

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

June 8, 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, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus* and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the May 26th 2026, regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed 4-0 with Member Ninneman abstaining.

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 Gambling License – Houston County Fair
- c. Approve Liquor Store Clerk Hire

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: None.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on public works activities, the 2026 pool season, and a recent community visit for the Empowering Small Minnesota Communities grant program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Downtown Parking Striping: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented engineering quotes for downtown striping layout at a cost of around \$20,000. Dickson stated that this is the cost to fully lay out downtown parking, if the Council decided to contract for the service. The Council consensus was to complete the striping in house.
- b. 2026 Legislative Update: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson presented the 2026 legislative update. Dickson stated that none of the City's requests were signed into

- law, including the local sales tax or library bond issue. Dickson stated that little was passed into law that directly affects the City of Caledonia, that no zoning laws were passed and there was a measure to increase disability benefits to Police and Fire. Dickson also noted some law changes that affect Minnesotans generally, including property tax and license tab fee relief.
- c. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods May 11th through 24th: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.
 - d. Utility Trailer Purchase: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a proposal for a utility trailer for the water and wastewater departments. Dickson explained that Public Works owns just one trailer under the Light Department and it is reserved for moving Light Department equipment. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve the Utility Trailer Purchase. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
 - e. CLOSED SESSION Attorney-Client Privilege: Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to close the public meeting and enter into a closed session at 6:31PM. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman to reopen the Public Meeting at 6:49PM. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to approve a Tolling Agreement between the City of Caledonia and Wapasha Construction Company effective May 16th, 2026. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
 - f. CLOSED SESSION Administrator Review: Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Rauk, to close the public meeting and enter into a closed session at 6:51PM. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. The City Council held a closed session for the annual performance review of the City Clerk/Administrator. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to reopen the public meeting at 8:10PM. The City Council gave the City Clerk/Administrator a favorable review. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Rauk to approve a 7.5% salary increase for the City Clerk/Administrator effective June 6th. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 8:20PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator