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 City Auditorium.

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 Robert “Bob” Klug, Member Amanda Ninneman, and Member Brad Rykhus. Council member absent: Member Fitzpatrick. City staff present: Casey Klug, public works/zoning director; Stephanie Mann, finance officer (arrived at 6:15 p.m.); and Adam Swann, clerk/administrator. Visitor(s) present: Craig Moorhead, Caledonia Argus; and Wanda Hanson, Fillmore County Journal.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Rykhus moved to approve the consent agenda, and Member Ninneman 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 July 12, 2021 regular City Council meeting
b. Approve application by Caledonia Touchdown Club, Inc. for temporary one-day license to provide on-sale liquor at Houston County Fairgrounds on October 8, 2021
c. Approve application by American Legion Post 249 Spring Grove to conduct off-site gambling at the Houston County Fairgrounds from August 19, 2021 to August 22, 2021
d. Approve school crossing guard agreement between the City of Caledonia and Independent School District No. 299 for the 2021-2022 school year
e. Approve hiring Mikel Herman as an EMT for the Caledonia Ambulance Department
f. Accept resignation of Carson Coffield as assistant to the clerk/administrator, effective July 30, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

FINANCE OFFICER:

a. Report on cash and investments: Finance Officer Stephanie Mann reported that the cash and investments for the City’s governmental, special revenue, and enterprise funds totaled $4,927,937.70 through June 30, 2021, an increase of $336,013.30 from May 31, 2021. Mann reported that the General Fund had paid $35,587.00 for the new Police Department vehicle, a Dodge Durango. The General Fund had also paid $17,796.37 to refurbish the street sweeper. Mann noted that most of the enterprise funds had increased their cash.

b. Report on long-term debt: Mann reported that the EDA Fund had made an interfund loan repayment to the General Fund in the amount of $10,301.99. Mann further reported that the Sewer Fund had made an interest payment on the 2012A G.O. Sewer Revenue Note. Mann informed the Council that many of the City’s bonds had interest payments that were due August 1.

c. Review of 2021 budget v. actual for General Fund, enterprise funds, and special revenue funds: Mann reported on the budget v. actual for the General Fund, enterprise funds, and special revenue funds through the end of June. Mann noted that some departments were over budget, such as the Fire Department, which had had more calls this year than had been expected. Mann further noted that Ambulance Department billings were lower than expected. Mann reported that she had sent a letter to the department directors asking for information about their budget needs for 2022.
PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR:
a. **Updates**  
   i. **Downtown pocket park:** Public Works/Zoning Director Klug reported that the trees had been planted in the downtown pocket park and that the framing and panels for the mural had been installed. Klug reported that the picnic table and benches had been ordered but were delayed.

   ii. **Caledonia Aquatic Center pool gutter replacement project:** Klug reported that the contractor was still working on repairing the water line that supplies the drop slide.

   iii. **Advertisement for bids for new wastewater treatment facility:** Klug reported that the City had been working with the project engineer to issue addenda for the new wastewater treatment facility to eliminate some unnecessary conduits and to reduce project costs.

   iv. **Construction of Well House No. 8:** Klug reported that the pre-construction meeting for Well House No. 8 was scheduled for August 4, 2021.

   v. **Curb repairs:** Klug reported that he had been inspecting curbs around the City to identify ones that needed to be repaired; Klug noted that the curbs would be repaired in the next few months along with street patches.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR:
a. **Updates**  
   i. **Local Government Aid for 2022:** Clerk/Administrator Swann reported that the City’s Local Government Aid had been certified for 2022 and that the LGA would be $1,068,413—an increase of $12,410 over 2021. Swann noted that he had seen some articles referencing that the LGA formula might be changing in the future.

   ii. **Miken Sports:** Swann reported that State Representative Greg Davids, State Senator Jeremy Miller, and U.S. Senator Tina Smith had issued statements opposing the outsourcing of the Miken Sports jobs to China and asking Rawlings Sporting Goods to reconsider its decision. Swann further reported that many local and state news outlets were reporting on the story. Swann expressed appreciation for the support the City had received from State Representative Davids, State Senator Miller, and U.S. Senator Smith.

   iii. **Search for new assistant to clerk/administrator:** Swann reported that the City was accepting applications for the assistant to the clerk/administrator position. Swann reported that applications were due by August 9 at 8:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:
a. **Consideration of land use permit application from John and Mary Hauser to construct gazebo (made from galvanized/aluminum grain bin) behind building at 219 Kingston St.:** Public Works/Zoning Director Klug reported that the proposed gazebo met all setback requirements for an accessory structure in a B-1, Central Business District zone. Klug estimated that the structure would be 12’-15’ tall. Member Klug moved to approve the land use permit application, and Member Ninneman seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

b. **Review of invoice from Griffin Construction Co., Inc. for repairs to Green Acres Dr.:** Council reviewed the invoice from Griffin Construction Co., Inc. for repairs to Green Acres Drive. The invoice totaled $19,257.94. Public Works/Zoning Director Klug explained there were several reasons why the final invoice was higher than the quote of $16,127.30, which the City and Caledonia Township had
previously agreed to split. The first reason was that the length of the road repair was longer than what was originally estimated. The original quote was based on an estimated length of 300 feet. The actual length was closer to 320 feet. As a result, the tonnage of rock was higher. The second reason was that the City substituted some of the class 5 rock with recycled asphalt. Klug explained that the recycled asphalt helped strengthen the road and would eliminate the need to sealcoat the road in 2022, which would save money. The third reason was that the City paid $500 for traffic control. The Council had no objections to paying the invoiced amount of $19,257.94, but several Council members expressed that the City should try to recover some of the additional costs from Caledonia Township, and Member Klug volunteered to talk with Township Supervisor Bob Ellenz about it.

c. Review of proposals for architectural and construction management services for new ambulance station: Clerk/Administrator Swann reported that he had inadvertently included this item on the agenda and that City staff would present a recommendation for Council to consider at the next meeting on August 9, 2021. No action was taken by the Council.

d. Discussion re proposed City Council resolution requesting Rawlings Sporting Goods reconsider decision to close Miken Sports in 18-24 months: By consensus Council directed City staff to prepare a proposed resolution—for consideration at the next meeting—requesting Rawlings Sporting Goods reconsider its decision to close Miken Sports in 18-24 months. No further action was taken by the Council.

e. Discussion re permitted and conditional uses in a B-2, Highway Business District (City Code §§ 153.136 and 153.138): By consensus Council directed City staff to prepare a proposed City Code change that would change office space from a conditional use to a permitted use in a B-2, Highway Business District.

f. Discussion re additional pedestrian crossing signs on Main Street: By consensus Council requested that City staff add two additional portable pedestrian crossing signs on Main Street, preferably near the intersection with Decorah Street and the intersection with Kingston Street.

g. Overtime report: Members reviewed the overtime report for the pay period June 28, 2021 – July 11, 2021. No further action was taken by the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. National Night Out was scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park.

b. The next regular City Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 9, 2021, 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 Rykhus. All members present voted in favor, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

DeWayne “Tank” Schroeder
Mayor

Adam G. Swann
Clerk/Administrator