

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Tuesday, September 5, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Robert H. Burns; Council Members: Randi Vick, Tom Murphy, Bob Lemke and Paul Fisch. Members Absent: None. City Staff Present: Paul Sparks, Interim City Clerk/Administrator, Stephanie Mann, City Accountant and Caledonia Argus Report Clay Schuldt.

BUSINESS ITEM

A. **BUDGET & PROPOSED TAX LEVY:** The City Accountant presented financial and budget information for the City Council's consideration for the 2013 budget and for setting the proposed property tax levy for 2013. Ms. Mann provided several different scenarios for the tax levy, starting with a 0% increase for the General Fund, 4.55% increase in total with the debt service levies. The other options were for 6%, 7%, 8% and 9% increases in the total levy. After discussion the consensus was to use an 8% increase in the overall levy as a proposed levy increase for the 2013 budget, subject to review after the budget workshops this fall. The proposed levy would be certified to the County Auditor for the Truth-In-Taxation notices and could be reduced at the first meeting in December which would be the public hearing on the budget and the property tax levy.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS: Mayor Burns informed the Council that he would not be able to serve on the union negotiations committee after the September 6th meeting and would need one of the three other members of the Council to serve on that committee. Council members will let him know of their availability.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Burns entertained a motion to adjourn. Member Vick moved to adjourn, seconded by Member Fisch. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Robert H. Burns
Mayor

Paul T. Sparks
Interim City Clerk/Administrator