

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA  
January 27, 2025

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Leis led the Council, City staff, and visitors in stating the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council members present: Mayor Jeremy Leis, Member Bob Klug, Member Amanda Ninneman, and Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Ben Loging, Training Officer. Visitors present: Charlene Corson Selbee, *Filmore County Journal*, Olivia Schmidt, *Caledonia Argus*, Patty Goetzinger-Krall, Miranda Klug, Pree Amin, Kole Skauge, Alex Betz, Shelly Sheehan, John Rauk, Dianne Schuldt, Laurel Rusert, Polly Heberlein, Jocelyn Brainerd, Caroline Medine, Mike Novak, John Rauk, Brad Rykhus, and Kurt Zehnder.

APPOINTMENT TO VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT: Mayor Leis asked for residents interested in the vacant City Council seat to identify themselves and called them to interview for the seat. The persons interviewed were Kole Skauge, Shelly Sheehan, Mike Novak, John Rauk, Brad Rykhus, Patty Goetzinger-Krall, and Pree Amin. After interviews concluded a motion was made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman, to appoint John Rauk to the City Council. The motion passed unanimously and John Rauk was appointed to the City Council seat with a term ending December 31, 2026.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Ninneman moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2025 regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Fitzpatrick moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Klug seconded the motion. Five members voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed. The consent agenda comprised the following items:

- a. Approve Regular Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Resolution 2025-03 Designating Signatory Authority

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Director Klug updated the City Council on water main breaks and the WWTP construction project.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Military Rock: Polly Heberlein and Laurel Rusert, representing Streetscapes, presented their proposal for a large military themed rock for placement in a City park.

The rock is approximately 5'x11' and will have a military themed decoration. The rock and labor are donated with no expected cost to the City. Streetscapes indicated they would prefer to place the rock at North Park due to visibility and access. City staff recommended Veterans Park for the common theme. The discussion was tabled to February 10<sup>th</sup> to gather information.

- b. Custom Fire Pumper Purchase: : City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the Custom Fire Pumper Contract for purchase. Previously the City Council had approved a purchase contract for the chassis at \$143,600. The contract price for the rest of the truck is \$554,427 with a grand total of \$698,027. Dickson reported that no alternative funding sources were available and that the manufacturer quoted a termination fee of \$43,600. Discussion centered around the need for a capital improvement plan for equipment purchases and the large financial burden placed on taxpayers as well as rural taxpayers for purchases of this type. Motion made by Mayor Leis to terminate the Custom Fire Pumper Purchase, seconded by Member Klug. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- c. Approve Ambulance Billing Service Agreement: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented a proposal from ECP Services for Ambulance Billing Services. Dickson stated that the current provider is not meeting expectations and may end up closing before the end of the year. Dickson stated that there are thousands of dollars in uncollected funds that the current provider will not attempt to recover, and that ECP Services will attempt to recover those funds. ECP Services quoted 6% of recovered funds as their fee. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Ninneman, to approve the Ambulance Billing Services Agreement with ECP.
- d. Approve Parks & Rec Director Job Description: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented a draft job description and advertisement for the new Parks & Recreation Director position. This position combines the pool manager and baseball manager positions with a higher wage. Tabled until a Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting is held.
- e. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods January 6<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> The City Council reviewed the overtime reports and took no action.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:34PM

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Jeremy Leis  
Mayor

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Jake Dickson  
Clerk/Administrator