

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
March 10th, 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 Amanda Ninneman, Member John Rauk, Member David Fitzpatrick, and Member Bob Klug. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, and Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director. Visitors present: Tracey Knutson, Katherine Lamb, Charlene Corson Selbee, *Filmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the February 24th, 2025 regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Ninneman, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Tracey Knutson suggested regarding street closures and events planned for Founder's Day. Mayor Leis referred Tracey Knutson to the Founder's Day Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Ninneman seconded the motion. Four members voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed. The consent agenda comprised the following item:

- a. Approve Regular Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve 2025 Soft Drink License Renewals
- c. Approve Contract for Professional Services with David Carlson

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Director Klug updated the City Council on water main breaks, the Wastewater Treatment Plant construction project, upcoming, and general public works matters.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on upcoming trainings, an upcoming meeting with Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, and new hire David Carlson.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. City Day on the Hill Recap: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson provided a report on City Day on the Hill, March 5th in St Paul. Dickson reported on relevant, upcoming legislation including cannabis, funding, housing, taxes, and especially upcoming zoning legislation that may affect the City's authority to appropriately zone single and multi-family housing. Dickson will continue to monitor legislative activity.

- b. Insurance Trust Renewal: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a request to not waive municipal tort limits and approve the 2025-26 Property & Liability Insurance through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. Dickson stated that part of the annual insurance renewal is to waive or not waive statutory municipal tort limits. The tort limits cap the amount of money that can be recovered by an individual claimant and that the municipal tort limit is a statutory protection that is not usually waived. Motion made by Member Klug to Not Waive the Municipal Tort Limits and Maintain the \$2,500 Deductible, seconded by Member Ninneman. Motion passed 4-0, motion carried.
- c. Overtime Reports: Pay Period February 17th through March 2nd: The City Council reviewed the overtime reports and took no action.
- d. Approve Soil Conditioner Purchase: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug presented a quote for a Soil Conditioner, also known as a Harley rake, which is used to level and smooth soil after work is done. Klug presented two quotes, \$10,748 from Bobcat of the Coulee Region and \$7,400 from Caledonia Implement. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman, to Approve the Purchase of a Soil Conditioner from Caledonia Implement for \$7,400. Motion passed 4-0 with Member Klug abstaining. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 6:33PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator