

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA  
Monday June 22, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Joshua Gran, Council Members: DeWayne Schroeder, Bob Lemke, and Robert Burns. Member Paul Fisch was absent. City Staff Present: City Clerk/Administrator: Ted Schoonover, Administrative Coordinator: Mike Gerardy, Caledonia Ambulance Director: Donn Hager. Guests: Greg Skauge, Scott Betz, Jim Scanlan and Caledonia Argus reporter Zach Olson.

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

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Lemke to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the regular meeting minutes from June 8, 2015. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR: Scott Betz was present to ask the council for an extension in bringing his salvage operations up to City Code. He stated that he is making some progress and has hopes of getting all the materials within the fencing and increasing the height of the enclosure and fence to entice a better appearance. He also stated that most of the inoperable vehicles in his driveway have been moved and he plans on the other remaining ones to be removed very shortly. Member Burns asked him how long of an extension he was asking for? Mr. Betz stated that he felt he could get all accomplished in a couple weeks. Member Schroeder stated that he had no problems giving him an extension of 30-45 days but it has to be addressed. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Member Lemke to allow Mr. Betz an additional 45 days to become compliant with City Ordinance 115 Salvage Yards. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gerardy presented the council with a zoning variance request from Douglas Seberg who is requesting an 18' variance along the East property line to build a garage. Gerardy recommended the council approve the variance as it lines up with other garages and structures in that neighborhood. Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Schroeder to approve the variance as presented. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gerardy then presented the council with an additional zoning variance for Jim Scanlan who was requesting a 7' variance along the East property line to construct a porch with a roof along the front of the house. Gerardy stated that it would not obstruct any traffic and fit into the neighboring houses and recommended approval. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Member Lemke to approve the zoning variance as presented. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gerardy and Administrator Schoonover informed the council that the tables in the Auditorium are becoming unusable and some even are not safe to rent out anymore from being dropped or falling out of vehicles. Schoonover stated he would much rather get out of the table rental business and eventually replace the aging tables with more suitable plastic tables for use in the Auditorium only. It was the consensus of the council not to rent out any more tables after the pool party on June 30, 2015. No further action was taken.

Gerardy then presented the council with our equipment usage fee that has not been updated since 2011. He recommended that we increase the rates by \$5.00 on each piece of equipment. Motion by Member Burns, second by Mayor Gran to increase the Equipment Usage Fee on each piece of equipment by \$5.00 as presented. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gerardy presented the council with two quotes for a crosswalk paint sprayer, the low quote was for \$3,450.00 and he mentioned that we budgeted \$4,000.00 so we are under what we estimated and recommends that we purchase it. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Member Lemke to purchase the Greyco Sprayer in the amount of \$3,450.00. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Schoonover presented the council with a letter of resignation from part-time liquor store clerk Scott Langer to be effective June 30, 2015. Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Schroeder to regretfully accept the letter and to thank Mr. Langer for his service to the community. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Ambulance Director Donn Hager was present and asked the council to consider an increase in their call rates. Currently we charge \$635.25 as a base rate and \$100.00 for a non transport call, and \$35.00 for a stand by call. He said we are currently projecting a shortfall in our budget estimation and that an increase would get us closer to the surrounding cities. He recommended that we increase the base rate to \$700.00, \$125.00 for non transport calls and \$60.00 for stand by calls. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Member Lemke to increase the fees as recommended by the director. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Lemke to approve giving the Dolphins a family pool pass and an individual pool pass for their annual pool party give away. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared passed.

Schoonover stated that he had talked to Ron Zeigler from CEDA and stated that if the city wanted to contract for a CEDA employee to come in one day a week it would cost the city \$22,914 annually. Schoonover went on to state that although he has some knowledge of funding sources for businesses, CEDA has a much broader reach and more expertise, and this is playing a large part in trying to entice new businesses into the area. The consensus of the council was to see if CEDA would entertain an as needed type of contract. Schoonover stated he would make that inquiry and bring it back to the council. No further action taken.

Motion by Mayor Gran to rescind the purchase option agreement for 119 S. Kingston St. Motion failed for a lack of a second. Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Lemke to extend the original offer to purchase the property for \$28,000 as originally offered. Roll call of votes: Yes. Members Schroeder, Burns, Lemke. No. Gran. The motion was declared passed.

Motion by Mayor Gran, second by Member Lemke to set a special council meeting to canvass the special election for July 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Schoonover presented the council with three requests from residents to retain a key for the Auditorium for a period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Mayor Gran to approve the request. All members voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Gary Skauge was present and presented the council with a renewal agreement for solid waste and recycling for September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2020. Prices have been increased to reflect increased tipping fees and other increases but are small in nature and the services will not change with this new agreement. Motion by Member Schroeder, second by Mayor Gran to approve the new contract pending the City Attorneys review and approval. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Schroeder to approve payment to Yaggy/Colby and Associates Inc. in the amount of \$9,500.95. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Lemke to hire Maria Schieber as lifeguard at \$8.00 per hour. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mayor Gran, second by Member Burns to hire Bailey McNamer, Matison Scanlan and Randy Spruill as part-time liquor store clerks pending a favorable background check. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Mayor Gran asked what type of advertising we could do to encourage residents to get out and vote on the 14<sup>th</sup> for the pool referendum. Schoonover stated that he would place another add in the Argus, call the haulers and Chamber and get it on their signs. He also feels that another public forum needs to be held to better inform the residents of the project and the potential impact it would have on property taxes. Consensus was to have a public forum meeting on July 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Auditorium.

Employee overtime reports were reviewed with no action taken.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 13, 2015, 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 Burns. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

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Joshua D. Gran  
Mayor

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Ted A. Schoonover  
Clerk-Administrator