

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

August 24, 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 Amanda Ninneman, and Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Craig Nelson, Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Chad Arnesen, City Attorney. Visitors present: Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, Chase Munson, *A1 Precision Pumping*, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus*, and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the August 10th Regular City Council meeting and August 17th Special City Council Meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed 4-0-1 with Member Ninneman abstaining..

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

- a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Street Closures- Mainspring Arty Block Party

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident Bryan Spier spoke to the City Council to commend the Houston County Fair for their work to put on an excellent 2026 fair. Mayor Leis spoke to recognize the emergency and first responders who covered events.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on water tower cleaning, invasive and noxious weed removal, the Warrior Ave Extension project, the swimming pool, and the recently delivered plow truck.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on two recently received grants, the Houston County Fair, the 2027 budget process, the Houston County DMV, and the upcoming pool event with the La Crescent Animal Rescue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Category C Wastewater Charges: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on recent changes to the Category C Wastewater rates. Dickson reported that the recent rate change was not in line with comparable rates and industry standards. Dickson stated that he will work on an agreement with A1 Precision Pumping to

ensure future service, and that the rate will be addressed in the upcoming Utility Rate Study from the City engineer.

- b. Pool Filter Sand: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug introduced the Pool Filter Sand purchase to the City Council. Klug reported that the filter sand had failed and needed to be replaced ahead of the 2027 pool season. Klug reported that the facility needed 128 bags of filter sand and 60 of gravel for a cost of \$3,374.12. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Rauk to approve the purchase of the pool filter sand and gravel. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- c. 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.
- d. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods August 3rd through 16th: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 6:40PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator