

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA

April 13, 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, Mike Tornstrom, Ambulance Director, Police Chief Kurt Zehnder, Officer Gretchen Braun, Fire Chief Jeff Winjum, 1st Assistant Chief Alex Betz, 2nd Assistant Chief Ben Logging, Captain Benny Stutzman, and Logan Thiele. Visitors present: Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, Suzanne Roesler, Danielle Burg, Dane & Kathryn Lamb, and Braun family.

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

PRESENTATION: Mayor Leis led Officer Gretchen Braun in saying the Peace Officer's Oath. Officer Braun's mother presented her pin.

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

- a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Temporary Liquor License for Founders Day
- c. Approve Emergency Medical Responder Hires
- d. Approve East Grant Lift Station Upgrade Quote
- e. Approve Air Conditioner Quote for City Hall

PUBLIC COMMENT: Caledonia resident Danielle Burg spoke to the City Council regarding negative comments online, economic development efforts, and code enforcement matters.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on recent projects including improvements at City baseball fields, a culvert replacement, and water utility valve box repairs.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on a recent meeting with US Representative Brad Finstad, and shared that the City received another \$1,500,000 for the construction of Warrior Ave.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approve Aquatic Center Positions and Wages: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced proposed hires and wages for the 2026 Aquatic

Center Season. Dickson stated that the Council has raised wages by \$1 at this time consistently, and there was consensus to do the same. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Rauk, to approve the 2026 Aquatic Center positions and wages. Motion passed 4-0, Member Fitzpatrick abstained. Positions and wages approved as follows:

Position	Name	Wage
Pool Manager	Patty Goetzing	\$23
Assistant Manager	Kellyn Cognac	\$16.25
Assistant Manager	Caden Hauser	\$16.50
Lifeguard	Oliver Bulman	\$14
Lifeguard	Anna Schock	\$13.75
Lifeguard	Emily Fitzpatrick	\$13.75
Lifeguard	Jacob Klug	\$15.25
Lifeguard	Jaycie Westland	\$13.75
Lifeguard	Chase Hauser	\$14

- b. Approve Updated Water Safety Instructor Policy: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a proposal to update the Water Safety Instructor Reimbursement policy for the Aquatic Center. Dickson said that the current policy does not require lifeguards to teach water safety courses, and that the new policy would. Motion made by Member Ninneman, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to approve the Updated Water Safety Instructor Policy. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- c. Fire Department Training Site Proposal: 1st Assistant Fire Chief Alex Betz introduced a proposal to add a Fire Department training site at the City Brush Dump, constructed with 40 foot shipping containers installed on a concrete slab. Betz stated that the price of the facility would be covered by a \$20,000 donation made by Miken Sports in 2025. Staff will review the proposal and discuss it with the Fire Department Committee at a later date.
- d. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods March 16th through 28th: The City Council reviewed the overtime reports and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 6:38PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator