

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
February 23, 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 Dave Fitzpatrick, and Member Amanda Ninneman. Members Absent: Member Bob Klug. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Stephanie Mann, Finance Officer. Visitors present: Andy Allen, Jared Heaney, Dennis Gavin, Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, Bob McCarthy, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus*, Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the February 9th, 2026 regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

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

- a. Approve Regular Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Temporary Liquor License – American Legion
- c. Approve Annual Victim Services Contribution
- d. Approve Subdivision – PID 21.1150.001
- e. Approve Conditional Use Permit – PID 21.1150.001
- f. Approve Mosquito Abatement Contract with Driftless Region Vector Control
- g. Approve Setback Variance – 420 Lincoln St W
- h. Approve 2026 3.2 Liquor License Renewals
 1. Kwik Trip
 2. Caledonia Mart
 3. Quillin's IGA
- i. Approve THC License – 102 Grove St E

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Tracey Knutson inquired about the Caledonia Nursing Home and the Dewitz Building downtown.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: No report.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on recent meetings with MNDOT, the University of Minnesota, and the upcoming City Day on the Hill Wednesday, March 11th

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. PUBLIC HEARING Sale of 615 W Washington: Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously, the public hearing was opened at 6:08PM. Nobody came to speak and nobody submitted written comments. Motion made by member Ninneman, seconded by Member Rauk to close the public hearing and reopen the regular City Council meeting. Motion passed unanimously, the public hearing was closed at 6:09PM.
- b. PUBLIC HEARING Purchase of PIDS 21.0042.00 & 21.0041.000: Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously, the Public Hearing was opened at 6:10PM. Nobody came to speak and nobody submitted written comments. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to close the public hearing and reopen the regular City Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously, the meeting was reopened at 6:11PM.
- c. Consider Resolution 2026-06 in Support of a Local Option Sales Tax: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a resolution in support of a local option sales tax. Dickson said that the request is past due and the City may have a chance to get it approved. Dickson said the resolution was originally written to support the library, but another was prepared to support a Police/Fire/EMS facility if desired. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve Resolution 2026-06 in Support of a Local Option Sales Tax for a Public Safety Center. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- d. Year End Financials and Transfer: Finance Officer Stephanie Mann reported pre-audit year end financials for 2025. Mann reported a year-end bottom line of \$272,253. The variations in budget come from funds not used for a plow truck box and hoist, unused sidewalk funds, unused street maintenance and equipment funds including street aid funds, and \$22,000 in unspent attorney fees. Staff proposed transferring \$250,000 to fund 352 for future street projects, leaving a bottom line of \$77,078. Mann reported the fund balance, after transfer, would reach \$1,318,401 or a reserve of 57%. Motion made by Member Ninneman, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to Transfer \$250,000 from the General Fund to Fund 352. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- e. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods February 2nd through 15th:The City Council reviewed the overtime reports and took no action.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Approve Draft Newsletter: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented a final draft Spring Newsletter. Council members offered corrections. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve the Spring Newsletter with Revisions. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 6:45PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator