

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

July 27, 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.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Leis read a proclamation honoring the life and public service of Robert H. Burns. Mayor Leis proclaimed that July 23rd is Bob Burns Day in Caledonia.

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 Amanda Ninneman. Members Absent: Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator. Visitors present: Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the July 13th, 2026, regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Klug, motion passed 3-0-1 with Member Ninneman abstaining. Motion carried.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
- b. Annual Step Increases – Public Works/Zoning Director and Police Chief
- c. 2026-27 Crossing Guard Agreement with ISD299

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on recent paving work, the upcoming utility rate study, upcoming street projects, and general public works matters.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on general matters and upcoming meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Water Tower Cleaning: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug presented quotes for water tower cleaning from Maguire Iron and KLM Engineering. Klug stated that both quotes are for the same scope of work and involve draining the towers, cleaning the exteriors and sanitizing the tanks. Klug recommended the low bid from KLM Engineering for \$21,750. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Rauk to approve the quote from KLM Engineering. Motion passed 4-0, motion carried.

- b. Second Quarter Financials: Finance Officer Stephanie Mann reported City financials as of June 30, 2026. Mann reported cash and investment totals of \$8,467,145.07. Mann reported the general fund expended 51.% of the annual budget as of June 30 and is running very close to budget.
- c. Fee Schedule Amendment – Category C Wastewater: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a proposal to set a rate for Category C Wastewater, also known as septage, holding tank wastewater, or industrial waste. Dickson stated that the City currently charges \$25 per load in administrative charges but that no use rate was set for Category C. Dickson stated that the City is also paying significant fees to haul out sludge, that the new WWTP produces more sludge than the plant it replaced, and that biosolids in Category C waste are thickened by the treatment process. Dickson proposed a new rate of \$253/1,0000 gallons which is meant to capture \$222/1,000 gallons to break even on the cost to haul out sludge, and \$33/\$1,000 in charges to treat the additional wastewater. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve the Category C Wastewater Use Rate of \$253/1,000 gallons.
- d. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods July 6th though 19th: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 6:49PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator