Agenda
Regular Meeting of the City Council
Monday, May 8, 2006

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, April 24, and the Special Meeting held Wednesday, April 26, 2006. Addendum #1

B. Seasonal Employment: To approve the list of Lifeguards for the 2006 pool season. Mark Murphy is to be the Manager; Aubrey Kinneberg and Emily Schmitz are to be the Co-Assistant Managers. Addendum #2

C. Exempt Permit: To approve an Application for Exempt Permit submitted by A.B.L.E., Inc., to conduct a raffle on December 7, 2006 at A.B.L.E., Inc., 111 North Marshall Street, for their Lucky Day Calendar Raffle.

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Council Action:

IV. Visitors and Communications
A. Zoning Application – Mr. and Mrs. Josh Erdman: Mr. and Mrs. Erdman, 324 West Caledonia Street, have submitted a Zoning Application proposing to construct an 8’ x 9’ porch to be located approximately 8’ from the west (side) property line.
and a 14’ x 28’ patio to be located approximately 2’ from the west (side) property line. This proposal requires a 2’ setback variance and an 8’ setback variance for the above, respective, proposals. Addendum #3

Council Action:

B. Animal Control: Mike Gavin, Animal Control Officer, may be present to make a recommendation on a potentially dangerous dog, stemming from a dog bite of a passerby. See City Ordinances Section 92.07 through 92.11. Addendum #4

Council Action:

C. Zoning Application – Norman Snodgrass: Mr. Snodgrass may address the Council with a proposal to receive an initial council attitude as to whether or not such application may be approved if it were formally presented.

Council Action:

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F. Communications
   1. LMC Friday Fax, 4-28-06. Addendum #5
   2. The Wheel, May 2006. Addendum #6

V. Claims
A. Prepaid Claims: Consideration of the Prepaid Claims List for April 2006. Addendum #7 (to be distributed at the meeting)

Council Action:

B. Claims Payable: Consideration of the Claims Payable and authorization of payment for April 2006 bills. Addendum #8 (to be distributed at the meeting)

Council Action:
VI. Old Business
A. Land Parcel: Several months ago brief discussion was held on the possibility for sale of the land parcel lying between the China Buffet and Municipal Liquor Store. Tony Denstad, owner, recently stopped at the Clerk’s Office and indicated he does have the parcel for sale and has a purchase price request of $14,000. Is the Council interested in acquiring this parcel?

Council Action:

B. Fire Department Ladder Truck: A request has been made to discuss the status of the Fire Department Ladder Truck possible purchase as outlined at a previous meeting by Fire Chief Gavin.

Council Action:

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VII. New Business
A. Electrical Transformer Insurance: Following damage to an electrical transformer a few months ago, Thomas Danielson, Danielson Insurance Agency, obtained a quote to insure city electrical transformers for a rate of 6.4¢/$100 value, extending to a premium cost of $276 per year to insure $431,554 worth of electrical transformers. As the enclosed letter points out qualifying damage could be from any cause. Does the Council wish to insure the transformers? Addendum #9

Council Action:

B. Open House: Member Standish would like to discuss the possibility of the City holding an Open House.

Council Action:

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VIII. Clerk’s Report:

A. Garage Facility: Member Klug reported that he held a conversation with a local business person who owns a facility which may become available for purchase within the next year. The building would of course require inspection to see if it would suffice for city purposes. Member Klug may wish to add detail.

B. Police Department Report: Enclosed is the Police Officer Activity List and Summary for April 2006. Addendums #10 and #11

C. Water Main Extension: Davy Engineering representatives will conduct a meeting with City staff at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, at City Hall to discuss planning for extension of water main on the west side of STH 44/76, from Main Street southward to approximately C.S.A.H. #12. Further, discussion will be held on the parcels of land lying between STH 44/76 and Old Highway Drive, south of Caledonia Implement.

D. Electric Rates: PowerPlus Engineering is working on drafting a schedule of new City Of Caledonia Electric Rates to adjust to the wholesale rate increase from Tri-County Electric, beginning May 1, 2006.

E. Wellhead Protection Plan: Tony Klug and Mike Gerardy are continuing to work on the Wellhead Protection Plan with Aaron Meyer, Minnesota Rural Water Association. Among the items of study are existing wells or abandon wells which may not have been properly sealed. Enclosed for your information is a fact sheet of some wells in and around the city. Two old wells for which no information appears to be readily available are mentioned in the first paragraph on the second page. Addendum #12

F. Discharge Monitoring Report: Enclosed with the Agenda is the Discharge Monitoring Report form for April 2006 showing a Total Monthly Average Nitrogen Level of 8.78 mg/l. Addendum #13

G. Accounting Position: The position has been advertised in the Caledonia Argus and Lacrosse Sunday Tribune as well as having individual notices sent to 5 or 6 colleges or Technical Schools. The ad calls for completed applications to be returned to the City Clerk’s Office by 5:00 p.m., May 19. I request the Wage Committee meet with me after the Council Meeting to begin preplanning the process for applicant selection, interviews, etc.

H. Police Officer Shift Schedules: Enclosed are the Police Officer Shift schedules for January – June 2006. Addendum #14
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IX. Miscellaneous Items
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X. Adjournment