

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
February 12, 2024

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, and Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Members Absent: Member Robert “Bob” Klug. City staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director. Visitors present: Darin Feist, *Donohue & Associates*, Rose Korabek, *Caledonia Argus*, and Charlene Colson-Selbee, *Filmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Fitzpatrick moved to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2024 regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Ninneman, motion passed 4-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Ninneman moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Stenzel seconded the motion. Four members voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed. The consent agenda comprised the following item:

- a. Approve Regular Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Pay Request #25 in the Amount of \$258,850.91 for Work Performed on the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- c. Approve Firefighter Hire, Zachary Keesey
- d. Approve Radio Order
- e. Approve Library Board Appointments, appointing Clayton Lisota, Julie Gerardy, Yin-Chiao Slama
- f. Approve 2024 Contribution to Victim/Witness Office

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on upcoming spring-cleaning activities, general public works activities, and upcoming land use permits.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on the sale of city owned property, the pool season, the March 5th election, Legislative Action Day, LPP and LRIP funding, and the Highway 44 roundabout.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Change Orders: Darin Feist from Donohue & Associates presented two change orders on the Wastewater Treatment Plant for consideration

and a total project cost increase of \$88,054.09. The change orders include necessary changes to meet Health Department requirements as well as modifications made to account for existing utilities and conditions discovered on site. Change order 3 includes owner-requested modifications to exceed standard requirements. Feist clarified that the change orders do not add any time to the project and many of the changes had already been done. The additional costs are covered by the project financing. Motion made by Member Ninneman to approve Change Orders 2 & 3 with no schedule extension. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick. Motion passed 4-0, motion carried.

- b. Highway 44 Water/Sewer Extension: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the Council on engineer's estimates for an extension of water and sewer mains south along highway 44 to accommodate existing businesses and a proposed business on County 12. Klug stated that the original estimate was too high to be feasible and a new estimate was prepared at around \$1,800,000. City Clerk/Administrator Dickson stated that staff was searching for funding and that the project is unlikely to proceed without outside funding.
- c. Congressionally Directed Spending City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the request for Congressionally Directed Spending and recommended submitting a request for water tower rehab according to two inspections performed in 2015. Dickson stated that other infrastructure and recreation projects were considered but recommended to stay with the water towers as the cost to perform the work has been pushed along the Capital Improvement Plan and getting the work paid for would greatly help the City financially. The consensus on the City Council was to proceed with requesting congressional funding for the water tower rehab.
- d. Consider Lifeguard Hire: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a proposal from 2023 Pool Manager Gracie Heaney to return as Pool Manager at a rate of \$19.10/hour, \$3.35 over the City's original offer. No motion was made to accept the proposal and staff will continue recruiting.
- e. Overtime Report Pay Period January 22nd through February 4th: The City Council reviewed the overtime report and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 26, 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 Ninneman. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 7:08p.m.

DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator