

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
October 13, 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 John Rauk, Member Bob Klug, and Member Amanda Ninneman. Members absent: Member David Fitzpatrick. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator. Visitors present: Amanda Middendorf, Tracey Knutson, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus*, and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2025 regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Ninneman, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Rauk moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Ninneman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. The consent agenda comprised the following item:

- a. Approve Regular Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Petition & Waiver – Mike Rogich sewer replacement, \$9,624.13

PUBLIC COMMENT: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson read a letter from Arlyn Pohlman, American Legion Post Commander requesting lighting and security on the Military Rock display at North Park. Dickson will include this on the next Council agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: None:

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on upcoming meetings with Mayo Clinic, MNDOT, Caledonia Area Public Schools, and the City Engineer. Dickson also updated the City Council on submitted grant applications, the Wastewater Treatment Plant project, ballfield improvements, and other general City matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 2025-9 Dispensing with Review of Land Purchase: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a resolution to dispense with Planning Commission review of the vacant land purchase. Dickson stated that the Planning Commission has an inherent right to review land purchases and sales by government entities, but the City Council may dispense with review if they deem appropriate. Dickson recommended the resolution. Motion made by Mayor Leis, seconded by Member Rauk, to approve Resolution 2025-09 Dispensing with review of Land Purchase. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

- b. Approve Vacant Land Purchase Agreement: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the Vacant Land Purchase Agreement for the 12 acre parcel commonly referred to as Doering Estates Phase II. Dickson stated that the purchase price of \$240,000 was offset by a \$110,000 grant. Dickson recommended a fund transfer from the Light Department to the General Fund in the amount of \$140,000 which includes \$10,000 for survey and closing costs. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Rauk to transfer \$140,000 from the Light Department to the General Fund. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve the Vacant Land Purchase Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- c. Strategic Plan Implementation: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented the 2025 Strategic Plan. Dickson presented the organizational goals for adoption by the City Council. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman, to adopt the 2025 Strategic Plan. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- d. Winter Newsletter: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented the draft Winter newsletter. Dickson stated that the newsletter is a work in progress that will not be complete until the 2026 Levy is finally adopted. The City Council gave feedback and suggestions, including increasing the frequency of the newsletter. Dickson will bring the newsletter back in December.
- e. Approve City Song Selection: Councilmember Rauk suggested the City consider adopting an official song and nominated Caledonia by Dougie MacLean. Mayor Leis, by Mayoral Proclamation, proclaimed “Caledonia” as the official City song.
- f. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods September 15th through 28th: 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, October 27th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:42PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator