

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, June 24, 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, Randi Vick, Bob Lemke and Tom Murphy. City Staff Present: City Clerk/Administrator: Ted Schoonover, Administrative Coordinator Mike Gerardy, Caledonia Ambulance Director Mike Tornstrom, Guests present: Dr. George Frisch, Holly Youngerberg and Caledonia Argus reporter Clay Schuldt.

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 Mayor Burns, second by Member Schroeder to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of the regular meeting minutes from June 10, 2013. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

VISITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR:

A zoning variance was discussed for Holly and Larry Youngerberg at 123 N. Sprague Street. They wish to add a porch on the front of their home and wanted a consensus of the council before applying for a variance. Administrator Gerardy stated that we have approved some of these previously and it is located in the older section of town and only requires notification of adjoining property owners. Member Schroeder stated he has driven by and sees no issues to prevent the addition. Member Murphy wanted to wait and see what the abutting property owners had to say before deciding. Consensus was to have the property owner request a building permit with variance and bring it back for formal consideration.

Dr. George Frisch was present to discuss a waterway issue behind his residence. He asked if a lift station could be installed to mitigate the runoff. Member Schroeder stated the city couldn't build one big enough to handle that much water, and even if we could there would be no place to discharge it to. Mayor Burns stated that we could possibly lay a concrete slab and then some rip rap on the back edge to break up the flow and alleviate the wash outs. The consensus was to look into the concrete and rip rap as a solution. It was also mentioned that this project could be added to the request being prepared for possible mitigation through FEMA. In addition Gerardy informed the council that he would check with NRCS and see if they could help us mitigate the issue.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Mayor closed the regular meeting at 6:45 p.m. for the scheduled public hearing to discuss adopting Ordinance #93 that would allow recreational fires within the city limits. There were no public comments other than the letter received from Fire Chief Chuck Gavin several weeks ago who stood firm against the change to the ordinance as written. Member Murphy was also against and stated that individuals with asthma and other breathing issues have serious concerns about these types of activities. Member Lemke stated he wanted to see verbiage that stating that when a state, county or local burn ban goes into effect that ban takes precedence over the ordinance. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m. Motion by Member Vick to approve and adopt Ordinance #93 as amended, second by Member Lemke. Roll call of votes: Yes: Member Vick, Lemke, Schroeder. No: Mayor Burns and Member Murphy. Motion was declared passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ambulance Director Mike Tornstrom was present to inquire about the re-hiring of Donn Hager as an EMT. He had served in the past and resigned do to scheduling conflicts but now wishes to return to take calls. Motion by Mayor Burns to re-hire Donn Hager because of his countless experience and extensive training, second by member Lemke. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Tornstrom also asked that he be allowed to use part-time Police Officers Jackie Lund and T.J. Heiden as First responders. Consensus was to allow them to respond to all calls but not able to transport when on duty.

Tornstrom also asked the council to consider changing his contract and job description to allow him to be paid for his call time. Currently he takes on average at least 12 hours per week and this is not charged to the city. However his budget is developed with his hours in it, so there should be no increase or change in his budget. Motion by Mayor Burns to allow change and pay him for his call time, second by Member Vick. Roll call of votes. Yes: Mayor Burns, Members Schroeder, Vick, Murphy. No: Lemke. Motion was declared passed.

Motion by Member Vick, second by Member Lemke to approve Resolution 2013-009 Accepting Donations. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Schroeder to approve the 2013 Accident Plan for Volunteers annual renewal. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Vick to approve the following 2013 Ambulance City/Town Subsidy Contracts: City of Eitzen, Union Township, Brownsville Township, Sheldon Township and Winnebago Township. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Member Vick, second by Mayor Burns to approve the 2013 League of Minnesota Cities annual dues at an 3% increase over last year. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

City Clerk/Administrator Schoonover presented the council with a request from Community Education to allow Aqua-Zumba classes at the pool this year. In past years the City has allowed this program and only charged them the time for the lifeguards present. Consensus of the council was to continue as have in the past.

Schoonover presented the council with a request from Bluff and Valley Balloon Rally. They have received a grant but in order to qualify it has to be sponsored either by a City or a 501C(3) organization. Motion by Mayor Burns, second by Member Vick to allow the City to act as the sponsor for them. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

Employee Time sheets were presented and accepted. There will be a special meeting on June 25, 2013 at 7:00 pm. to discuss the pool project. The next regular meeting will be on Monday July 8, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Burns, second by Member Schroeder. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

Robert H. Burns

Ted A. Schoonover
Clerk-Administrator