

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL  
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA  
March 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, Member Amanda Ninneman, and Member Bob Klug. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, and Police Chief Kurt Zehnder. Visitors Present: Tracey Knutson, Bryan Spier, Kim Nielson, *Caledonia Argus*, Charlene Corson Selbee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug 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 Audit Engagement Letter with CohnReznick
- c. Approve Park & Memorial Benches
- d. Approve Lift Station Pump Maintenance Agreement

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on upcoming Safety Training, street sweeping and work performed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on recent meetings, \$200,000 received from the Local Program Partnership, an expected grant award from MNDOT for Warrior Ave, and the upcoming City Day on the Hill.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 2025 Police Department Report: Police Chief Kurt Zehnder presented his 2025 Caledonia Police Department report. The Caledonia Police Department employs 5 full time police officers, Chief Zehnder, an administrative assistant and two part time officers. Chief Zehnder reported 2,011 total calls for service in 2025 including community service calls, vehicle unlocks, and 265 traffic stops and 119 medical calls. Chief Zehnder commented on some of the more prominent and challenging calls for service.

- b. Approve Ag Society Dairy Barn: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug introduced a land use application from the Houston County Fair Agriculture Society for a new Dairy Barn the fairgrounds. Klug stated that statute allows County Fairs to add structures as they see fit independently from local zoning control. Klug stated that the request is to waive the water and sewer access charges as the barn uses very little water, only 4 days a year, and that liquid waste will be stored in a holding tank for the duration of the fair. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Rauk, to waive the water and sewer access charges for the Ag Society Dairy Barn. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- c. Consider Winnebago Reconstruction Sidewalk: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug introduced the 2027 Winnebago Street Reconstruction project and asked for Council input on sidewalks. At an earlier workshop the City Council discussed doing away with assessments and funding projects with cash. Klug stated that sidewalk on both sides of Winnebago is preferable for safety and transit reasons, the City Council was in agreement for sidewalk on both sides.
- d. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods February 16<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>: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, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 6:34PM

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Jeremy Leis  
Mayor

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Jake Dickson  
Clerk/Administrator