REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
October 12, 2026

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 John Rauk, Member Amanda Ninneman, and Member Bob Klug. Members absent: Dave Fitzpatrick. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator and Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director. Visitors present: Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, Danielle Burg, and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the September 28th Regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Ninneman, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Leis moved Item 5B "Approve Variance Requests and Land Use Permit at 624 Grant Street" to New Business as Item 9E. Member Ninneman moved to approve the Consent Agenda, motion seconded by Member Rauk. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
b. Approve Conditional Use Permit at 1180 Main St W
c. Approve Interim Use Permit at 425 Badger St N
d. Approve Land Use Permit at 138 Kingston St S

PUBLIC COMMENT: Caledonia resident Tracey Knutson spoke to the City Council about the upcoming Fall Festival in downtown Caledonia. Knutson spoke about the events and attractions and asked if the City emergency departments are willing to display and demonstrate their vehicles, the City Council agreed. Bryan Spier asked about the recently damaged stoplights and City staff discussed the options to repair or replace the lights. Danielle Burg announced her initiative Seniority Citizens of SE Minnesota, and asked about the garbage tote ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on the recent sewer lining project under Highway 44, rain events and sewer condition evaluation, pool painting, N Warrior Avenue, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and street striping.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on ongoing mediation, upcoming ordinance hearings, and general City matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Resolution 2026-14 in Opposition to Gopher to Badger Link Transmission Line Project: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the resolution. Dickson stated that the City Council heard from the NO765MN group and agreed to write a comment

in opposition to the proposed 765KV line in Southern Minnesota. Member Ninneman spoke about the resolution and other ways that community members can get involved. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Klug to approve Resolution 2026-14. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

b. Approve RFP for Auditing Services: City Clerk/Administrator introduced the RFP for auditing services. Dickson stated that the City has not shopped for auditing services since December of 2012 and that it was best practice to evaluate auditing fees every 3-5 years. Dickson stated that the RFP may result in client interviews before the City Council makes their choice. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman, to approve the RFP for Auditing Services. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

c. Approve RFP for Doering Estates Development: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the RFP for the disposition and development of City-Owned residential property. Dickson stated that the RFP is deliberately open ended to attract more potential developers and give the City Council more options and a better chance to see the most suitable development for the property. Dickson stated that the RFP gives the Council the right to negotiate and the right to reject all proposals. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman, to approve the RFP for Doering Estates Development. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

d. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods September 14th through 27th: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

e. Approve Variance Requests and Land Use Permit at 624 Grant St E: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the land use application for 624 Grant St E including a total square footage variance of 178 sq ft to 1,728 sq feet, a garage door height variance of 4 feet to a total of 14 feet, and a variance to allow the total square footage to exceed the primary structure square footage by 124 square feet for a total of 1,728. Mayor Leis expressed that the application is characteristic of the type of structure that many Caledonia residents would like to build but are not allowed without some variance from City Code. The Council expressed a desire to analyze the zoning code as it relates to accessory buildings. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve the variance requests and land use permit at 624 Grant St E. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Mayor Leis, to pursue a moratorium on accessory buildings in residential districts. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:06PM

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Jeremy Leis
Mayor

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Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator