

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

June 22, 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 Bob Klug, Member Dave Fitzpatrick, and Member Amanda Ninneman. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator. Visitors present: Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, Aleigha Burg, *SEH INC.*, Hope Turner, *Danielson Insurance Agency*, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus* and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the June 8th, 2026, regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug moved to approve the Consent Agenda, motion seconded by Member Ninneman. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Setback Variance at 607 N Hokah Street
- c. Approve Church of St Mary's Field Use Agreement

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on upcoming road projects and recent meetings with MNDOT.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on the recently submitted Assistance to Firefighter Grant, lifeguards and pool activities, Music in the Park, and recent data center meetings

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Liquor Liability Requirements: Hope Turner from Danielson Insurance Agency spoke to the City Council about liquor liability requirements. Turner stated that agencies are only allowed to write liquor liability coverage up to the levels required by ordinance and that the City's ordinance does not specify a maximum coverage limit. Turner asked the City Council to consider an ordinance with a higher limit. City

Clerk/Administrator Dickson will schedule a hearing for an updated ordinance on July 13, 2026.

- b. Warrior Avenue Extension Construction Oversight Agreement and Advertisement for Bids: City Engineer Aleigha Burg introduced the construction oversight agreement and advertisement for bids for the upcoming Warrior Avenue extension project. The oversight agreement provides required construction management and inspection services from SEH Inc for \$160,000 which is an expected and budgeted project cost. The services are required because the project is receiving significant state funding. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Rauk, to approve the Construction Oversight Agreement with SEH Inc. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. Burg then introduced the advertisement for bids for the Warrior Avenue Extension project. Once approved the engineer will advertise the project on QUEST CDN until July 27th at 10:00AM. Burg gave an overview of the Warrior Ave Extension project which includes approximately 900 feet of new roadway, a multi-use trail, and the turn lane on Highway 76. Motion made by Member Ninneman, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, to approve the plans and specifications and order advertisement of the Warrior Ave Extension Project. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- c. Liquor Store Wages and Clerk Hire: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a proposal to increase part-time liquor store wages. Dickson stated that the current wage is \$14.73 and is not attracting many candidates, and that many businesses in town pay above \$15 per hour. Dickson stated that the liquor fund could likely handle up to a \$2 per hour raise. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman to increase the liquor store starting wage to \$16 per hour. Dickson also recommended the hire of Pamela Haas as liquor store clerk. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Ninneman, to approve the hire of Pamela Haas as liquor store clerk. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- d. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods May 25th through June 7th: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, July 13th 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