

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Wednesday, October 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, Mayor Gran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Mayor Joshua Gran, Council Members: DeWayne Schroeder, Bob Lemke, Bob Burns and Paul Fisch. City Staff Present: City Clerk/Administrator Ted Schoonover, Guests present: Dan Schwirtz, USAquatics representatives; Tom Schaffer and Carey Olson, Diane Hammell.

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

Mayor Gran opened the meeting by asking USAquatics if they anticipated the bids coming so high compared to the estimates they provided. Tom Schaffer stated that the estimates should have been relooked because they were from 2014 and should have been higher but the primary reason for the high bids was due to a lack in interest from contractors. Another complication was due to the fact that the completion date was very short and that forced many not to even consider bidding the job. Member Schroeder asked about the retaining wall, ramp and electrical overheads when an underground line is present to power the bathhouse. Schaffer stated that they relied on the City Engineer and the pool would be elevated to eliminate possible water damage, therefore a wall and ramp would have been needed, but in looking at the site he felt it could be built without those features. Member Fisch asked what can we do to make this project affordable and still an attractive option. Schaffer stated that if we downsized the project, to include not plumbing the splash pool, removing the 3 meter board and making the bathhouse smaller we can save a lot of money. He couldn't give the council an exact amount but stated he would redraft the documents for a fee of \$5,000 and he would cover the remaining costs. He did state that he needed a commitment from the Council on what they want so he can redraft the project. Schaffer was asked how do we proceed. He stated if we bid the project in January or February with a completion date of May 2017 gives up a huge window and will allow them to seek contractors to get better numbers on the bids. Schaffer said he would send a document to the city outlining what he needs and the city can decide how to proceed. The council thanked Mr. Schaffer for his explanation and assistance. No further action was taken.

The Council then asked Administrator Schoonover if he had any luck finding an interim Clerk-Administrator, Schoonover stated he received a list from the league and sent an email to a firm in Minneapolis but has not heard back from them yet. He did also mention that Steve Schuldt the clerk at Eitzen might be interested and would reach out to him. The council also asked Schoonover if he could prepare the advertisement for employment and get it posted ASAP, Schoonover stated he would have it done in the morning. No further action was taken.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday October 26, 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 7:00 p.m.

Joshua D. Gran
Mayor

Ted A. Schoonover
Clerk-Administrator