

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor John Althoff and Council Members Bill Duncan, Steve Gesme, Matt Montgomery, Laura Kronenberger, Derek Lundell, and Mary Jill Bringgold. Also present were Neil Jensen, City Administrator, and Jeffrey McCormick, Police Chief.

Call to Order

Mayor Althoff called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m.

Solid Waste Contract Discussion

City Administrator Jensen provided background information. He stated that the recycling contract is set to expire at the end of the year. He suggested that the City Council consider a single license solid waste and recycling contract. He referenced sample contracts from other communities. The option of allowing roll-offs from other companies was discussed.

The benefits of a single hauler contract were discussed, including less wear and tear on the streets from truck traffic.

Council Member Bringgold asked about the billing process. It was discussed that garbage pick-up and recycling fees could potentially be added to utility bills. Billing for apartment buildings was discussed.

Police Chief McCormick stated that mandatory garbage pick-up may help deter illegal dumping activities.

The current residential haulers were detailed. Price comparisons were reviewed. The bidding process and administrative costs were discussed. It was noted that a single hauler contract would result in cost savings for the City and likely cost savings for most residents. City Administrator Jensen stated that the City would negotiate a contract that may include semi-annual clean-up opportunities, leaf pick-up in the fall, and community events. The pick-up schedule was discussed.

Next steps were discussed. It was suggested to vote during the upcoming Council meeting to schedule a Public Hearing during the April 5 Council meeting for discussion of this topic, followed by consideration of initiating an RFP process. Fuel surcharges were discussed. The possibility of a single hauler contract for commercial customers was discussed. The billing process and potential contract terms were further discussed. Receptacle sizes were discussed. Community events were discussed. A weekly recycling schedule was suggested.

Adjournment

Mayor Althoff adjourned the work session at 6:15 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 15th day of March, 2022.

John O. Althoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

Neil L. Jensen, City Administrator