

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

September 14, 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, Stephanie Mann, Finance Officer, and Police Chief Kurt Zehnder Visitors present: Pete Gengler, Jack Gengler, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus*, and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the August 24th Regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

- a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Land Use Permit at 527 Enterprise Drive
- c. Approve Solution Builders Annual Agreement
- d. Approve Hauled Wastewater Permit Application

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on the North Warrior Ave Extension Project, the end of the pool season, parking stripes, and zoning matters.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on the 2027 budget process, recent grant applications, and the pending Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Warrior Ave Design Agreement Amendment: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced an amendment to the N Warrior Ave Design agreement to include additional plan sheets and hydraulic engineering related to the watermain loop at N Warrior Ave. The amendment increases the design contract by \$9,550 a total of \$144,250. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve the Supplemental Letter Agreement Amendment with SEH INC. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

- b. MN44/76 Sewer Lining Quote: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug presented a quote for lining 253 feet of sewer main that crosses the highway and serves business on the West side of MN44. Klug presented a quote from Subsurface Inc. for \$45,420. If approved, the contractor will line the sewer to improve collection and to prevent infiltration of surface water. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve the sewer lining quote from Subsurface, Inc. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- c. Pool Sandblasting Quote: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug presented a quote for sandblasting the Caledonia Aquatic Center. Russ Loomis quoted \$5,000 for sandblasting and sand removal. Motion made by Member Ninneman, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, to approve the quote from Russ Loomis. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.
- d. Part Time Hire for Public Works: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson introduced a proposal for a part time hire for the Streets Department to cover an approximately 6 week leave. Dickson recommended Mark Betz for hire, Betz is a retired Streets Maintenance Technician with ample experience and no need for training. Dickson recommended a hiring wage of \$25/hour, not to exceed 28 hours per week. Motion made by Member Klug, seconded by Member Fitzpatrick to approve the temporary hire of Mark Betz. Motion approved unanimously, motion carried.
- e. Holty Farm Rent: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug presented to the City Council regarding Farm Rent on the N Warrior Ave Extension Project. Klug stated that the City removed crops for N Warrior construction as well as the storm pond and culvert for the future Doering Estates Phase 2 totaling \$1,425 in lost crops. Klug stated that the farmer agreed with the price. Motion made by Member Rauk, seconded by Member Ninneman to approve the \$1,425 payment for lost crops to Dennis Holty. Motion approved unanimously, motion carried.
- f. 2027 Budget and Levy: Finance Officer Stephanie Mann presented the draft 2027 budget and levy. Mann stated the budget is written with a 12% increase for a total levy of \$187,878, Mann stated that the preliminary levy must be set by September 30th and once the preliminary set it can be reduced, but it cannot be increased. The general consensus of the City Council was to work to reduce the levy, Mann will bring an updated budget on September 28th.
- g. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods August 17th through September 2nd: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Council, Mayor Leis adjourned the City Council Meeting at 7:07PM

Jeremy Leis
Mayor

Jake Dickson
Clerk/Administrator