

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA  
Monday, January 27, 2014

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

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Bob Burns, Council Members: DeWayne Schroeder, Bob Lemke, Tom Murphy and Randi Vick. City Staff Present: City Clerk/Administrator: Ted Schoonover, Administrative Coordinator Mike Gerardy. Guests present: Caledonia Argus reporter Clay Schuldt and Guy Stewart from Real Estate Acquisition and development.

AGENDA: Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Vick to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Member Lemke, second by Member Murphy to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the regular meeting minutes from January 13, 2014. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Administrative Coordinator:

Mike Gerardy presented the council with a amendment to the County 5/S. Winnebago Street construction agreement. Gerardy stated the percentage levels for what would be covered by state funding, therefore reducing our overall costs. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Murphy to approve the agreement as presented. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gerardy then presented the council with a zoning application for a sign located at 108 E. Grove St. It would be replacing the existing lettering and awning for the State Farm Insurance facility. No variances are needed or required. Motion by Mayor Lemke, second by Mayor Burns. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Guy Stewart from Real Estate Acquisition and Development was present and was representing SBA Towers who is interested in constructing a cellular tower on Woodside Lane for AT&T Communications. He explained that the ideal location would have been to the south of the roadbed, but they could place it directly on the roadbed itself using the 66 foot Right of Way. One half of that is owned by the city and the other is owned by Harley Doering. Mr. Stewart stated he had a verbal confirmation from Mr. Doering to lease his portion to them for the project and was asking for the cities support as well. The Mayor again commented that he would rather have it located at the diseased tree site. Mr. Stewart replied that he approached AT&T with the proposal but they wanted the Woodside Lane location because of ease getting utilities and for the signal input/output reasons. The Mayor then asked about wind shear and the strength of the tower. Mr. Stewart stated that this tower and most free standing towers are designed to shear at the half way point and collapsing on to itself but that would be at winds in excess of 100 m.p.h and one inch of ice coated on the tower. They are very stable and secure. Fencing and other general information was discussed. Motion by Member Schroeder to approve the tower at the proposed location as presented. Motion failed to achieve second and was considered failed.

Gerardy presented the council with a handout for the MRWA Annual Water and Wastewater conference on March 4-6 2014 and would like approval for himself and WWTP operator Craig Nelson to attend. The conference is located in St. Cloud, Mn. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Vick to approve both employees to attend. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gerardy the then presented another conference located in Brooklyn Park for wastewater operators, it is the annual conference and one the previous operator attended yearly. This would be a good learning experience for Craig Nelson and also grant him some additional and needed continuing education hours towards his next license level. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Lemke to approve Craig Nelson's attendance at the 2014 Wastewater Operator conference in Brooklyn Park on March 26-28, 2014. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Schoonover informed the council that the 2014 Annual fire meeting will be held on February 13, 2014 at city hall.

Schoonover presented the council with a listing of all non-bargaining unit members and inquired about pay increases for 2014. It was the consensus of the council to wait at least until the next meeting and determine if the

Police Department Association contract can be completed. Schoonover then requested clarification on the starting pay and step for permanent part-time officer Sheldon Haedtke. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Vick to start Officer Haedtke at Step 2 for the 70 hour per pay period position. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Schoonover presented the council with the employee time records.

The 2014 Collective Bargaining Unit Contract was reviewed, several errors were noticed and the council wanted to wait until they were corrected before finalizing the contract. The Bargaining Unit has approved it. No action taken.

The Mayor, Member Lemke and Administrator Schoonover met with Chief Zehnder and SGT Stemper regarding some scheduling questions. The Chief indicated that they would be adjusting the way times overlap on certain days but some of those overlaps are required in order to provide ample coverage and conduct investigations and bad check processing. He also stated that he can adjust his schedule to eight hour days Monday – Friday but if he did that he wouldn't be able to provide the traffic and patrols in and around the schools in the a.m. and p.m. Chief Zehnder also informed the committee that they were already at 224 ICR's for the year and it's only January. Several other concerns were asked and the Mayor commented that he would schedule another meeting.

At 7:28 p.m. the Mayor closed the regular meeting pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 13D.03 subdivision for labor negotiations. At 8:29 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, A motion to adjourn was made by Member Schroeder, second by Member Lemke. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

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Robert H. Burns

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Ted A. Schoonover  
Clerk-Administrator