

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, July 12, 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 Council Chambers at 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, Member Robert “Bob” Klug, Member David Fitzpatrick, Member Amanda Ninneman, and Member Brad Rykhus. Council member(s) absent: None. City staff present: Casey Klug, public works/zoning director; and Adam Swann, city clerk/administrator. Visitor(s) present: Craig Moorhead, *Caledonia Argus*; Paul Rommes; Charlene Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*; and Liz Taylor.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Rykhus 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 June 28, 2021 regular City Council meeting
- b. Approve sign permit application to replace existing signage on awning (at 507 Vista Dr.) with two new Subway signs with lighted channel letters
- c. Approve lease between State of Minnesota Department of Administration and City of Caledonia for use of portion of E. McKinley St. and N. Marshall St. for motorcycle test course
- d. Approve creation of Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) position for Caledonia Ambulance Department with pay rate of \$18.00/hr. for responding to calls and standby rate of \$2.50/hr.
- e. Approve hiring Wyatt Richardson as part-time police officer for Caledonia Police Department
- f. Accept resignation of Will Persons as part-time police officer for Caledonia Police Department, effective June 29, 2021
- g. Accept resignation of Taylor Crapser as emergency medical responder for Caledonia Ambulance Department, effective June 30, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR:

- a. Updates
 - i. Caledonia Aquatic Center pool gutter replacement project: Public Works/Zoning Director Klug reported that the project had mostly been completed except for problems with the surge tank and a line feeding the drop slide. Klug reported that the pool was open.
 - ii. Sprague Woods goats: Klug reported that Rattle Snake Coulee Goat Farms had delivered 55 goats to Sprague Woods for clearing the weeds and underbrush.

iii. Downtown pocket park: Klug reported that Electric Foreman Matt Blocker and Electric Lineman Nate Becker had dug nine holes for the mural posts in the pocket park; Klug further reported that the trees would be planted next.

iv. Project manual and bid specs for new wastewater treatment facility: Klug reported that a prospective vendor for the project (who was also a disadvantaged business enterprise) had raised concerns about the bid documents specifying particular equipment for the project and not allowing substitutions. Klug reported that the project engineer was reviewing the bid documents to address the vendor's concerns.

v. N. Sunnyside Dr. drainage improvements: Klug reported that the City would be soon installing new culverts south of N. Sunnyside Dr. to help improve stormwater flow and reduce standing water on the properties in the area.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

a. Updates

i. Caledonia Aquatic Center: Clerk/Administrator Swann reported that the pool had opened on Friday, July 9, and attendance had been good over the weekend despite the cool weather.

ii. Negotiation with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Local No. 413: Swann reported that the negotiation with Law Enforcement Labor Services, Local No. 413, scheduled for July 20, 2021, was going to be rescheduled.

iii. Request for congressionally directed spending: Swann reported that U.S. Senator Tina Smith had included the City's new wastewater treatment facility in her request for congressionally directed spending from the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee.

iv. Status of Miken Sports: Swann reported that he had scheduled a telephone conference with the vice president of manufacturing for Rawlings Sporting Goods to discuss the future of Miken Sports in Caledonia.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of land use permit application from Paul Rommes to add second driveway to property at 424 E. South St.: Public Works/Zoning Director Klug reported that Paul Rommes, owner of the property at 424 E. South St., had requested approval to construct a second driveway on his residential property; the driveway would be approximately 60 feet long. Klug explained that the existing driveway allowed parking for only one vehicle and the property had a one-car garage. Paul Rommes was present and explained to the Council that he wanted a second driveway to provide better accessibility for the property's residents, several of whom had mobility and health problems. Rommes explained that the current driveway required climbing two sets of stairs to get to the front door, whereas the new proposed driveway would provide access to the house with only four steps. Rommes said the new driveway would also provide additional parking space and help get some of his family's vehicles off the street. Klug reported that he hadn't heard any objections from neighbors.

Member Fitzpatrick moved to approve allowing the owner of 424 E. South St. to add a second driveway to the property. Member Rykhus seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

b. Consideration of proposed Third Amendment to Electric Service Agreement between MiEnergy Cooperative and City of Caledonia: Member Rykhus moved to approve the proposed Third Amendment to the Electric Service Agreement between MiEnergy Cooperative and the City of Caledonia. Member Klug seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

c. Consideration of request from Caledonia Police Reserves for City to provide free admission to Caledonia Aquatic Center during National Night Out on August 3, 2021: Member Fitzpatrick moved to approve allowing free admission to the Caledonia Aquatic Center during National Night Out on August 3, 2021. Member Rykhus seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

d. Prepaid claims: Council reviewed the prepaid claims for the period June 16, 2021 – July 9, 2021, which totaled \$361,185.78. Member Klug moved to approve the prepaid claims as presented. Member Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

e. Claims payable: Council reviewed the claims payable for July 2021, which totaled \$381,215.86. Member Rykhus moved to approve the claims payable as presented. Member Ninneman seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

f. Overtime Report: Members reviewed the overtime report for the pay period June 14 – June 27, 2021. Mayor Schroeder expressed concern that one of the police officers had been paid 5.5 hours of overtime to help the Spring Grove Police Department provide security at the Spring Grove Music Fest on June 26, 2021. No further action was taken by the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Music in the Park was being held on July 13, July 20, and July 27 at 6-7:30 p.m. in Gazebo Park. Food would be available beforehand at 5:30 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 8:33 p.m.

DeWayne “Tank” Schroeder
Mayor

Adam G. Swann
Clerk/Administrator