

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, June 13, 2022

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 Brad Rykhus. Council member(s) absent: None. City staff present: Casey Klug, public works/zoning director; Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator. Visitor(s) present: Craig Moorhead, *Caledonia Argus*; Charlene Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*; Carol Hood.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug 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 May 23, 2022 regular City Council meeting
- b. Approve Disbursements and Payroll
- c. Approve Payment Application No. 8 from Wapasha Construction Co., Inc. in amount of \$349,838.65 for work performed on construction of Wastewater Treatment Facility
- d. Approve Street Closures for Founder’s Day
- e. Approve LG230 Application for Off-Site Gambling for American Legion Post 249 *Resolution 2022-07*
- f. Accept Donation from Caledonia Area Fire Fighter Support Inc. in the amount of \$10,000 toward the purchase of the tower truck *Resolution 2022-08*
- g. Update Signatories for City Bank Accounts *Resolution 2022-09*

PUBLIC COMMENT: Member Klug reported that he had received a telephone complaint regarding the upcoming transition from garbage bags to garbage totes.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR:

- a. Updates

Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug provided updates on the Well No. 8 and Wastewater Treatment Facility construction projects. Klug notified the City Council that utility operators are still discovering electrical failures from the February outage that will need minor repairs as they are discovered. Klug provided updates on work performed by the City Electric Department and progress on the summer street patching project. Klug provided an update as to work performed on the auditorium HVAC update, the state of ball fields, and reported known damage to a drain pipe and plans to remedy.

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b. Updates

- i. City Clerk/Administrator Dickson provided an update on the progress of the first week of employment and updated the Council on the status of potential camping ordinances.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration of New Assistant Training Officer Position for Fire Department: 2nd
Assistant Chief Zehnder and Chief Jacobson requested the creation of a new Assistant Training Officer position. Zehnder outlined the need for an Assistant Training Officer based on new requirements for fire training, a new training system, and increased demand. Chief Jacobson expressed gratitude for Zehnder's training style and knowledge, and said that the quality of trainings have increased as well as enthusiasm for training. Mayor Schroeder asked if the rural departments had been approached for approval, they had not, and Mayor Schroeder suggested approval contingent upon rural department approval. Motion by Member Klug to approve the Assistant Training Officer contingent upon rural fire department approval. Seconded by Rykhus. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Consideration of Ambulance Director attendance of American Ambulance Association Annual Conference: Ambulance Director Mike Tornstrom requested funding and approval to attend the American Ambulance Association Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in September. Tornstrom detailed the expected benefits of the conference including valuable information regarding Medicare/Medicaid administration. Member Klug asked Tornstrom for his expected travel arrangements. Director Tornstrom clarified that he was seeking approval and if circumstances did not permit attendance, he would not attend. Motion by Member Fitzpatrick to send Ambulance Director Tornstrom to the American Ambulance Association Annual Conference. Seconded by Rykhus. 4 yeas 0 nays. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion Regarding Ordinance 2022-01; An Interim Ordinance Establishing a Study Period and Moratorium for a Period of up to Twelve Months on Developments in the Agricultural District: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson asked the City Council for guidance on whether to conduct the Agricultural District study internally or to begin searching for contracted assistance. City Council indicated a preference toward internal work.
- d. Lifeguard Hire: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson requested approval to hire Morgan Olson as a lifeguard, citing lifeguard shortages coming in July and August. Motion by Mayor Schroeder to hire Morgan Olson as lifeguard with a starting wage of \$11.75 per hour. Seconded by Member Fitzpatrick. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- e. Overtime Report: Members reviewed the overtime report for the pay period May 16, 2022 – May 29, 2022. No further action was taken by the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Public Works/Zoning Director Klug informed the City Council that the Electric Department is considering a new streetlight layout at the intersection of Grove and S Kingston Street in order to reduce the number of new fixtures as prices rise and availability is in flux.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Member Rykhus and seconded by Member Fitzpatrick. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator