

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

August 10, 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.

PRESENTATION: Charlie Wray and John Pugleasa from NO765MN presented to the City Council regarding the planned Maribell 765Kv line proposed for Southern Minnesota. The group urged the City Council to consider submitting a comment on the proposed line. The City Council will form a committee of Amanda Ninneman and John Rauk to address the issue.

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, and Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator. Visitors present: Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, Charlie Wray and John Pugleasa, *NO765MN*, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus*, and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026, regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Klug, motion passed 5-0. Motion carried.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

- a. Approve Payments and Disbursements

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Tracey Knutson spoke to the City Council regarding a thrift store that will no longer open, and the Caledonia Post Office.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on upcoming paving and pavement patching, storm sewer repair, possible sewer lining, and general Public Works matters.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on the upcoming Primary Election, recent grants, candidate filings, upcoming budget meetings, union negotiations, and general matters.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Cooperative Construction Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation (Local Partnership Program): City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced the Cooperative Construction Agreement with MNDOT for the Local Partnership

Program. The agreement provides \$200,000 to the City of Caledonia for the construction of the right turn lane access from Highway 76 onto Warrior Avenue as part of the N Warrior Avenue Extension Project. Dickson stated that this is one of 3 agreements that need to be approved in order to commence work on the N Warrior Ave Extension project. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Klug, to approve the Cooperative Construction Agreement with Minnesota Department of Transportation. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

- b. Resolution 2026-11 – A Resolution Accepting Bids and Awarding a Contract for the North Warrior Avenue Extension Project: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced Resolution 2026-11 accepting bids and awarding a contract for the N Warrior Avenue Extension Project. Dickson stated that the bid was advertised and carried out according to the law and that Griffin Construction Company out of Chatfield, MN was the low bidder at \$1,024,205.72 including the Water Main Loop alternate. Dickson stated the second closest bidder was \$7,000 over Griffin. The expected start date is September 1. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, to approve Resolution 2026-11 pending approval and execution of Agreement No. 1063607 (The Local Road Improvement Program Agreement). Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- c. Accept Radar Speed Feedback Sign Grant from Minnesota Department of Transportation – Resolution 2026-12: Public Works/Zoning Director introduced Resolution 2026-12 to accept a Radar Speed Feedback sign grant. The radar speed feedback sign would belong to the City of Caledonia, who agrees to maintain the sign. The City would not be responsible for replacement if the sign is destroyed. The sign will likely be placed on Highway 76 near N Warrior Avenue. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Rauk, to Approve Resolution 2026-12. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- d. CLOSED SESSION: Closed meeting based on attorney-client privilege to discuss pending or threatened litigation with Wapasha Construction Company concerning the construction of the City’s Wastewater Treatment Facility: The City Council held a closed session to discuss pending or threatened litigation. The discussion is protected by attorney-client privilege. No action was taken.
- e. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods July 20<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:22PM

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Jeremy Leis  
Mayor

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Jake Dickson  
Clerk/Administrator