

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, December 30, 2013

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 Member Randi Vick arrived at 6:24 p.m. City Staff Present: City Clerk/Administrator: Ted Schoonover, Accountant Stephanie Mann. Guests present: Caledonia Argus reporter Clay Schuldt.

AGENDA: Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Schroeder 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 Schroeder to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the regular meeting minutes from December 9, 2013 Regular. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

CITY ACCOUNTANT:

Accountant Stephanie Mann was present and presented the council with the proposed 2014 budget. Member Murphy wanted to clarify that the City of Caledonia spends a lot of money on law enforcement to ensure our residents are safe and our neighborhoods are patrolled. We are very supportive of our police department and our budget numbers reflect that. Mayor Burns stated that he likes the fact of having an additional permanent part-time officer that knows the community and the community knows them. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Schroeder to approve the budget as amended showing the ending net budget at \$2,078,535.00. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Burns informed the council that he had met with the County Engineer in reference to CHAS 5/Winnebago Street project and he was informed that Mrs. Becker was on board with the sidewalk and the overall project as long as the city entered into an agreement to mow the right of way and snow and ice removal. However when Mayor Burns spoke to Mrs. Becker she was adamantly against the sidewalk, especially on the West side of the street in an agricultural area. She thought it made much more sense to have it located on the side of the street that was easily accessible to the neighborhood. Mayor Burns completed his statement that the plans have been submitted to the state for final approval but we have the option of removing that from the project at a later date and going another direction. He also mentioned that at some point in the future if a sidewalk would be needed it could be assessed to either the developer or homeowners depending on where it was located. No action taken.

Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Member Vick to approve the purchase of two computers from Affordable Technologies in the amount of \$2,389.48 for the Police department secretary and Police Chief. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Employee Time sheets were presented and accepted.

At 7:00 p.m. the Mayor closed the regular meeting pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 13D.05 subdivision 2. At 7:28 p.m. the regular meeting was reconvened. The Mayor and entire City Council wanted to give special thank you to the Caledonia Fire Department and Police Department for their efforts in the structure fire on Christmas morning and their ongoing professionalism and dedication to the residents of the City of Caledonia. They also wanted to thank the City employees for a wonderful job keeping our streets free from snow and ice.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 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 Vick. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Robert H. Burns

Ted A. Schoonover
Clerk-Administrator

