CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 2021-09

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST FOR NEW AMBULANCE STATION AND RECOMMENDING INCLUSION OF NEW AMBULANCE STATION IN GOVERNOR’S CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Caledonia is a political subdivision, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 16A.86, subd. 3a(6), the City’s governing body shall pass a resolution in support of its request for an appropriation in the 2022 Capital Budget; and

WHEREAS, the City’s ambulance service needs a new ambulance station in order to recruit, train, and retain staff, protect confidential health information, store equipment and materials, and ensure high-quality emergency services are available to the 5,236 citizens in the service area, which encompasses two cities and nine townships in southeastern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the ambulance service currently shares a building with the Caledonia Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the ambulance service has no space for housing on-call staff; and

WHEREAS, the ambulance service’s current training room is undersized and is also used by the Police Department as a kitchen, break room, and hallway; and

WHEREAS, the City’s ambulance service is a state-licensed EMS training program; and

WHEREAS, the ambulance service needs space for a third garage; and

WHEREAS, the City’s ambulance service was upgraded to a part-time advanced life support service on February 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the City purchased a piece of property for the future ambulance station on March 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City is preparing to issue a request for proposals for architectural and construction management services for a new ambulance station; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to start construction on the new ambulance station in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the cost of constructing the new ambulance station is estimated to be $700,000 to $850,000—not including the cost of purchasing the property for the ambulance station and the cost of architectural design and construction management services for the new ambulance station; and
WHEREAS, the Caledonia ambulance service does not have sufficient funds to cover the cost of the new ambulance station; and

WHEREAS, the new ambulance station is a critical project that will address life and safety issues, pursuant to Governor Tim Walz’s priorities for allocating state resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Caledonia, that the City Council supports the Capital Budget request for a new ambulance station and recommends to Governor Tim Walz that this request be included in his 2022 Capital Budget.

ADOPTED by the Caledonia City Council this 14th day of June, 2021.

DeWayne “Tank” Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam G. Swann, Clerk/Administrator
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HOUSTON
CITY OF CALEDONIA

I, Adam Swann, city clerk and administrator of the City of Caledonia, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of the resolution that was adopted at a meeting held on the 14th day of June, 2021, the original of which is on file in this office. I further certify that 3 members voted in favor of this resolution and that 3 members were present and voting.

Signed

Date June 15, 2021