

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, October 31, 2011

CALL TO ORDER. Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Burns called the special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL. Members present: Mayor Robert H. Burns; Council Members: Randi Vick, Robert Lemke, Tom Murphy and Paul Fisch. Members absent: None. Consultants and City staff present: City Clerk/Administrator Jennifer Feely and Police Sergeant Jim Stemper. Visitors present: None.

BUSINESS ITEM.

A. CLARIFICATION ON BALLISTICS VEST PRICING AND POSSIBLE GRANT OPPORTUNITY. Police Sergeant Jim Stemper was present to provide clarification on the ballistics vest pricing and discuss a possible grant opportunity to fund the entire cost of the ballistics vests. Stemper stated that if the City adopts a mandatory wear policy for those officers outfitted with ballistics vests, the City would receive 100% reimbursement. Stemper stated that there is a model mandatory wear policy that he will work on tailoring to fit the Caledonia Police Department. Member Fisch inquired as to whether it should be written in the job description that a ballistics vest is required. The consensus of the Council is for the Police Department to tailor the model mandatory wear policy to fit the Caledonia Police Department and then order the ballistics vests. Stemper stated that he checked with 3 vendors regarding ordering ballistics vests. It was noted that a tailor would have to come to Caledonia and take measurements for those needing ballistics vests.

B. LIQUOR STORE WINE TASTING. City Clerk/Administrator Feely shared that Liquor Store Manager Patty Gavin was requesting permission to host a wine tasting event at the American Legion on Friday, November 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It was noted that the wine tasting event will be held in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 340A.419. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Member Murphy, seconded by Member Vick, to authorize a wine tasting event to occur on November 18 at the American Legion in Caledonia. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

C. CONTINUATION OF CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGIES. The special meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m. as permitted by Minnesota Statutes 13D.03, to discuss the City's labor negotiation strategy related to the City's negotiations with its Employee Association and its Police Association. The special meeting was re-opened at 9:45 p.m.

D. DISCUSSION CONCERNING CONTACTING SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR POLICE COVERAGE. Mayor Burns asked the Council if there was an interest to contact the Sheriff's Department to find out how much it would cost to provide police coverage to Caledonia. Discussion ensued. The consensus was for City Clerk/Administrator Feely to do some research first. No official action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion to adjourn was made at 10:25 p.m. by Mayor Burns, seconded by Member Vick. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

Robert H. Burns
Mayor

Jennifer Feely
City Clerk/Administrator