

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
August 25, 2025

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 David Fitzpatrick, Member Bob Klug, and Member Amanda Ninneman. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator, Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Stephanie Mann, Finance Officer, and Mike Tornstrom, Ambulance Director, Stephanie Eggert, Librarian. Visitors present: Kristen Klug, Joannie Schmidt, Sue Felten, Bryan and Tracey Spier, Mike and Julie Gerardy, Sharon and Chuck Schulte, and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

PRESENTATION: Resident Chuck Schulte presented a proposal for a new Library built downtown Caledonia. Chuck and Sharon Schulte propose donating \$1,500,000 toward the construction of the library which they expect to cost approximately \$3,000,000. Mr. Schulte stated that they only want to be involved in a fully funded project and that they will expect contributions from others as well as a commitment from the City to provide necessary infrastructure and administrative support for the project. There was a motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Klug to Approve Financial Commitments to the New Library, Contingent Upon Full Funding. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2025 regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Member Klug moved to approve the consent agenda. Member Rauk seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried. The consent agenda comprised the following item:

- a. Approve Regular Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Fence Permit at 121 Main Street W
- c. Approve Fire Department Donations

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on pavement patching, utility repairs, work in the parks, and general Public Works matters.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on pending ordinance updates, grant applications, and upcoming meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ambulance Department Update: Ambulance Director Mike Tornstrom presented an update on Ambulance Department operations. Tornstrom relayed a request from the Ambulance Association for the return of a \$10,000 donation it made toward the purchase of a lot for a future ambulance station. The request comes after the City's plans for a Public Safety Building have changed. Motion made by Mayor Leis, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to return the \$10,000 donation to the Ambulance Association. Additionally, Director Tornstrom requested an increase in the annual Per Capita assessment from \$16 to \$24. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- b. Capital Budget Session: The City Council reviewed the proposed budget and capital purchase requests and will continue on September 8th.
- c. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods August 4th through 17th: The City Council reviewed the overtime reports and took no action.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:49PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator