were received regarding the scoping document. He reviewed the next steps, including completion of the AUAR process and final order, land use permitting procedures, annexation of the property, and development agreements.

Administrator Radermacher noted that there will be additional opportunities for the public to provide written comments and invited residents to email him with any questions. He stated that a community meeting is scheduled on April 29 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, with Tract representatives in attendance.

Council Member C. Johnson relayed resident concerns about water resources. City Engineer Angerman stated that WHKS has been working with Tract representatives and consultants to look into water and sewer impacts. He stated that a recommendation will be provided to the City Council. He noted that preliminary indications are that the City's infrastructure would be able to meet the increased demand that would be generated by the data center.

A motion was made by Council Member Jeppesen, seconded by Council Member D. Johnson, to approve the Final Order of the Cannon Falls Industrial Development Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR). A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

Reports:
Council Committees,
Commissions,
Nonprofit
Organizations

Community & Business Development Specialist Qualey summarized topics of discussion during a recent EDA meeting. She provided a Hardwood Estates update, reporting that the third subdivision preliminary plat will be presented to the Planning Commission in May.

She also provided a Timber Ridge update. She reported that a \$5,000 grant has been approved toward wayfinding signage. She reported that a student-constructed home on Minnesota Street will be completed within the next month or so. She noted that the Cannon Falls Housing Initiative organization will be accepting applications to purchase this home.

Council Member Kronenberger summarized topics of discussion during a recent Public Works and Park Board meeting, including the sewer credit request and the pool manager position.

Mayor Montgomery summarized topics of discussion during a recent Finance Committee meeting, including a presentation from the Senior Center and discussion of needed History Museum building repairs.

Staff

Public Works Director Petersen reported that Public Works staff has been preparing for spring and summer activities and interviewing pool employees. He reported that hydrant flushing will be completed by April 18.

City Engineer Angerman reported that 2024 project punch lists are being completed.

EMS Chief Malchow discussed the ambulance remount project and reviewed the ambulance ordering process. He reported that the current EMT class of 18 students will be finishing up on April 28.

Library Director Miller discussed the upcoming data migration, noting that some services will be unavailable during this time. She stated that the new ILS system should be up and running by May 1st.

Police Chief McCormick reported that a list of street closures and parking restrictions during summer events will be presented soon.

City Clerk Peer discussed the City's financial audit process.

City Administrator Radermacher discussed upcoming community events, including the Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 and a Fire Department pancake breakfast on April 26. He referenced a recent League of Minnesota Cities educational workshop, during which insurance coverage was discussed.

Administrator Radermacher discussed the registration process for the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in Duluth. Mayor Montgomery commented regarding the value of this conference.

Mayor and Council
Members

Council Member Jeppesen discussed the need for parking lot striping near the winery.

Mayor Montgomery asked about street sweeping. Public Works Director Petersen indicated that these activities should have been wrapped up.

Mayor Montgomery discussed the Mayor for a Day program. He also provided a John Burch Park project update and congratulated Coach Bucky Lindow on his 400th career win.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Jeppesen, seconded by Council Member Zimmerman, to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 6th day of May, 2025.



Matt Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jon Radermacher, City Administrator