

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA  
Monday, October 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 and Paul Fisch. Member Vick arrived at 6:10 p.m. City Staff Present: City Clerk-Administrator Ted Schoonover, Ambulance Director Donn Hager, Caledonia Argus reporter Kelley Stange.

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Fisch to approve the consent agenda which consisted of the regular meeting minutes from October 13, 2014. All present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR:

Donn Hager was present to ask the council to consider hiring two additional EMT's that have or will be qualified in the very near future. He stated that they could use them and he thought he had several others in the future that would be interested. He also informed the council that he would be trying a E-Dispatch system in the near future and if it is suitable he may approach the council to have them consider purchasing the program. The Fire Department has it already and really like it's service. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Vick to hire Jacob Thoebald and George Martin as EMT's. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Schoonover presented the council with two quotes for windows at city hall. Glass Services Inc. submitted a quote for lower level windows at \$11,819.00 and upper level windows at \$26,742.00. La Crosse Glass Inc. submitted a quote for lower level windows at \$13,862.00 and upper level windows at \$38,930.00. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Vick to approve purchasing the lower level windows from the quote of Glass Services Inc. to be purchased in 2014 and the upper level windows from the same in 2015 if the quote included the insulated aluminum panels and matched the required specifications. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Schoonover asked the council to set a public hearing for a Conditional Use permit (CUP) for the A.B.L.E. building project. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Lemke to set the hearing for November 10, 2014 at 6:15 p.m. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Member Lemke, second by Member Vick to approve gambling permits for St. Mary's Church on 2-20-2015 and 3-27-2015. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Schroeder to approve a gambling permit for the Caledonia Wrestling Club on 1-18-2015. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Schoonover informed the council that we have several landlords that have refused to sign the Landlord/City Services Agreement. This causes the city issues as it is virtually impossible to retrieve delinquent utility charges and because the landowner or landlord does not have an agreement legally we can't assess electrical charges. He stated by adding the higher deposits is one method and the one that City Attorney Tim Murphy has recommended we adopt. So moving forward tenants in rented dwellings will now pay between \$500.00-\$750.00 deposits depending on usage history. Schoonover went to say that some other cities ask that residents fill out an application that asks for some private information such as social security numbers and drivers license numbers. This allows the city to submit to the state to garnish their income tax returns or other revenue they have coming. But without that information it is impossible to do that. He stated he would gather some additional information and bring it back at a later date. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Member Fisch to adopt the new Utility Customer Policies and Procedures. Roll call of votes. Yes: Members Schroeder, Fisch, Lemke. No: Mayor Burns and Member Vick. The motion was declared carried.

The EDA has recommended that the City enter into a loan agreement with Amanda and Jeremiah Ninneman for a new business named the "Wired Rooster", in the amount of \$85,000. They are hoping to be operational by Christmas or shortly thereafter. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Vick to approve the above stated loan amount. Roll call of votes. Yes: Mayor Burns, Members Fisch, Lemke, Vick and Schroeder. No: None. The motion was declared carried.

Schoonover asked the council how they wanted to pay for County 5/Winnebago and the Shared Use Pathway projects. He mentioned that we could bond for the entire amount or a portion thereof. Mayor Burns

wanted to also add the Fire Barn roof on as well. Schoonover will get the needed paperwork and get the process started. No action taken.

Schoonover stated that the budget should be ready in draft form by November 10, 2014's meeting. That would give them nearly the entire month to review it and make some adjustments as needed. He also mentioned that we may look at having a Special Meeting on December 2, 2014 if needed to review the budget before it has to be certified and before the TNT hearing. No action taken.

Mayor Burns wanted to discuss Halloween and some residents that feel it should be moved to accommodate those families going to the State Football Playoffs. The Mayor felt that by moving we are punishing those who aren't going and have already made plans and that the game is at 8:00 p.m. so families could still do both. The general consensus of the council was this is not really a city sponsored event and Halloween is always celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup> and felt they shouldn't change it to accommodate the few. No action taken. He also mentioned that he would like to look into moving funds from the Electrical Department to fund Capital projects such as a new cruiser, street equipment etc... by using the taxes in lieu of method.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 10, 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 7:50 p.m.

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Robert Burns

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Clerk/Administrator