

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, November 8, 2021

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 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 David Fitzpatrick, Member Robert “Bob” Klug, and Member Amanda Ninneman. Council member(s) absent: Member Brad Rykhus. City staff present: Casey Klug, public works/zoning director; and Adam Swann, city clerk/administrator. Visitor(s) present: Craig Moorhead, *Caledonia Argus*; Charlene Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*; and Elizabeth Wefel, attorney/lobbyist, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Fitzpatrick 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 October 25, 2021 regular City Council meeting
- b. Approve Payment Application No. 10 from Ricchio, Inc. in the amount of \$5,600 as settlement for Ricchio’s notice of claim regarding 51 days of liquidated damages assessed against Ricchio for work performed on the Caledonia Pool Gutter Replacement Project
- c. Approve Payment Application No. 1 from Wapasha Construction Co., Inc. in amount of \$87,024.75 for construction of new wastewater treatment facility

PRESENTATION:

- a. Elizabeth Wefel, attorney/lobbyist, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
 - i. Update re past legislative session: Wefel reported that in 2021 the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities’ top goals were to prevent LGA cuts and obtain infrastructure bonding funding, child care funding, and street aid for small cities.
 - ii. Preview of upcoming legislative session: Wefel reported that in 2022 the CGMC’s top goals would be to protect Greater Minnesota from harmful changes to the LGA formula and to obtain a bonding bill for infrastructure.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR:

- a. Updates
 - i. Fall cleanup: Public Works/Zoning Director Klug reported that it was the last day of fall cleanup.
 - ii. Street patching: Klug reported that last week Dunn Blacktop had completed the larger street patches.

iii. Stormwater improvements near N. Sunnyside Dr.: Klug reported that City staff had installed the first culverts near N. Sunnyside Dr. (i.e., 223 N. Sunnyside Dr.).

iv. Construction of Well House No. 8: Klug reported that Wapasha Construction had poured the foundation for Well House No. 8.

v. Sludge hauling: Klug reported that water/wastewater supervisor Craig Nelson and water/wastewater operator Eli Craig had finished sludge hauling for the season.

vi. Pre-construction meeting for new wastewater treatment facility: Klug reported that he, Mayor Schroeder, and Clerk/Administrator Swann had attended a preconstruction meeting about the new wastewater treatment facility on November 3, 2021. Other participants included Eric Lynne of Donohue & Associates, Mike Saunders of Donohue & Associates, Pat Doyle of Wapasha Construction, Jim Jenson of Wapasha Construction, and a representative from 7 Rivers Mechanical.

vii. Auditorium HVAC specs: Klug reported that the City had finally received the specs for replacing the HVAC system in the auditorium.

viii. Liquor store alley: Klug reported that new concrete had been poured in the liquor store alley.

ix. “No Dogs Allowed” signs in pocket park: Klug reported that “no dogs allowed” signs had been installed in the downtown pocket park.

x. North Park facilities: Klug reported that City staff were painting the North Park shelter and kiosk.

xi. Status of nuisance abatement at 420 W. Caledonia St.: Klug reported that the property owner had not abated the nuisance by the deadline set by Council, so the City contracted for the work, and the cleanup had gone well.

xii. Status of nuisance abatement at 620 S. Marshall St.: Klug reported that most of the nuisances had been abated by either the City contractor or the property owner; the property owner had finished the garage, removed the broken sidewalk and driveway, and finished siding the house.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

a. Updates

i. Engineering design and construction engineering services for the S. Marshall St./E. Grove St. reconstruction project: Clerk/Administrator Swann reported that City Engineer Matt Mohs was working on preparing more precise cost estimates for the engineering fees and construction costs for the S. Marshall St./E. Grove St. reconstruction project and that the revised figures were supposed to be done in time for the November 22 City Council meeting.

ii. Negotiation with Law Enforcement Labor Services for new collective bargaining agreement: Swann reported that the Public Safety Committee was going to be having a mediation with LELS on December 22 regarding a new collective bargaining agreement.

iii. Presentation to the MN House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee: Swann reported that on Wednesday, November 10 he was going to be making a presentation to the MN House of Representatives Capital Investment Committee about the City's capital budget request for funding for a new joint fire and ambulance station.

iv. Arlin Falck Foundation Grant for Sprague Woods: Swann reported that the City had received an Arlin Falck Foundation Grant for Sprague Woods in the amount of \$6,305.67 to pay for the cost of goat grazing, benches (3), and signage for Sprague Woods. Swann thanked Kari Neumann of the Friends of Sprague Woods Committee for helping with the grant application.

v. Health insurance premiums for 2022: Swann reported that health insurance premiums for employees who were IUOE Local 49 members were going to be increasing by \$20/month in 2022, but health insurance premiums were not going to be changing for employees who were not members of IUOE Local 49.

vi. Reimbursement from LMCIT for engineering fees and change order for pool gutter repair at Caledonia Aquatic Center: Swann reported that the City had received \$10,772 from the LMCIT as reimbursement for a change order and the City's last engineering fees for the pool gutter repair project at the Caledonia Aquatic Center. Swann reported that there were no additional expenses that needed to be reimbursed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Public hearing re assessment of unpaid utility charges and special charges: At 6:35 p.m. Member Fitzpatrick moved to adjourn the regular City Council meeting to hold a public hearing on the assessment of unpaid utility charges and special charges. Member Ninneman seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The public hearing convened at 6:35 p.m. Clerk/Administrator Swann reported that the property owners had been notified of the public hearing. No property owners or other members of the public were present who wanted to address the Council. At 6:39 p.m. Member Ninneman moved to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular City Council meeting. Member Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed. The regular City Council meeting reconvened at 6:39 p.m.

b. Consideration of proposed Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution Authorizing the Assessment of Properties for Unpaid Utility Charges and Unpaid Special Charges: Member Klug moved to approve proposed Resolution 2021-16, a resolution authorizing the assessment of properties for unpaid utility charges and unpaid special charges. Member Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

c. Consideration of proposed non-union salaries and wages for 2022: Council reviewed proposed non-union salaries and wages for 2022, which included a 2% salary increase for non-union employees, which was the same percentage increase as the increase approved for IUOE Local 49 employees in 2022 under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement. Member Klug moved to approve the proposed non-union salaries and wages for 2022. Member Ninneman seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

d. Discussion re political signs in residential areas: Member Klug reported that he had been contacted by Immanuel Lutheran Church about a sign near the church that the church had concerns about due to its use of vulgar language. Mayor Schroeder reported that he had also been contacted by the church and that he had tried talking with the church pastor several times to recommend that the church speak with the property owner about the sign. Member Klug reported that he would try contacting the church. No action was taken by the Council.

e. Discussion re request from Chase Wark of University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Cycling Team to hold bike race in Caledonia: Council discussed a request from Chase Wark of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Cycling Team to hold a bike race in Caledonia in April or May 2022. Member Klug expressed concern about using N. Kingston St., but the Council was open to the idea generally, pending more information about the exact route. No action was taken by the Council.

f. Prepaid claims: Council reviewed the prepaid claims for the period October 13, 2021 – November 5, 2021, which totaled \$321,473.77. Member Fitzpatrick moved to approve the prepaid claims as presented. Member Klug seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

i. Claims payable: Council reviewed the claims payable for November 2021, which totaled \$60,009.46. Member Ninneman moved to approve the claims payable as presented. Member Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

j. Overtime Report: Members reviewed the overtime report for the pay period October 18, 2021 – October 31, 2021. No further action was taken by the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. Light Up Caledonia 2021 was scheduled to start on November 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. and continue until January 19, 2022.

b. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

c. The winter parade was scheduled for December 3, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Klug, seconded by Mayor Schroeder. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

DeWayne “Tank” Schroeder
Mayor

Adam G. Swann
Clerk/Administrator