

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
December 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor DeWayne “Tank” Schroeder called the meeting to order at 6:00p.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 Amanda Ninneman, Member Ryan Stenzel, Member David Fitzpatrick and Member Robert “Bob” Klug. City staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Matt Mohs, City Engineer. Visitors present:, Mark and Tami Klinski, Todd Lemke, Ralph Burg, Dane and Kathryn Lamb, Randy Denstad, Greg Schultz Elsie Babler, Tamiko Hubka-Steele, Nicole Thomas, Anthony Glover, Kim Klees, Tracey Knutson, Houston County Commissioner Bob Burns, Rose Korabek, *Caledonia Argus*, and Charlene Colson-Selbee, *Filmore County Journal*.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Grove Marshall Street and Utility Reconstruction Assessments: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented a staff report on the options available for the Grove Marshall Street and Utility Reconstruction Assessments. Mayor Schroeder recommended following the advice of City consultants and allowing the appeal process to continue. Member Ninneman expressed concern over the 20% assessment figures and the legal process. City Engineer Matt Mohs outlined a different assessment formula to cover underground utilities and removing street costs from assessments. Member Stenzel asked about tax increases to cover project costs. Sever funding proposals were discussed including a local sales tax option and citywide assessments. Members of the public asked questions related to financing, taxation, special benefit, and the assessment process. Motion made by Member Ninneman to Amend the Assessment Roll to a 10% Assessment. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick. Motion passed 3-0 with Mayor Schroeder and Member Klug voting in the negative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Klug. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 7:13p.m.

DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator