

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Tuesday, June 25, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Bob Burns, Council Members: Bob Lemke, Tom Murphy and Dewayne Schroeder. Member Randi Vick was absent. City Staff Present: City Clerk/Administrator: Ted Schoonover. Guests present: Caledonia Argus reporter Clay Schuldt, Gerry Klug, Lois Greer, Marge Birkeland, Eunice Slama, Carolyn Medin, Carol Nelson, Terry Lauden, Holly Youngerberg, Sheila Murphy, Tim Murphy, Dianne Hjellming, Joanne Zard, Paul Weichart, Dorothy Ranzenberger, Jon Haggerot.

AGENDA: Motion by Member Burns, second by Member Lemke to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Burns opened the meeting by explaining that we needed to develop a plan to move forward with the pool project. City Clerk/Administrator Schoonover presented a packet of budget materials that showed the current and future monies available. He also mentioned that Members Schroeder, Lemke and himself met with Tom Schaffer from USAquatics about the current design. Following that meeting a new schematic and budget was developed that would include a totally new facility versus a renovated facility. The costs increased but the thought was to have a brand new facility. Mr. Schaffer explained that when the current proposal was developed he was instructed to do as much as he could to save money and that is why the renovated plans were developed. In his mind the best option for the city would be to adopt the totally new facility versus the renovated one. Several attendees were skeptical and upset that we were changing mid-stream. They were also concerned about the donors who have made contributions already and how we would be able to raise an additional \$800,000.00 when we were still short \$600,000.00. Mayor Burns stated that we could attempt a referendum but that could affect donations past and present but didn't see another option at this point. Member Schroeder explained that he is behind the project but believes we need to start over and build a new facility rather than putting a band-aid on an old project. Schaffer explained that the new design is a little smaller as far as water goes but has more decking and fun things such as a 3 meter board and slides. Discussion ensued.

The consensus of the council was to move forward with the new design and develop a plan to initiate a bond referendum for funding all or part of the project. No action was needed as this was previously approved at the June 10, 2013 meeting.

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 Member Burns, seconded by Member Schroeder. All voted in favor and the motion was declared carried to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

Robert H. Burns

Ted A. Schoonover
Clerk-Administrator