

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

July 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 Bob Klug, and Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Members Absent: 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 June 22nd, 2026, regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed 4-0. Motion carried.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Temporary Liquor License – Houston County Fair
- c. Approve Election Judge Hires – Resolution 2026-09
- d. Approve Street Closures – Helping Hands Backpack Giveaway
- e. Approve City Hall Server Warrant
- f. Approve EMT Hire – Shelby Gulseth

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Tracey Knutson updated the City Council on two new businesses opening at the corner of Main and Kingston, as well as her work to get the Post Office property addressed.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on recent sidewalk expansion projects, a fire hydrant repair, park vandalism, nuisance abatement work, and other general public works projects.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on the swimming pool, recent and pending grant applications, the July 2-4 rain event, City Council candidate filing, the upcoming Warrior Ave Extension bid opening, and general matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. PUBLIC HEARING Liquor Liability Insurance Ordinance: Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to close the regular meeting and open the

- public hearing at 6:24PM. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the proposed ordinance to set a \$1,000,000 liquor liability limit for liquor licenses granted in Caledonia. The ordinance was requested by a local insurance agency as the current limit was too low for effective coverage. Nobody came to speak or submitted written comments on the ordinance. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Klug to close the Public Hearing and reopen the regular meeting at 6:32PM. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to approve Ordinance 2026-01 regulating liquor liability insurance. Motion passed 4-0, motion carried.
- b. Utility Rate Evaluation: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a proposal for a Utility Rate Evaluation from the City Engineer, SEH Inc. The proposal includes a water and sewer utility rate review for a lump sum fee of \$28,100. Dickson recommended that the City Council also approve Optional Task 3, a regional rate comparison for an additional \$2,300. Dickson expected completion by November 30, 2026. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Rauk, to approve the Utility Rate Evaluation proposal from SEH Inc not to exceed \$30,400. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
 - c. Warrior Ave Street Lighting Plan: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug introduced a proposal from Electric Department Supervisor Matt Blocker for street lighting along N Warrior Ave. Blocker recommended 5 new light poles along the Warrior Ave extension for a total of \$50,018.24. A second proposal involves replacing 7 light poles on the existing N Warrior Ave for an additional cost of \$44,470.05. Klug recommended full replacement as the poles are old and worn with some showing damage from wear and tear. The total project cost is estimated at \$94,488.29. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Rauk, to approve the replacement of 7 poles on Warrior Ave and the installation of 5 poles on the N Warrior Ave Extension project. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
 - d. Water Tower Cleaning: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug spoke to the City Council regarding water tower cleaning. The City has a pending application for Congressionally Directed Spending to rehab and recoat the City water towers. Klug stated that it would be wise to clean the tank and exterior of the towers in the meantime. A recent, unsolicited, quote for cleaning came in at approximately \$15,000 per tower. The City Council agreed to soliciting quotes for water tower cleaning.
 - e. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods June 8th through 21st and June 22nd through July 5th: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 6:58PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator