

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, June 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor DeWayne “Tank” Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Schroeder led the Council, City staff, and visitors in stating the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council members present: Mayor Schroeder, Member Robert “Bob” Klug, Member Brad Rykhus, and Member Amanda Ninneman. Council member(s) absent: Member David Fitzpatrick. City staff present: Casey Klug, public works/zoning director; Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator. Visitor(s) present: Craig Moorhead, *Caledonia Argus*; Charlene Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*; Carol Hood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rykhus moved to approve the minutes of the June 27 regular city council meeting with a corrected Roll Call, seconded by member Klug. Schroeder, Klug, Rykhus voted yea, Ninneman abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Rykhus seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed. The consent agenda comprised the following items:

- a. Approve Payment Application No. 8 from Wapasha Construction Co., Inc. in amount of \$58,104.79 for work performed on construction of Well House No. 8
- b. Accept Assistant Librarian Resignation
- c. Approve Purchase Contract for Mosquito Abatement Services with Driftless Region Vector Control LLC
- d. Accept Firefighter Resignation
- e. Approve Increase for EMT
- f. Approve Fee Schedule Amendment – Electric Vehicle Charge Rate

PUBLIC COMMENT: Clerk/Administrator Dickson reported a telephone complaint concerning raising base fees for utilities. Public Works/Zoning Director Klug reported a complaint of an offensive flag in town.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR:

- a. Updates

Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug provided updates on the construction of a cold storage shed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the arrival of a new generator at Wellhouse No. 8. Klug updated the City Council on the status of an upcoming change order for the Wastewater Treatment Plant that will likely result in a deduct on project cost due to the availability of more cost effective materials. Klug reported a failure in Well No. 6 likely related to wide power outages in the past winter as well as solutions that Public Works is exploring. Klug updated the City Council on the ongoing HVAC improvement project in the Municipal Auditorium and the scope of work. Klug reported that work had begun on a storm sewer collapse near woodland industries, Zenke

Excavating is performing the repair and adding a storm water structure under the sidewalk. Klug also provided updates on the work being done to improve drainage on Sunnyside.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

b. Updates

i. City Clerk/Administrator Dickson provided an update on progress toward City financial reports, a reminder of the upcoming Primary Election on August 9 and candidate filing period beginning August 2. Dickson informed the Council that he is beginning work on the Interim Ordinance Study Period, and that he had met with a number of downtown business owners including the owners of the future Caledonia Art Gallery.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion Regarding Hours and Prohibited Uses of Parks, Playgrounds, and Public Grounds: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented a list of prohibited uses for parks, playgrounds, and public uses originally adopted by the City of North Branch. Members Rykhus and Ninneman asked for further clarification on animals allowed in parks and public grounds. Member Rykhus suggested earlier hours for park use in the case of walkers, and Member Klug clarified penalties for violations. Dickson asked the Council for direction to draft an ordinance, which would be presented for final read at the July 11th City Council meeting before advertisement and hearing for adoption.
- b. Land Use Application at 509 MN-44: Public Works/Zoning Director Klug introduced a land use application for a storage shed at Caledonia Implement. The application calls for a 40x60 storage shed which Klug states is a conforming use and must be approved by City Council. Motion by Member Rykhus to approve the land use application at 509 MN-44, seconded by Ninneman. 3 yeas, Klug abstained. Motion carried.
- c. North Park Paving Contract: Public Works/Zoning Director Klug presented a proposal from Dunn Blacktop Company to improve the parking lot at North Park. Klug reported that the total cost of the project exceeds what was budgeted, but that the Street Labor Services account has enough funding to cover the overages as well as labor provided by the City. Klug reported that the project would repair and improve the parking lot by removing a center island that impedes traffic, rebuild the paved surface, and improve accessibility throughout North Park. The project also calls for the reconstruction and relocation of a bathroom facility, and improvements to accessibility. Klug also reported that the project allows Public Works to replace a water line that caused past issues. Member Rykhus asked for clarification on whether or not the project would affect an existing signpost and Klug reported it would not. Motion by Member Klug to accept the bid and award the contract to Dunn Blacktop Company for \$35,985 to redo North Park, second by Rykhus. 4-0, Motion carries.
- d. Overtime Report: Members reviewed the overtime report for the pay period May 30, 2022 – June 12, 2022. No further action was taken by the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Schroeder and seconded by Member Rykhus. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator