

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Thursday, January 11, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Morey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Houston County Commissioners Room, Houston County Courthouse.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Michael J. Morey; Council Members Randi Vick, Gary Klug and Robert Standish. Members absent: Paul Fisch. Consultants and City staff present: Shannon Sweeney and Robert L. Nelson. Visitors present: Caledonia Township Board Members: Kermit McRae, Martin Ranzenberger, Arlyn Pohlman, Doris Klankowski and Holly Klankowski; Mayville Township Board Members: Maynard Welscher, Gene Tessmer, Glenn Meiners and Ed Giblin; Pilaster: Rick Frank, Houston County; Others: Gordon Klankowski, David Tessmer, Curt Wiebke, Don Roble, Ruth Klug, Mary Colsch, Harley Meiners, John Esch, Mike Werner, Ann Thompson, Orv Guth, Charles Wiegrefe and Jane Palen, Reporter.

BUSINESS ITEM: This meeting, having been called to review the proposed amendments to the City of Caledonia Draft Comprehensive Plan submitted by Kermit McRae, Chairman, Caledonia Township, opened with Mr. McRae's inquiry to the City's response to his proposed language for the goals stated on pages 13-17 of the Comprehensive Plan. A decision was made to deal with Mr. McRae's proposed statements individually as presented on his draft dated December 7, 2006. His proposed changes were to goal #1, goal #6, goal #7, goal #8, goal #10, goal #11, goal #13 and an addition of goal #14. Mr. McRae's draft of these goals encouraged the City to communicate in greater detail with adjoining townships concerning boundary line development, protection of township properties whether rural/agricultural or subdivision/residential, preplanning for storm water control into the township areas, requiring more strict controls for public street development and connection to city sanitary sewer mains and water mains for any development within the municipal limits, and encourage support of the townships and county in efforts toward supporting an increase for funding transportation and land use requirements in the township area. Shannon Sweeney, David Drown Associates, professional consultant and author of the Draft Comprehensive Plan, agreed that he would revise the Draft Comprehensive Plan to incorporate certain proposals recommended by Mr. McRae, but refuted others based on the premise that they were more severely burdensome to the City and more favorable to the Township. City Clerk – Administrator Nelson commented that the City may selectively support increase in transportation funds to the extent that it does not diminish the State of Minnesota General Fund to an extent which would reduce Local Government Aid to the City of Caledonia, which does not receive transportation aid. He commented further that the proposed requirements for development within the municipal limits to be connected to City water and sewer services was excessive since a significant portion of the City is utilized as agricultural land. A single home, built on agricultural lands, maybe as much as ¼ mile from the nearest water or sanitary sewer mains. Nelson contented, therefore, that difference standards must be applied within the municipal limits just as different standards would reasonably be applied to township areas, differentiate a farmstead from a subdivision development. When all items had been discussed, Mr. Sweeney said he would revise the Draft Agreement to reflect the discussion this evening and submit it to the City Council. The Council would consider his revised remarks and approve or change them as necessary. Mr. McRae then recommended that, once the Council had agreed upon the revised language, the County and Townships meet to review the final draft.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Morey and seconded by Member Vick. All members present voted in favor, the motion was declared carried and the meeting then adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Michael J. Morey, Mayor

Robert L. Nelson
City Clerk - Administrator