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Agenda
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Tuesday, December 27, 2005

I. Call to Order

A. 7:00 p.m., in the Council Room, City Hall.

II. Roll Call

A. Members present:

B. Members absent:

C. Consultants and City Staff present:

D. Visitors present:

III. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of Past Meetings: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, December 12, 2005. Addendum #1.

B. Gambling-Exempt Permit: To approve an Application for Exempt Permit for a Charitable Gambling Event, submitted by Caledonia Founders Inc., to be held in the City Auditorium Lower Level on January 27, 2006, to include Raffles and Pull-Tabs. Waive 30-day waiting period.

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Council action:

IV. Visitors and Communications

- A. Ambulance Rates: Bob Augedahl, Ambulance Service Director, will be present to recommend new rates for service, beginning January 1, 2006.

Council action:

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D. Communications

1. Ltr, Blandin Foundation, 11-10-05. Addendum #2.
2. Ltr, LMCIT, 2005-2006 Insurance Coverage Changes, 12-7-05. Add. #3.
3. Ltr, Houston County, Government Efficiency. Addendum #4.
4. MN Cities, Oct 2005, Understanding the Kelo Decision. Addendum #5.
5. MN Cities, Oct 2005, Managing the Council-Staff Partnership. Add. #6.
6. Ltr, Dave Geske, 12-19-05, Mosquito Control. Addendum #7.
7. State Auditor's E-Update. Addendum #8.

V. Old Business

- A. 2003 Sanitary Sewer Project: Enclosed Final Estimate-#8 from Badger Environmental & Earthworks, Inc., for the 2003 Project, which was just completed in 2005 with the blacktopping of West Washington Street. The final amount payable is \$28,490.48. Addendum #9.

Council action:

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VI. New Business

- A. Chamber of Commerce Membership: The City recently received notice that Chamber Membership Fees are due in the amount of \$175.00. Last year was \$150.00. Last year, the MN State Auditor posted on its web page that Municipalities have no legal right to pay membership fees to a Chamber of

Commerce, but may contribute monies for promotional purposes. The Council then donated \$650.00 (\$150 + \$500) to the Chamber to "promote" the City. Does the Council wish to donate \$675 to the Chamber for 2005 expenses in promoting the City? Addendum #10.

Council action:

- B. Wholesale Electric Rates/Rate Analysis: Tri-County Electric Representatives met Mayor Morey, Member Fisch and myself last week, explaining that the guaranteed, controlled rate of increase on certain wholesale prices, which the City enjoyed since May 1, 2001, is to expire on April 30, 2006. In preparation for what may be significant increases in the wholesale rates from Tri-County to the City, they recommend Caledonia participate in a "Rate Analysis" study to be performed by PowerPlus Engineering. While the entire, proposed study would cost \$8,300 per community, PowerPlus Engineering has offered a group discount if four of the five communities purchasing wholesale power from Tri-County Electric participate in the study, resulting in a fee of \$6,640. Does the Council wish to participate? Addendum #11.

Council action:

- C. Employee Wages: Enclosed is a list of staff or positions, which are not included in a Labor Association. The Wage Committee (Morey & Fisch) reviewed the wages and make the following recommendation for changes. For those staff or positions not listed, there would be no change. Addendum #12.

<u>Name</u>	<u>2005 Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>2006 Rate</u>
Randy Shefelbine	\$23.75/hr	+ \$0.75	\$24.50/hr
Bob Nelson	\$58,300/yr	+ \$1,900/yr	\$60,200/yr
Tree Disposal Site	\$ 7.50/hr	+ \$0.50	\$ 8.00/hr
Marla Burns	\$ 12.60/hr	+ \$0.55	\$ 13.15/hr
Eileen Jacobson	\$ 9.50/hr	+ \$0.55	\$ 10.05/hr

Council action:

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VII. Clerk's Report

- A. State Aids: The City just received the 2nd Half distribution of Aids. Add. #13.
- B. 2005 Tax Levy: Enclosed is a copy of the Tax Levy taken to the Houston County Auditor following the Council's action on 12-12-05. Addendum #14.
- C. Gopher State One-Call Locates: There are new rules going into effect January 1, 2006. Mike Gerardy, Administrative Coordinator, is working on compliance with the Electric and Water/Sewer Departments. Addendum #15.
- D. Employee Time Record: Enclosed is the Employee Time Record for pay period of December 5 – 18, 2005. Addendum #16.
- E. Houston County Proposed Justice Center: Mark Schiltz, Project Manager, updated me at the Clerk's Office this week. I will explain the illustrations at the meeting. Addendum #17.
- F. Employee Drug and Alcohol Testing: A question was raised about conducting Drug and Alcohol Testing on City Employees, other than the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) DOT testing. The League of Minnesota Cities Human Resources Division provided copies of two such policies, the City of Winona and City of Coon Rapids. I shall not expect the Council to make a motion on this policy at the meeting of December 27. Since the document is so lengthy, it is provided at this time to give you opportunity for review and asking questions or making recommendations before it is considered for adoption, probably at a January 2006 meeting. Addendum #18.

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VIII. Miscellaneous Items

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IX. Adjournment