CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.


AGENDA APPROVAL: Member Murphy recommended adding discussion concerning the church house apartments and to move the electrical improvement system discussion to the Agenda area of the Administrative Coordinator Topics. A motion was then made by Member Vick, seconded by Member Perry, to amend the Agenda as recommended. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Following brief, a motion was made by Member Perry, seconded by Member Vick, to approve the Consent Agenda items, listed below. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

A. MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday, August 24, 2009, as presented.

B. NOTARY REPUBLIC: To authorize Jessica Kruse to renew her notary public license under newly married name, Jessica Kohnen, understanding there will be a $100 fee plus the stamp cost.

C. MEMBERSHIPS
   1. SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA HISTORIC BLUFF COUNTRY: To authorize renewal of the annual membership fee in the approximate cost of $1,500.

   2. LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES: To approve renewal of the annual membership fee in the amount of $2,594.

D. PERA DEDUCTIONS: To adopt a resolution to deduct PERA contributions from part time police officer Jesse Vold’s wages, understanding that he passed the earnings limit of $425 per month performing work for the City of Caledonia.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS
A. ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR’S TOPICS
   1. ZONING APPLICATION - WEICHERT: Greg Weichert, 100 East Adams Street, presented his request to the Council to construct a 26’ x 40’ unattached garage in addition to an existing 576 square foot attached garage for a total proposed garage and storage area of 1,616 square feet, being 416 square feet above the maximum permitted area of 1,200 square feet, requiring a 416 square foot area variance along with authorization to construct a second garage on this same parcel of property. Mr. Weichert indicated that he is a car collector and has perhaps four or sometimes five automobiles at the same time. With the Council showing some hesitancy to grant the large area variance, Mr. Weichert proposed constructing a garage with smaller length and width dimensions, but double decking the vehicles in a first story / second story arrangement. Mr. Weichert debated the issue with the Council for approximately 50 minutes whereupon a motion was made by Member Vick, seconded by Member Perry, to deny the application that was originally and formally presented to the Council before discussion of all the possible variations to the building took place. All members voted in favor of denial and the motion was declared carried.

   2. ZONING APPLICATION – BAUER: Mr. Bauer, 422 South Decorah Street, reviewed his proposal to remove all but the south wall of an existing garage and rebuild it to have dimensions of 24’ x 26’, located approximately 2’ from the south property line. The present garage is 20’ x 20’. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Member Perry, seconded by Member Vick, to approve the zoning application and grant the 2’ setback variance on the additional 4 foot
extension along the south property line. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

3. HAND SANITIZERS: Mr. Gerardy informed the Council that he had contacted hospitals staff to ask about the effectiveness of Purell Hand Sanitizers. He was told that the hand sanitizer solution is the best defense available for protection of influenza.

4. HOUSTON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER: Mr. Gerardy updated the Council on discussions between himself and Houston County staff concerning the conditional use permit for the criminal justice center and the fact that the city zoning ordinance states that the permit expires if no action takes place within a six month period on the intended project. Mr. Gerardy said it is the County’s intent to begin removal or demolition of the existing home during the month of October, which would be within six months of receiving approval for the conditional use permit. These homes, surrounding the Houston County Courthouse Square were purchased to be demolished and make room for the criminal justice center. Mr. Gerardy asked the Council if the demolition of these homes would constitute the beginning of work on the project, thereby fulfilling the obligation to start the project within a six month period. A motion was made by Mayor Burns, seconded by Member Lemke, to accept the beginning of work on the project as the demolition of homes to make room for the criminal justice center, thereby fulfilling the requirements of the conditional use permit to begin the project within a six month period. Members voting in favor: Burns, Lemke, Vick, Perry and Murphy. Opposed: None. The motion was declared carried.

5. GARAGE DOORS: Mr. Gerardy asked for authorization to replace four overhead garage doors, three on the street department shop and one small overhead door on the warming house at the Athletic Field. He explained the deterioration of the doors causing loss of heat from the buildings and in some cases actually being a safety hazard since the door may fall back down unexpectedly when raised. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Burns, seconded by Member Lemke, to approve replacement of the four described overhead doors. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

6. SEAL COATING: Mr. Gerardy informed the Council that the seal coat work for 2009 has been completed but an invoice has not yet been received from the contractor.

7. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS: Member Murphy introduced discussion concerning a second meeting of residents in the Sunnyside Addition and Foltz Addition where electrical improvements are to take place. Mr. Murphy drafted a letter to be sent to residents of these additions, inviting them to a second meeting where the electrical engineer would present detailed information on the proposed work to be done and alternate proposals for location of transformers and other electrical apparatus on the rear property line where they are now located or an alternate route along the front yard property lines where the anticipated cost would be significantly less. Two of the reasons for a reduced cost by locating the apparatus along front yard property lines is that the vast majority of installation along rear yards would have to be done by hand digging the wires because of numerous other utilities having underground wires in that easement area. The second reason for a reduced cost would be that the layout along the front yard property line would decrease the number of transformers required. Following discussion, it was determined that letters would be sent to all property owners within these additions, inviting them to the electrical engineers presentation at the Regular Meeting of September 28 and that that meeting would be held in the City Auditorium to provide room for all possible attendees.

B. COMMUNICATIONS

1. 2008 Per Capita Local Support for Public Libraries: Document furnished by Marla Burns, City Librarian, from Minnesota State.

2. Caledonia Chamber of Commerce Wins Best of Class…

CLAIMS

A. PREPAID CLAIMS: Following review, discussion and deliberation, a motion to approve was made by Member Perry and seconded by Mayor Burns, to approve the Prepaid Claims list for August 2009. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.
Mathy Construction Co.                          Hot Mix                          342.63
Northern Beverage Dist.                      Beer                              1,738.85
Quillin's                                    Propane Tank                      330.23
Schott Distributing Co., Inc.                Beer                              5,133.30
Seven Rivers Surplus Co.                     Light – Floor Jacks / Tools      159.00
Spring Grove Soda Pop                         Beer & Soft Drinks                352.35
Tri-State Ambulance Inc.                     Intercept Fee's                   500.00
US Postal Service                            Postage Stamps                     149.00
D S Electric Supply                          Light – Inventory                 511.20
Emergency Apparatus Maint.                   Ladder Tower 50 / Engine 1410 Maint 1,269.67
D S Electric Supply Inc.                     Light – Inventory                 340.80
E O Johnson Company                          Maintenance Agreement             236.27
Gavin, Patty                                 2009 Uniform Allowance            60.00
B & M Service Center                         5 Gallon 80-90                     70.00
Caledonia True Value                         Misc. Items                        164.45
Gavin, Pam                                   Shelter Rent Refund               42.60
Jack Neumann Trucking                        Liquor – freight expense          133.50
Johnson Brothers Liquor co.                  Liquor / Wine                     3,374.88
Metro Sales Inc.                             Copier Agreement                  59.33
Paustis & Sons Wine Co.                      Liquor Store – Wine               413.92
Ziebell’s Hiawatha Foods, Inc.               Liquor – Mix                      101.75
Alltel                                      Ambulance – communication expense 62.87
Caledonia Community Band                     Music in the Park                  226.82
D S Electric Supply                          Tax Adjustment                    5.55
Eitzen Fire Department                       Mutual Aid Yohe Fire               150.00
G & F Distributing                           Beer                              253.50
Jones, Jessica                               Liquor Store – Labor              36.25
Northern Beverage Distribution              Beer                              1,848.80
Petty Cash                                   Replenish Petty Cash              92.51
Schott Distributing Co.                      Beer                              4,147.15
Spring Grove Soda Pop, Inc.                  Beer & Soft Drinks                269.40
Spring Grove, City of                        Administrative Coordinator         40.00
Steele, Randy                                Clean Up Fertilizer               200.00
Tri-State Ambulance, Inc.                    Intercept Fee                     500.00
Bubbers, Gary                                2009 Uniform Allowance            37.33
Bank of the West                             Federal/FICA/Medicare             6,241.71
Business Financial Planning                  Cafeteria Plan                     741.44
City of Caledonia Emp. Assn.                Association Dues                  60.00
Commissioner of Revenue                      State Withholding                 1,186.81
ING Institutional Plan Services             TSA                                675.00
Minnesota NCPERS Life Ins.                   Payday 8-25-09                     80.00
MN Benefit Association                       payday 8-25-09                     126.84
Public Emp. Retirement Assn.                Payday 8-25-09                     5,122.17
Alltel                                      Communication Expense              133.80
Bonanza Grain, Inc.                          Crush Rock, recycled asphalt      2,472.34
D & Z Rescue Emergency Prod                  20 Vests                           1,199.80
Franciscan Skemp Healthcare                  HCP Cards                          10.00
Gavin, Mike                                  Animal Control – Rent/Misc.        75.00
Houston County Treasurer                      Ho. Co. Collection Site            3,330.00
Jack Neumann Trucking                        Liquor – Freight Exp.             56.00
Phillips Wine & Spirits                       Liquor / Wine                     1,029.65
SE MN Historic Bluff Country                 Tourism                           1,532.35
Seven Rivers Surplus, LLC                    Safety Glasses                     20.00
Spring Grove, City of                        Registration Fee – Perry           20.00
Tri-State Ambulance                          Intercept Fee’s                   500.00
USA Mobility Wireless                        Communication Expense              57.62
VISA                                        Travel Expense/Misc.               367.57
Wirtz Beverage MN                            Liquor / Wine                      2,011.39
US Postal Service                           Utility Billing                    363.56
Ability Building Center                      Rec Park                           104.80
Brown Traffic Products                       Stop Lights                        5,878.13
Irby Tool & Safety                          Light – Equipment testing         300.51
Jack Neumann Trucking                        Liquor – Freight Expense          67.00
Johnson Brothers Liquor Co.                 Liquor / Wine                     963.32
MN Dept. of Revenue                          Sales / Use Tax                    19,414.00
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B. CLAIMS PAYABLE: Following review, discussion and deliberation, a motion was made by Member Vick, seconded by Member Perry, to approve the Claims Payable for July 2009, including the additional list presented at the meeting. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

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Crystal Canyon  Drinking Water  72.63
Curt & Candy’s Hardware Hank  Miscellaneous Items  247.52
D S Electric Supply  Street Lighting – Misc.  99.20
Davy Laboratories  Lab  1,692.08
ECM Publishers, Inc.  Advertisements  269.46
Ellingson Motors  Car Wash Tickets  100.00
Esch Builders  Culvert / Repair Leak N. Kingston  1,558.90
Farwest Line Specialists  Light – Tools  993.30
Gopher State One-Call  38 Location Notifications  55.10
Hawkins, Inc.  Chemicals  970.45
HD Supply Waterworks  Meter / Meter Connections/Washers  530.49
J P Cooke Co.  Animal Control – 2010 License Tags  108.95
Klug, Jason  Mileage Reimbursement  32.85
Kwik Trip Stores  Beverages – FD  15.46
LaCrosse Athletics  Rec Program – Ball Equipment  2,707.00
LaCrosse Tribune  Library Subscription  36.00
Mac Queen Equipment  Dirt Deflect Ext.  28.12
Mayville Repair  Materials for Jacks  969.37
Macmaster-Carr Supply Co.  FD – Materials for Jacks  20.62
Menard’s  City Hall – Bulbs; STP – Rope  59.56
Meyer Brothers  Sunnyside Catch Basin Repair  8,800.00
Midwest Tape  Library – DVD(s)  185.77
Minnesota Dept. of Commerce  2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2010  369.08
Minnesota Dept. of Health  Water Service Connection Fee  1,809.00
Minnesota Historical Society  Microfilm Year 2008  32.50
Minnesota Pipe & Equipment  Hydrant Repair Parts  87.71
Mississippi Welders Supply Co.  Oxygen  130.68
MN Dept. of Labor & Industry  Boiler Inspection Fee  30.00
Municipal Pipe Tool Co.  TV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer  1,595.25
P & H Services  2 Mobile Units  76.62
Paradise Pool & Spa  Life Rings  200.45
Pladsen Ford, Inc.  Repair / Labor  2,026.74
PowerPlus Engineering, LLC  4 Year Plan  1,552.30
PT Welding & Driveshaft  Loader Repair Parts  54.22
RESCO  Tool / Equipment  95.14
Rippe, Hammell & Murphy  Prosecution Matters/General Matters  3,439.50
Riverland Community College  Fire Department – Vehicle Stabilization  350.00
Schilling Supply Company  Bags/Towels  365.50
Schulze Plumbing & Heating  Repair Parts  21.91
Servocontrol Instruments  Equipment Repairs / Supplies  4,721.59
Seven Rivers Surplus  Hack Saw  33.00
Sherwin – Williams  Traffic Paint  133.25
St. Joseph Equipment  Loader Repairs  470.15
St. Mary Auto Body Shop  Tow 2 Vehicles  106.88
Storey Kenworthy  Laminating Pouches  33.16
Streicher’s  Uniforms (Zehnder)  114.99
Tri-County Electric Co-op  Electric Energy  156,833.59
Tri-State Business Machines  Copier Repair  160.00
United Laboratories  Cleaning Supplies  333.39
Weichert Motors  Oxygen  28.36
Wiebke Tire  Skidder Tire Repair  15.00
Witt’s Pharmacy – Caledonia  Ambulance  341.72
Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc.  Broom Refill  415.74
Zep Manufacturing Company  Trash Bags  193.39

$ 202,157.75

OLD BUSINESS

A.  REIMBURSEMENT TO MR. SHEFELBINE: Enclosed with the Agenda was a receipt, showing that then Chief Shefelbine returned $795 to the individual from whom it had been confiscated. The receipt for the money was dated November 6, 2008. With regard to Mr. Shefelbine’s statement to the council saying that he had gone to the back and withdrawn the money from his personal savings or checking account, He was unable to find a statement showing the withdrawal of that $532 amount. Mr. Shefelbine informed Clerk Nelson in a telephone conversation that he may have misremembered and perhaps cashed a current payroll check to get the $532 in cash to pay to the individual. No motion, considering whether or not to reimburse Mr. Shefelbine the claimed $532 of his personal monies, was made at this time.
NEW BUSINESS
A. AMBULANCE POLICY: Following review of the proposed policy, drafted by Ambulance Director Mike Tornstrom, a motion was made by Member Perry, seconded by Member Vick, to adopt the policy describing when charges would be made or not made for “no haul” ambulance runs. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

B. FLU SHOTS: Clerk Nelson informed the Council that Mike Tornstrom, Ambulance Director asked if the City was again going to offer flu shots to public safety personal. Nelson explained that he did not recall the City Council ever offering to provide flu shots, but the fire department apparently contacted a nursing service to have flu shots in addition to hepatitis shots offered to firefighters last year and invited the ambulance department to participate. Following discussion, the council decided by general consensus that, while it considered hepatitis shots directly related to the service provided by the fire department and ambulance department, flu vaccinations were a universal concern and not related to the services provided. Therefore the Council said all individuals should receive flu vaccinations through their primary employers or insurance policy. It was not the intent of the city council that the City of Caledonia would provide flu shots to employees.

C. WILD TURKEY TIMES AD: Clerk Nelson introduced a request from the Caledonia Argus asking if the Council chose to again advertise the City of Caledonia in the periodic Wild Turkey Times for a cost of $550. Following review of the ad, Mayor Burns suggested that the ad be updated and indicated certain wording that he would like inserted into the text. Member Vick commented that the illustration should be updated from the stone monument on the south side of the City to a picture of current activity such as barn quilts. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Burns, seconded by Member Lemke to approve the advertisement at the cost of $550 if the suggested word changes were made to the text and the illustration were changed to a barn quilt photo. Members voting in favor: Burns, Vick, Lemke and Murphy. Opposed: none. Abstaining: Perry. (Member Perry was temporarily out of the room)

D. AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT: Mike Tornstrom, Ambulance Director, had obtained a proposal for hardwiring the internet service from the police department side of the building to the ambulance department. The ambulance attendants use the internet to communicate with one another and exchange work schedules when someone becomes ill or must vacate their hours of standby. The wireless connection which is now used fails frequently so the ambulance attendants can not communicate with one another from their home or business computers. The proposal received was for an amount of $323.02, including Minnesota Sales Tax. The question was introduced of obtaining an estimate from ACE Communications which was the organization which originally wired City Hall and made the connection to the Police Department for telephone and computer service. Following discussion, the Council agreed by general consensus that a quote should be obtained from ACE Communications.

E. NUISANCE COMPLAINT: Member Murphy reported having received a complaint from the area of the church house apartment buildings on South Ramsey Street at the intersection of South Street. They complainant reported an occupant of the apartment building acquires numerous kinds of materials, including furniture and tires and stores it outside the building with plastic covers to protect it from the weather. The complainant believes that this exterior storage is demeaning to the neighborhood and is decreasing the value of surrounding properties because it looks like a slum. Clerk Nelson informed the Council that he had received previous complaints from an individual nearby the apartment building and had turned the complaint over to the police department. The police chief reported that he had officers go to the building a number of times, finding that particular tenant absent. The police were still trying to make contact.

CLERK’S REPORT
A. EMPLOYEE TIME RECORD: Enclosed with the Agenda was the Employee Time Record for pay period August 10 – 23 and August 24 – September 6, 2009.

B. LIBRARY BUDGET / SUPPORT: Enclosed with the Agenda was a letter from the Minnesota Department of Education, stating that the City of Caledonia must provide a minimum of $51,864 for the 2010 library budget.

C. TRICOUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEETING: Enclosed with the Agenda was a letter from Tri-County Electric Cooperative advertising a meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at the Tri-County headquarters outside of Rushford. Members Vick and Murphy indicated they would attend.
D. FIRE CHIEFS / OFFICERS WAGES: Distributed with the Agenda was a survey completed by the City of Lanesboro showing the wages of fire chiefs and assistance chiefs and other officers for fire departments in the cities of Caledonia, Canton, Chatfield, Harmony, Lanesboro, Mabel, Preston, Spring Grove, Spring Valley and St. Charles.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
A. TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM - HUTTON COMPANIES: Clerk Nelson informed the Council that the 30 day period for Hutton Companies to correct the default for not fulfilling the terms of their Tax Abatement Program with the Dollar General Store had past and no word or action to correct the default had been received from the Hutton Companies. Nelson recommended that the Tax Abatement Program be terminated, meaning no further payments would be made to Hutton Companies under the program. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Burns, seconded by Member Murphy to authorize termination of the Tax Abatement Program and request City Attorney Tim Murphy to draft the notice to be sent to Hutton Companies. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

B. CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGY: The Council considered whether or not to hold a closed session for negotiation strategy in the negotiation of the Caledonia Police Association Labor Agreement. Instead of holding the session at this time, the Council chose to designate a Special Meeting to be held on Monday, September 21, 2009, to hold the closed session with that being the only item on the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Lemke and seconded by Member Vick. All members voted in favor, the motion was declared carried and the meeting then adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the City Council is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2009, in the City Auditorium, Gymnasium Floor Level.

Robert H. Burns, Mayor

Robert L. Nelson
City Clerk – Administrator

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, September 21, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.


BUSINESS ITEMS
A. CLOSED SESSION FOR NEGOTIATION STRATEGY: A motion was made by Member Perry, seconded by Member Vick, to conduct a closed session for negotiation strategy for the Caledonia Police Association successor contract which is proposed to cover calendar years 2010 and 2011, such session to begin immediately. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried. All five council members and Clerk – Administrator Nelson participated in the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: Following the closing of the closed session, with no further business to be conducted, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Perry and seconded by Mayor Burns. All members voted in favor, the motion was declared carried and the meeting then adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Robert H. Burns, Mayor

Robert L. Nelson
City Clerk - Administrator