REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
October 26, 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, Member Bob Klug, and Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Stephanie Mann, Finance Officer, Mike Tornstrom, Ambulance Director, and Craig Nelson, Water/Wastewater Superintendent. Visitors present: Bryan Spier, 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 October 12th Regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Ninneman, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Fitzpatrick moved to approve the Consent Agenda, motion seconded by Member Ninneman. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
b. Approve Interim Use Permit at 425 Badger St N
c. Approve Liquor Store Clerk Hires, Renee Spinner and Kyel Keys

PUBLIC COMMENT: Caledonia resident Tracey Knutson spoke to the City Council about the Dewitz Building downtown and the need for new board members on the Caledonia Chamber of Commerce.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on upcoming Fall cleanup, alternate side parking, Warrior Ave, water tower cleanings, recent stormwater projects, dog waste stations, biosolid hauling, and general Public Works matters.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on the Snow Emergency discussion, the upcoming election, grant applications and general matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Sanitary Sewer Inspections: Public Works Director Casey Klug and Water/Wastewater Superintendent Craig Nelson spoke to the City Council regarding recent sewer inspections performed by American Environmental. Klug stated that crews performed smoke tests and camera inspections of City sewer mains and found a handful of cross connections where smoke presented from leaks in the sewer system.

Klug stated that recent lining of the sewer main under Highway 44 and the recent reconstruction of a Main street manhole should make a difference in clear water infiltration. The City will follow up with affected homeowners.

b. Ambulance Updates: Ambulance Director Mike Tornstrom spoke to the City Council regarding ambulance operations and proposals for rate and wage increases. Director Tornstrom proposed a 4% increase to wages and ambulance fees. The City Council will consider the proposal later, once labor agreements are closer to settlement.

c. Quarterly Financials: Finance Officer Stephanie Mann updated the City Council on third quarter financials. Mann reported cash and investment totals of $8,895.568.38. Mann reported that most expenditure budgets are close to 75%, as expected. Mann will continue to work on the budget and bring it back before the December 14th final levy adoption.

d. Stoplight Upgrade: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug introduced a proposal for LED upgrades to the stoplights at Main and Kingston. Klug stated that the lights were damaged in October and that staff would make repairs and modifications to the poles to get them back up. Klug presented a quote from Mobotrex for replacement housings and LED bulb upgrades for the stoplights. The quote included a 15 year warranty for a total of $3,568. Motion made by Member Ninneman, seconded by Member Rauk, to approve the quote from Mobotrex. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

e. Change Order #1 for the N Warrior Ave Extension Project: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced Change Order #1 for the N Warrior Ave Extension Project. Dickson stated that Change Order #1 deals with the mill and overlay of Esch Drive to keep it in good condition as it used as a detour for multiple highway projects in the future. The change in scope is the addition of a 1.5" pavement mill and 2.5" of bituminous pavement overlay. The City will pay $10,811.68 in additional project costs and will receive $265,561.43 in additional contributions from MNDOT. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, to approve Change Order #1 for the N Warrior Ave Extension Project.

f. Ordinance 2026-02 Data Center Moratorium: City Clerk/Administrator introduced Ordinance 2026-02, a moratorium on data center developments for up to twelve months. Dickson stated that the current zoning ordinance does not address nor define Data Centers and any potential data center development would overwhelm existing zoning controls. Dickson stated that the City needs time to study Data Centers and prepare adequate regulations, and to decide if Data Centers will fit in City code at all. Dickson stated that the Council can end the moratorium early if they choose, and that the City must produce some kind of report on the study. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Rauk, to approve Ordinance 2026-02 enacting a twelfth month moratorium on Data Center developments. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

g. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods September 28th to October 11th: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:25PM

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Jeremy Leis
Mayor

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Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator