

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

September 28, 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 Amanda Ninneman, and Member Dave Fitzpatrick. Members absent: Bob Klug. Staff present: Jake Dickson, City Clerk/Administrator Casey Klug, Public Works/Zoning Director, Stephanie Mann, Finance Officer. Visitors present: Bryan Spier, Tracey Knutson, Casey & Thomas Dereszynski, Kim Nielsen, *Caledonia Argus*, and Charlene Corson Selbee, *Fillmore County Journal*.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Member Rauk moved to approve the minutes from the September 14th Regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Member Fitzpatrick, motion passed unanimously, 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 item:

- a. Approve Payments and Disbursements
- b. Approve Payment Application #1 in the Amount of \$37,975.82 for Work Performed on the N Warrior Ave Extension Project
- c. Approve Automobile Surplus Designation

PUBLIC COMMENT: Caledonia resident Casey Dereszynski spoke to the City Council regarding recent flooding and sewer backups. Dereszynski asked that the City Council investigate the issue and look for resolution. The City Council agreed to investigate the matter with televising and smoke testing.

PUBLIC WORKS/ZONING DIRECTOR: Public Works/Zoning Director Casey Klug updated the City Council on the North Warrior Ave Extension Project, upcoming pool painting, water tower cleaning, upcoming antenna work, and general Public Works matters.

CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR: City Clerk/Administrator Dickson updated the City Council on the outstanding grant applications, upcoming public hearings and work on Doering Estates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution 2026-13 Adopting Preliminary Levy for Taxes Payable in 2027: Finance Officer Stephanie Mann presented the preliminary 2027 budget and levy. Mann stated the budget was revised down to a 9.98% increase, or an increase of \$156,251. Mann stated that capital budgets were reduced in Public Works and the Police Department to bring the levy down from 12%, among other smaller revisions. The preliminary

levy must be set by September 30th before a Final Levy is adopted on December 14th. Mann reminded the City Council that they can still revise the budget down, but they cannot increase it. Motion made by Member Fitzpatrick, seconded by Member Rauk, to approve Resolution 2026-13 Adopting Preliminary Levy for Taxes Payable in 2027. Motion passed unanimously, motion carried.

- b. Overtime Reports: Pay Periods August 31st through September 13th: The City Council reviewed the reports and took no action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next regular Council meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 12th 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