

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
February 9, 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 and Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Officer Nathan Pearson. Visitors present: Kristi Robinson, *Star Energy*, Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, Chad Arenesen and Morgan Azbill, *Flaherty & Hood*, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus*, Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the January 26th, 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 Warrior Ave Boring Agreement with Braun Intertec

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on a recent Oak Wilt project in the Sprague Woods

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on general matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Police Reserves Presentation: Officer Nate Pearson of Caledonia PD spoke to the City Council regarding the Caledonia Police Reserves. Officer Pearson said that he is working to improve and expand the Police Reserves. Officer Pearson stated that interest in the Police Reserves is increasing and that if the City Council provided some funding the Reserves could continue their fundraising efforts and their work in the community. The City Council agreed to \$2,500 and directed City Clerk/Administrator Dickson to provide the funding.
- b. Power Cost of Service Study: Kristi Robinson of Star Energy Services presented the executive summary of the Class Cost of Service and Rate Study performed in early 2026. Robinson stated that the City of Caledonia has been absorbing rate increases

from the wholesale supplier since 2019 and that an increase in revenue of \$310,000 was necessary to meet the target return for the Electric Department. Robinson presented 3 options for rate increases that adjusted base service charges, energy charges, or both. Motion made by Member Ninneman, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to Approve Option 2.A Residential Rates and Recommended Commercial Rate increases effective April 1st. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. The Rate Proposals are attached to these Minutes.

- c. Verizon Agreement Amendment: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug presented an amendment to an antenna agreement with Verizon. If approved, Verizon will remove 2 antennas and install 3 for a net increase of 1 antenna. Member Klug asked who is responsible for potential damage, Director Klug stated that the contractors are responsible for any effect on the tower. Motion made by Member Ninneman, seconded by Member Rauk to approve the Verizon Agreement Amendment. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- d. Detour Agreement for Roundabout: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug introduced a Detour Agreement between the City of Caledonia and MNDOT for the proposed N. Warrior Ave extension. The proposed agreement would provide \$400,000 for the construction of N. Warrior Ave and an additional \$1,901.98 in maintenance funds in 2028. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to approve the Detour Agreement. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- e. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods January 5th through 18th: The City Council reviewed the overtime reports and took no action.
- f. CLOSED SESSION: The City Council entered closed session pursuant to §13D.05 to discuss reasonably anticipated litigation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Approve Part Time Police Officer Hire: Motion made by Mayor Leis, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to approve the hire of Gretchen Braun contingent on POST Board license and Personnel Committee Review. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:30PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator