REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, May 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Morey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Michael J. Morey; Council Members: Randi Vick (7:02 p.m.), Gary Klug, Robert Standish and Peggy Perry. Members absent: None. Consultants and City staff present: Mike Gerardy and Robert L. Nelson. Visitors present: Gary Koel, Elsie Vesterse, Katy Ranzenberger, Anna Wittry, Kelsey Connor and Charlie Warner, Reporter.

CONSENT AGENDA: Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Standish, to approve the Consent Agenda Items, listed below. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

A. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, April 28, 2008, as presented.

B. BEER LICENSE: To approve a request for a temporary 3 day beer license beginning June 13, 2008 for Caledonia Founders Days with sales to take place at both 315 North First Street (Warming Shelter) and 219 East Main Street (Caledonia City Auditorium). A $10 per day for one of the two locations will waived, considering that Founders Days represents the City of Caledonia on many occasions, entering parades and the like. The fee for one location than to be charged is $30.

C. SOFT DRINK LICENSE: To approve a soft drink license for Founders Days for the remained of Calendar year 2008 for a fee of $10.

(7:02 p.m.: Member Vick arrived)

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

1. ZONING APPLICATION – KOEL: Gary Koel, 614 East Lincoln Street and Mike Gerardy, Administrative Coordinator, explained Mr. Koel's proposal to construct a 68' long home, a portion of which is 18' wide a portion of which is 24' wide, being located approximately 20' from the north (side) property line and 10' from the west (rear) property line, the application requires a 10' setback variance on the north and a 20' setback variance on the west. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, to approve the Zoning Application and grant the requested variances. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

2. SEASONAL STAFFING: Mr. Gerardy reviewed the terms for hiring an ABC client for work at the athletic fields and parks. He indicated that hiring one client would cost $6.15 per hour and under certain circumstances hiring two clients would cost $10 per hour. The scheduled hours of ABC clients may have to be according to the available of their supervisors. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Klug, to work with ABC to schedule employment for 2 days per week, 2 hours per day. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

3. EXPERIENCE WORKS: Mr. Gerardy reported that he had consulted with Experience Works for persons seeking temporary employment, but no persons were available for this type of work.

4. STREET DEPARTMENT SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT: Mr. Gerardy informed the Council that the Street Department staff had clean-up for over a month, collecting leaves, dirt, rocks and other acceptable material for transport to the diseased tree site. He reported a hazardous sidewalk on the south side of the old elementary school. In response from an inquiry from Member Vick, Mr. Gerardy said he had an estimate of $7,900 to power-wash both water towers. Mr. Gerardy indicated that the street department has sufficient equipment at this time to meet their needs. With regard to the city auditorium roof, Mr. Gerardy commented that a designer is still considering a proposal to construct an inverted v roof over the flat roof of the auditorium building.

5. STREET DETERIORATION: Mr. Gerardy reported that the Sunnyside Street was deteriorating extensively where the culverts pass beneath the street surface. There is washing, underground around the culverts, leaving a void under the blacktop. His recommendation for correction remains the same as in the past, being to remove the street surfacing and subsoil, replace the culverts with the new rubber culverts instead of corrugated steel and rebuild the sub-grade, base and surface.

B. ELSIE'S BAR AND GRILL: Elsie Vesterse, Elsie's Bar and Grill, requested authorize to set a schedule for June, July and August for a battle of the bands from approximately 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on specified days and dates, occurring at least once per month. The proposal was to have the battle of the bands take place east of the building on the parking lot that belongs to Paul Weichert, Weichert Motors. Ms. Vesterse said Mr. Weichert has no objection to his proposal. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Klug, to authorize the use of the parking lot area east of Elsie's Bar and Grill to conduct a battle of the bands from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., one time per month for the month of June, July and August and to permit alcohol to be served on the outside on the parking lot area, contingent upon no problems occurring. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Minutes, 5-1-08.

CLAIMS

A. PREPAID CLAIMS: Following review, discussion and deliberation, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, to approve the Prepaid Claims list for April 2008. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Klug, Anthony	Pool Umbrella – Reimbursement	24.09
Momentos Gifts & Laser Engr.	FD-Gear ID Tags	12.74
Ranzenberger, Dorothy	2008 Clothing Allowance	60.00
Kraus Oil Company Inc.	Diesel	2,079.00
Northern Beverage Distribution	Beer	1,535.70
Schott Distributing Co, Inc.	Beer	2,922.25
Spring Grove Soda Pop, Inc.	Beer & Soft Drinks	55.85
State of MN	Chemical Inventory Fee	100.00
Bank of the West	Federal/FICA/Medicare	6,954.29
Business Financial Planning	Cafeteria Plan	544.98
City of Caledonia Emp. Assn.	Association Dues	95.00
Commissioner of Revenue	State Withholding	1,227.62
Griggs, Cooper & Company	Liquor / Wine	982.39
Jack Neumann Trucking	Liquor – Freight Expense	35.00
Minnesota NCPERS Life Ins.	Payday 4-22-08	64.00
MN Benefit Association	payday 4-22-08	157.27
Orchard Trust Co, LLC	payday 4-22-08	1,480.00
Paustis & Sons Wine Company	Liquor Store – Wine	661.00
Public Emp. Retirement Assn.	PERA	5,174.31
ALLTEL	Communication Expense	62.19
American Safety Utility Corp.	Truck Tools – Light	707.99
Bureau of Criminal Appr.	Registration Fee – Johnson	50.00
Gavin, Mike	Animal Control – April 2008	75.00
Houston County Recorder	Recording Fee	92.00
Klug, Anthony	Reimbursement – Pool Umbrellas	48.17
Northern Beverage Distribution	Beer	1,404.60
Weichert Motors	FD – Brush Truck	3,421.96
Comstock, Tim	Reimbursement for post hit by snow plow	52.72
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare	Drug Screen – Betz	38.00
Houston County Recorder	Houston County Collection Site	3,330.00
Momentos Gifts & Laser Eng.	FD-Gear ID Tags	19.10
Rogich, Mike	Tree Removal	600.00
Schott Distributing Co, Inc.	Beer	4,850.45
SE MN Historic Bluff Country	Contribution to Crisis Grant Fund	500.00
Spring Grove Soda Pop, Inc.	Beer & Soft Drinks	340.00
Caledonia Lumber Co, Inc.	Generator Building	10,866.80
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare	11 CPR Cards	22.00
Guillaume, Britney	Reimbursement – Rec Park Office Eq.	100.00
Jack Neumann Trucking	Liquor – Freight Expense	61.50
Johnson Brothers Liquor Co.	Liquor / Wine	1,592.76

Natchez Shotters Supply	PD – Ammo	- 389.15
Phillips Wine & Spirits	Liquor / Wine	1,292.88
SE MN Historic Bluff Country	Tourism	597.87
USA Mobility Wireless, Inc.	Communication Expense	53.09
VISA	Miscellaneous Items	1,281.36
Caledonia Oil Company	Unleaded	1,604.25
E O Johnson Company	Copier Maintenance	84.00
Houston County Recorder	Recording Fee	46.00
Knobloch & City, George	Meter Deposit Refund	82.43
MN Department of Revenue	Sales / Use Tax	12,790.00
Palen & City, Linda	Meter Deposit Refund	132.53
Pottratz Estate, Dorothy	Meter Deposit Refund	76.53
Principal Life	Life/AD&D/STD	607.95
Richard's Sanitation	Recycling Collections	5,915.55
Rosendahl & City, James	Meter Deposit Refund	210.76
Tri-State Ambulance, Inc.	Intercept Fee Run	250.00
United Parcel Service	UPS Fee	108.45
US Postal Service	Utility Billing April 2008	330.63
Van Driver & City, Jeff	Meter Deposit Refund	131.08
Welsh & City, Joann	Meter Deposit Refund	82.43
Weston & City, Todd	Meter Deposit Refund	212.84
Woxland & City, Jody	Meter Deposit Refund	127.42
Ace Link Telecommunications	Communication Expense	1,013.16
Bank of the West	Federal/FICA/Medicare	1,144.49
Commissioner of Revenue	State Withholding	151.23
Northern Beverage Distribution	Beer	1,883.25
Public Emp. Retirement Assn.	PERA payday 5-2-08	550.13
Schott Distributing Co, Inc.	Beer	2,788.65
Spring Grove Soda Pop, Inc.	Beer	38.25
Tri-County Electric Co-op	Electric Energy	78.13
Bank of the West	Federal/FICA/Medicare	6,912.77
Business Financial Planning	Cafeteria Plan	544.98
Caledonia Police Association	PD Association Dues	60.00
Commissioner of Revenue	State Withholding	1,230.00
Coulee Region Softball	League Fee – Year 2008	40.00
Houston Co. Sheriff's Office	Evans – Payday 5-6-08	254.13
Hoscheit, Matt	Reimbursement – Undercoat Brush	250.00
LaCrosse Area Independent	League Fee – Year 2008	100.00
Minnesota Revenue	WQ Annual Permit Fee	1,450.00
Orchard Trust Co, LLC	TSA payday 5-6-08	1,480.00
Public Emp. Retirement Assn.	PERA payday 5-6-08	5,207.75
A-1 Fire Protection	Fire Extinguisher Maintenance	20.75
Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN	Health Insurance	21,509.00
Caledonia Implement Co.	Gloves	90.00
Merchants Bank	ACH Fee – May 2008	20.43
MN Dept. of Labor & Industry	Apprenticeship Enrollment Fee	30.00
Kraus Oil Company, Inc.	Diesel Fuel	379.00
Minnesota Energy Resources	Natural Gas	5,342.06
Tri-County Electric Co-op	Meter Read Peal Alert	139.00
Northern Beverage Distribution	Beer	990.55
Schott Distributing Co, Inc.	Beer	5,421.50
Spring Grove Soda Pop, Inc.	Beer & Soft Drinks	195.45
US Postal Service	Clerk's Office – Postage Stamps	40.00
		$ 137,385.19

B. CLAIMS PAYABLE: Following review, discussion and deliberation, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Klug, to approve and authorize payment of the Claims Payable list for April 2008. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

ABM Equipment & Supply	Cleaner / Wax for Trucks	61.44
Affordable Technology Solution	Technical Solutions / Office Supplies	640.74
Airgas North Central	Oxygen / Acetylene	71.25
ALCO Discount Store	Light – Miscellaneous Items	51.95
American Safety Utility Corp.	Rain Jackets – Light Dept.	352.54
Artic Glacier Inc.	Ice	94.73
B & M Service Center	Light – Diesel	140.00
Baker & Taylor Books	Library – Books	486.22

Barnes & Noble, Inc.	Library – Books	96.52
Bonanza Grain, Inc.	Crushed Rock	523.28
Border States Electric Supply	Inventory – Light	1,208.23
Caledonia Implement Co.	Bulk Steel / Parts	45.88
Caledonia Lumber Co.	Box Parts for Brush Truck	91.80
Caledonia Oil Company	Diesel / Gas	275.27
Carquest Auto Parts	Miscellaneous Items	139.96
Clarey's Safety Equipment, Inc.	Flashlight	27.50
Crystal Canyon Inc.	Drinking Water	57.10
Curt & Candy's Hardware Hank	Miscellaneous Items	176.63
D S Electric Supply	Inventory	896.73
DALCO	Cleaning Supplies	64.65
Davy Engineering	Caledonia Haulers Pretreatment Review	199.78
Davy Laboratories	Lab	1,359.04
DEMCO	Library Supplies	283.29
ECM Publishers Inc.	Advertising	650.67
Farm & Home Publishers	Laminated County Maps	273.00
Fire Engineering	2 Year Subscriptions	51.95
Fire Safety USA, Inc.	FD Lock and Rescue Tool	42.55
Gopher State One-Call, Inc.	61 Location Notifications	88.45
Green Power Equipment	Repair Parts / Paint Supplies	109.00
Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals	252.13
Hoskins Electric Co.	Generator Building	30,577.73
Houston County Public Health	Hepatitis B Shot	120.00
Jack Neumann Trucking	Freight Expense	86.00
Joe Welch Equipment	Bucket Attachment Skid Loader	1,491.00
Johnson Brothers Liquor Co.	Liquor / Wine	2,211.89
Ken's Small Engine	Miscellaneous Items	588.34
League of MN Cities	Safety Meeting	30.00
Lee, Keith	Safety Vests	43.33
Midwest Tape	Library DVDs	172.23
Mississippi Welders Supply	Oxygen	43.45
Phillips Wine & Spirits Co.	Liquor / Wine	1,387.77
Pladsen Ford, Inc.	06 Crown Vic Repair	392.89
PowerPlus Engineering, LLC	GIS Mapping	336.00
PT Welding & Driveshaft Repair	Transformer Rack Brace	237.21
Racom Corporation	Radio Batteries / Antennas	419.44
Reiman Publications	6 Issues – Simple & Delicious	14.98
Resco	Inventory	8,146.19
Richard's Sanitation	Refuse Disposal	224.64
Rippe, Hammell & Murphy	General Matter/Prosecution Matters	4,101.00
Ronco Engineering Sales, Inc.	Repair Parts	927.65
Schilling Supply Company	Bags, Copy Paper, Towels	379.85
Schott Distributing Co, Inc.	Beer	368.00
SE Libraries Cooperating	Auto Fees	417.42
St. Mary Auto Body Shop	Replace Door Truck	67.60
Tri-County Electric Co-op	Electric Energy	123,914.91
Tri-Anim Health Services, Inc.	Supplies	289.58
United Auto Supply, Inc.	Miscellaneous Supplies	52.72
Watchguard Video	Front Camera Assembly	5,350.00
Weichert Motors	Welder Gas	62.99
Wiebke Tire Co.	Tire Repair	15.00
Winona Controls Inc.	Boiler Parts	1,241.05
Witt's Pharmacy – Caledonia	Epipen (2)	117.80
WWTP MPCA PFA Loan Fund	May 2008 payment	3,500.00
Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc.	Disposal Gutter Brooms	223.65
Zep Manufacturing Company	Glass Cleaner	64.83
		$ 196,563.62

OLD BUSINESS

A. RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. STAFFING – UMPIRES: Clerk Nelson recommended that the following named persons be appointed as umpires for either baseball or softball games. The rate of pay for umpires is $12 per game for 10 & under and 12 & under and $15 for games for 14 & under or older players. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Vick, to appoint Katy Tweeten, Libby

Augedahl, Isaac Schiltz, Philips Schulze and Zachary Gran as umpires. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

2. STAFFING – COACHES: Clerk Nelson presented the names of Kody Moore who was a coach returning for another season, but to coach girls softball rather than boys baseball and Sara Kasten who has not been previously employed as a coach with the City of Caledonia. Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Klug, seconded by Mayor Morey, to hire Kody Moore and Sara Kasten as coaches for the girls' softball teams with a rate per hour of $7.05 and $6.65 per hour, respectively. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

3. COACHES – DRESS CODE: The Council considered whether or not coaches should have a dress code for practices and or games. Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Standish, seconded by Member Vick, to require a hat and polo shirt for coaches to be purchased at City expense to be worn at all games. Members voting in favor: Standish and Morey. Opposed: Vick and Perry. Abstaining: Klug. The motion was declared failed. A motion was then made by Member Vick, seconded by Member Standish, to require coaches to wear a t-shirt having the word "coach" on it to be worn at all games. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

B. POOL / LIFEGUARD ISSUES

1. SWIMSUITS: In consideration of comments from parents that children at the pool do not know who the lifeguards are because they do not have a uniform dress code and that a uniform dress code would be more professional appearing, the council considered requiring lifeguards to wear swimsuits which would have the word lifeguard embroider on them. The swimsuits would also be of the same color. Lifeguards had researched the cost of these types of swimsuits and the average cost is $50. Clerk Nelson asked the Council if the lifeguards are to be required to wear such suits then is the City obligated to purchase 1 or perhaps 2 suits for them or at least contribute toward the cost since the only place such suit would be usable would be at the City pool. Following discussion, the Council decided by general consensus that lifeguards would not be required to wear uniform swimsuits.

2. EXTRA LIFEGUARD STAFF: The lifeguards inquired whether or not they could have 1 extra guard on duty on days of special events such as inner tube day. A motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Vick, authorizing an extra guard for special events. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

3. OPEN SWIM: The lifeguards then discussed open swim hours with the council, referring to the recommendation of a parent to change the hours from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. back to the hours which were scheduled 5 years ago and before that time, being 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Katy Ranzenberger, Co-Manager, asked if the Council would consider the evening schedule to be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Perry, that the month of June would be established as a trial period to see whether or not more children would attend the evening swim and establish the hours from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for open swim hours. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

4. PUNCH CARDS: The lifeguards recommended having punch cards with 10 or 20 entries, particularly for daycare providers who come to the pool with numbers of children. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Vick, to establish a punch card of 10 entries for a cost of $6.00 for the baby pool only. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

5. ADULT SWIM: Katy Ranzenberger informed the Council that the adult swims are often unattended and for the most part when anyone does come, it is only one swimmer. She recommended canceling the adult swim night. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Klug, to cancel the adult swim. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

6. SLIDE FOR POOL: The council considered the possibility of installing a slide or some other feature in the pool to create a larger attendance. Discussion ended with the consensus opinion that this would be considered when the city was setting the budget for 2009 and cost estimates would be available. The City would also investigate the cost of insurance should it install a slide.

7. EVENING SWIM LESSONS: The parents, making the above recommendations, also recommended reinstituting 5:00 p.m. swim lessons. The council concluded by general consensus that this issue would be considered after the trial period for the evening swim had been conducted and was determined whether or not the hours would continue from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. or whether it would revert to an open swim of 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

8. DAILY POOL SCHEDULE: Notation was made that a normal day for lifeguards, if all the recommendations were implemented, would be as follows.
   9:00 a.m. – Noon: Lessons
   Noon - 12:50 p.m.: Handicapped or Water Babies
   1:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Open Swim
   5:00 – 6:00 p.m.: Swim Lessons
   6:30 – 8:30 p.m.: Open Swim

NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT COMPUTER OPERATION: Clerk Nelson referred to the laptop computer recently purchased for the electric department, commenting that in order to connect the laptop to the server at the City Clerk's Office and to enable the electric department staff to utilize internet services, such as e-mail, modifications would have to be done to the computer system with an initial of $50 and a monthly fee thereafter of $39.95 for a 384k line with DSL. In addition, in order to enable the laptop computer to backup on the server in the clerk's office, equipment would have to be installed in both the electric department building and the clerk's office building to allow the computers to talk to one another. This equipment was estimated to cost not more than $2,150 which includes labor to install the devices. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, to authorize the installation of DSL line in the electric department and the equipment required to enable the electric department computer to backup on the server in the city clerk's office for a total cost not to exceed $2,150. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

B. OUTSIDE BAND: Clerk Nelson reported that the student organization from the Caledonia Public School had inquired for authorization to conduct an outdoor band at the school, situated on the west side of the building to play from approximately 7:00 p.m. to no later than midnight at the Middle/High School. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Klug, to authorize the students to have an outdoor band and play from approximately 7:00 p.m. to midnight on the west side of the Middle/High School Building. Members voting in favor: Morey, Klug, Standish and Perry. Opposed: Vick. The motion was declared carried.

C. DONATION REQUESTED: SEMCAC requested a donation from the city to purchase a new bus which has a total cost of $59,000 for which they are responsible for $11,800. SEMCAC is petitioning various municipalities within the county to make a contribution towards that purchase. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Vick, seconded by Member Perry not to donate at this time. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

D. OUTSIDE BURNERS: Distributed with the Agenda was a letter describing certain discontent in one community with action by the City Council to restrict outside boilers. There had been a few complaints in the City of Caledonia with one recent request by a resident for the council to regulate the use of these wood burning stoves. Discussion ended with a decision to seek information from the League of Minnesota Cities to determine whether many municipalities had any ordinance regulations pertaining to wood stoves or the outside burning devices.

E. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT STAFFING: Discussion was held on the possibility of Roger Schmitz retiring in October of 2008. In order to prepare for that event, the council considered whether or not to advertise for the hiring of a journey lineman who would have a minimal amount of time to be introduced to the system prior to the loss of Mr. Schmitz in October. Before October, the City would then advertise for a new superintendent to replace Mr. Schmitz. Following discussion, a motion was made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Vick, to advertise for a journey lineman at a beginning rate of $20 to $22 per hour, depending upon experience. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

A. ZONING APPLICATION: Clerk Nelson gave a reminder to the Council that the Zoning Application for Houston County Highway Department would have a public hearing conducted on May 19 at a Special Council Meeting.

B. ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: The Council was advised that the Electric Department Improvement Project was scheduled to begin this date, May 12, however, Roger Schmitz, Electric Department Superintendent, was contacted early this morning with notice from the contractor that they would not arrive on site until tomorrow.

C. POLICE DEPARTMENT: Enclosed with the Agenda was the Office Activity List and Officer Activity Summary for the month of April 2008.

D. EMPLOYEE TIME RECORD: Enclosed with the Agenda was the Employee Time Record for pay period April 21 – May 4, 2008.

E. MEETING: Notice was given that the next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, since Monday is Memorial Day, a holiday.

F. LMC DIRECTORS POSITIONS: Clerk Nelson informed the council there are some League of Minnesota Cities Director positions open for which interested council members may file. If any Council Members were interested, there is a governance handbook available at the clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Klug and seconded by Mayor Morey. All members voted in favor, the motion was declared carried and the meeting then adjourned at 9:38 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2008, in the Council Room, City Hall.

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Michael J. Morey, Mayor

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Robert L. Nelson
City Clerk - Administrator

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, May 19, 2008

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

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Michael J. Morey; Council Members: Randi Vick (7:02 p.m.), Gary Klug, Robert Standish and Peggy Perry. Members absent: None. Consultants and City staff present: Mike Gerardy and Robert L. Nelson. Visitors present: Gerald Loeffler, Tom Molling, Marcus Evans, Neil Morey, Chuck Schulte and Charlie Warner, Reporter.

BUSINESS ITEM

A PUBLIC HEARING – HOUSTON COUNTY: Mayor Morey recessed the Special Meeting and opened a Public Hearing to review the zoning application. Tom Molling and Marcus Evans explained their proposal for constructing 3 buildings on property for which they have an option to purchase located north of West Main Street and being approximately a 22 acre site. They reviewed possible layout of the buildings with a proposed salt shed having dimensions of 150' x 200' to be located approximately 50' from the north property line, adjacent to the Caledonia Middle/High School. After discussing the general layout of the buildings, Mr. Molling reviewed a list of 6 items the county wished to negotiate as conditions in conjunction with the City's granting of the zoning application. When all discussion ended and there were no further comments or testimony to be presented, Mayor Morey closed the public hearing and resumed the Special Council Meeting.

Following discussion by the Council, a motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, to grant a 100 foot setback variance from the north property line for a 100' x 200' Salt Shed, thereby permitting the structure to be located 50' from the north property line. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Regarding conditions sought in conjunction with the Zoning Application, the City Council took the following actions.

1. A motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, to approve a Radio Tower with a height to be compliant with the Houston County Zoning Ordinance and Airport restrictions, and, the Radio Tower setback from the north and east property lines to be one foot for every foot of height, while the setback from the west property line shall be 20 feet. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

2. A motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, for the City to pay for the cost of replacement of Water Main in Loeffler Avenue, including street reconstruction costs, provided that the water main is looped and the looping is deemed beneficial to the City and the looping is necessary to the servicing of proposed Houston County buildings and the looped Water Mains to have the same diameter. Members voting in favor: Morey, Klug, Standish and Perry. Opposed: Vick. The motion was declared carried.

3. A motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, that the City shall incur no expense, but Houston County may install a dike, expand the pond area or make other improvements which would increase storm water retention capacity, making such improvements on City owned properties, conditioned on the need and the results of the Storm Water Plan prepared by QED Engineering and review by the Davy Engineering Company, the City's consulting engineer, should the present detention pond be deemed insufficient to handle runoff for a designated frequency rainfall to be determined by the QED Engineering/Davy Engineering. Members voting in favor: Morey, Klug, Standish and Perry. Opposed: Vick. The motion was declared carried.

4. A motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, that Houston County shall not be held liable for degradation of the 9-ton design West Main Street and that when West Main Street was rehabilitated in the future, it would have a 10-ton design with project costs special assessed to adjoining property owners as has been the City's historical practice. Members voting in favor: Morey, Standish and Perry. Opposed: Vick and Klug. The motion was declared carried.

5. A motion was made by Mayor Morey, seconded by Member Standish, to affirm that Houston County shall not be obligated to install sidewalk along the West Main Street property line until such future time as the City shall order sidewalk installation for all property owners eastward to STH 44/76. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Morey and seconded by Member Klug. All members voted in favor, the motion was declared carried and the meeting then adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Michael J. Morey, Mayor

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Robert L. Nelson
City Clerk - Administrator