

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
September 23, 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 Ryan Stenzel, Member Robert “Bob” Klug, Member Amanda Ninneman, and Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Fire Chief Kevin Jacobson and Firefighters Mitch Gavin, Ben Logging, Benny Stutzman, and Logan Thiele. Visitors present: Charlene Corson Selbee, *Filmore County Journal*, Rose Korabek, *Caledonia Argus*, Bill Spitzer, *Rolling Hills Transit*, and Jeremy Leis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Klug moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Ninneman, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Fitzpatrick 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 Liquor Store Clerk Hire
- c. Approve Zoning Permit – 523 Enterprise Drive
- d. Approve Sign Permit – 121 Marshall

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on the general public works matters including storm cleanup, upcoming stormwater system projects, paving, and other maintenance issues.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Jake Dickson updated the City Council on recent and upcoming economic development meetings, an upcoming meeting with Wapasha Construction Company, and a meeting with the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Rolling Hills Transit: Bill Spitzer, Director of Transportation, spoke to the City Council about the Rolling Hills Transit public transit efforts. Spitzer gave a report on ridership and service in the Caledonia area and spoke about their immediate and long-term financial needs.
- b. Public Hearing- Ordinance 2024-04 Renewing Acentek Cable Franchise: Motion made by Member Ninneman, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to close the regular

City Council meeting and open the Public Hearing at 6:27, motion passed unanimously and the Public Hearing was opened. City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the ordinance, explaining that it is a renewal of a non-exclusive franchise agreement with Acentek, guaranteeing certain provisions of cable services and the City's share of cable revenue within City limits. Nobody appeared to speak at the Public Hearing. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Stenzel, to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular City Council meeting at 6:33PM. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Overtime Report Pay Period September 2nd through 15th The City Council reviewed the overtime report and took no action.
- d. 2025 Parks Projects: In the course of the budget discussion the City Council discussed cost savings by buying materials early for 2025 projects. Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug presented quotes for ballpark fence replacement, a 2025 project. Klug stated that buying materials with unspent funds in 2024 will reduce the City's obligation in 2025 to just labor. Klug presented two quotes, from Apex Fence and Barefoot Landscaping at \$20,000 and \$19,000 respectively. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman to accept the fence quote from Barefoot Landscaping. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. 2025 Budget and Levy: Finance Officer Stephanie Mann introduced updated budget worksheets and preliminary levy proposals for 2025. Mann included options to increase the levy by 8.9,10,12 and 15%. Mann reported that much of the budget is set due to wage increases and contractual increases, with the only flexibility being in capital purchases. Mann and the City Council discussed possible savings by making certain material purchases with unspent funds allocated for street patching. The City Council discussed the aging infrastructure and high cost of repair and the need to increase the levy while looking for additional savings between now and the passage of the Final Levy in December. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, to approve Resolution 2024-05 approving a 12% increase to the preliminary 2025 budget and levy. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 7:28p.m.

DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator