

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, February 24, 2020

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

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, Paul Fisch, David Fitzpatrick, Brad Rykhus, and Randi Vick. City staff present: Casey Klug, public works and zoning director; Craig Nelson, water/wastewater supervisor; James “Jim” Stemper, police sergeant (arrived at 6:20 p.m.); Adam Swann, clerk/administrator. Visitor(s) present: Mike Gerbitz, Donohue & Associates; Eric Lynne, Donohue & Associates; Kaitlin Longhauser; Craig Moorhead, *Caledonia Argus*.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Fisch moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Rykhus seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed. The consent agenda comprised the following items:

- a. Approve minutes from February 10, 2020 regular City Council meeting
- b. Approve application from Caledonia Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association for permit to conduct gambling at Rustic Tap at 208 E. Main St.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION:

- a. Eric Lynne, P.E., and Mike Gerbitz, P.E., Donohue & Associates, Inc.
 - i. Presentation of wastewater treatment facility plan: Eric Lynne and Mike Gerbitz presented Council with the wastewater treatment facility plan. Lynne provided Council with an overview of the existing wastewater treatment plant and summarized the flows and loadings obtained from sampling. Lynne summarized the new facility needs and presented four alternatives, which included the following: 1) rehabbing the existing facility; 2) constructing a new wastewater treatment facility with an oxidation ditch; 3) constructing a new wastewater treatment facility with membrane bioreactors; and 4) constructing a new wastewater treatment facility with sequence batch reactors. Donohue’s recommendation was to pursue alternative number 2—a new wastewater treatment facility with an oxidation ditch—because it would be the most economical over 20 years, easier to operate, and more reliable.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR:

- a. Updates
 - i. Meeting with MPCA re notice of violation and schedule of compliance: Public Works and Zoning Director Casey Klug reported that he and Water/Wastewater Supervisor Craig Nelson met with the MPCA in Rochester on February 20, 2020—and Mike Davy and Adam Swann participated by telephone—to discuss the August 14, 2019 notice of violation and the draft schedule of compliance.
 - ii. Installation of new light poles at Veterans Memorial Park baseball field: Klug reported that the new light poles had been installed at the Veterans Memorial Park baseball field—thanks to the efforts of Electric Line Foreman Matt Blocker, Electric Line Worker Nate Becker, contractor Highland Power, and contractor Becker & Stemper Electric.
 - iii. Abatement of hazardous building at 916 E. Main St.: Klug reported that the hazardous building at 916 E. Main St. had been torn down.
 - iv. Meeting with Houston County re Highway Dept. building: Klug reported that representatives from the City—i.e., Klug, Mayor Schroeder, Member Rykhus, Matt Blocker, and Adam Swann—had met with

Commissioner Jack Miller, Commissioner Eric Johnson, County Administrator Jeff Babinski, and County Engineer Brian Pogodzinski to discuss Houston County's new Highway Department building, which the County was planning on constructing near the current Highway Department building on E. Washington Street.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR:

a. Updates

i. Comprehensive Plan meeting: Swann reported that Shannon Sweeney was unavailable for the next Comprehensive Plan meeting on March 2, 2020, so the meeting had been tentatively rescheduled for April 6, 2020, provided the new date worked for the council members.

ii. 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary: Swann reminded the Council that the Presidential Nomination Primary was scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of facility plan for wastewater treatment plant: Member Vick moved to approve Resolution 2020-03, a resolution accepting the wastewater treatment plant facility plan presented by Donohue & Associates and authorizing submittal of the plan to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency by the March 6, 2020 funding deadline. Member Rykhus seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

b. Discussion re whether to proceed with filling sixth full-time police officer position: Swann reported that the City could save at least \$50,000-\$55,000 by not filling the sixth full-time police officer position. Swann further reported that this money could be used to help pay for a new police vehicle, which was needed but not budgeted for 2020. Police Sergeant Jim Stemper reported that not having the sixth full-time position had not put a strain on the department but that he thought it would put the community at risk because there would be hours where there was no police officer on duty. Mayor Schroeder recommended waiting until July to fill the position. Member Vick supported filling the position sooner. Member Fitzpatrick expressed concern about not filling the position. Member Fitzpatrick moved to proceed with filling the sixth full-time police officer position. Member Rykhus seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2, with Mayor Schroeder and Member Fisch voting against the motion.

c. Overtime report: Members reviewed the overtime report for the pay period January 27, 2020 – February 9, 2020. No further action was taken by the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. The 2020 Presidential Nomination Primary was scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Both Caledonia precincts would vote at the City Auditorium.

b. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Rykhus, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick. All members present voted in favor, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder
Mayor

Adam G. Swann
Clerk/Administrator