

**CITY OF CALMAR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
December 5, 2005
7:00 P.M.
Calmar Depot**

Prior to the meeting, Al & Lu Anne Becker of Fort Atkinson presented a 2X3 and a 3X5 Sesquicentennial Winneshiek County flag to the City for display in city facilities. Also discussed were complaints from area residents regarding the cleaning of sidewalks after a snowfall. Letters will be sent to residents that are not in compliance with the city ordinance. The Oath of Office was administered to mayor-elect George Willis and re-elected council members Patrick and Zweibahmer. John Patrick, mayor pro-tem presented outgoing Mayor Joe McCasland with a certificate of appreciation for his 10 years of service as a councilman and 4 years as Mayor of the Calmar.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt.

Motion by Kleve, second by Patrick to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Vondersitt, second by Shindelar to approve the meeting minutes from November 7th, 9th. And 18th. All ayes.

The clerk stated she had met with representatives of Aquila who are requesting a 25-year gas franchise. She had visited with Pat Callahan regarding this and he advised a 10-year agreement. Discussed was the possibility of a franchise tax. The franchise is due in November 2006 and will be on the agenda in the future.

Mayor elect George Willis updated the council on the Northeast Iowa Foundation gaming grants program. There is \$ 47,000 to be distributed in Winneshiek County and he stated that approximately 40 people had attended the meeting held on November 17th giving information on how to complete the grant application.

Council indicated that he should proceed with a grant application for swimming pool repairs.

Gene Blazek and Kevin Mracek were present to request that the liquidated damages not be applied to the Water Treatment Plant Project. Both stated reasons for the delay in receiving the Generator that were holding up completion of the project. After much discussion the council decided to leave the penalty in place that was approved by motion at the November meeting . George of TeKippe Engineering presented Contract Change Order # 6 for approval in the amount of \$ 8,096.50. Motion by Patrick, second by Vondersitt to approve CCO#6. All ayes, motion carried. Partial Payment Estimate # 8 in the amount of \$ 36,393.08 for Blazek Corporation was presented for approval. Motion by Patrick, second by Zweibahmer to approve PPE#8. All ayes, motion carried. Also discussed were the controls that will link the alarms from the water treatment plant and the east and West Side lift stations to the dialer at the sewer treatment plant. George stated that this would be coming up for approval as a change order to the project.

The Fire Department report was accepted as presented. Bids were received from three different roofing companies for replacement of the fire station roof. Imperial Roofing's bid was \$ 16,290.00 with different options for insulation, etc. Moss Roofing's bid was \$ 23,585.00 and Lynch Roofing from Manchester was \$ 23,700.00. Bids will be compared with the different options to obtain the best roof for the price. Council also will request a bid for the installation of a pitched roof. A decision will be made at the January meeting so that materials can be ordered for a spring installation. Mayor McCasland also stated that he had received a letter from the Emergency Management Commission regarding the equipment trailer command center.

The Police Department report was accepted as presented. Public Safety committee member John Patrick stated that we had received 8 applications for police officer. Testing will be held on December 17th at the Luther College Field House and that they intended to conduct interviews between Christmas and New Year's. He also stated that Jerry Balik's last day of work would be December 30th. The city will buy out the remainder of his vacation

The water/wastewater report was presented and discussed. Mr. Penrod stated that we now have a Wellhead Protection Plan in effect, which brings us in compliance with DNR standards. He also stated that the DNR will probably be initiating a fee structure for permits. His objection to this is that the fees would go into the state general fund and not back into the DNR budget as it should. He has written a letter stating our objection to this proposal.

The street department report was discussed. Also discussed the plowing of the streets in the Rolling Hills Addition to the City of Calmar. The clerk will discuss this further with the City Attorney.

A letter was read from City Attorney Rick Zahasky regarding the installation of permanent streets and street lighting in the Rolling Hills Addition. He stated that the city is in no way obligated to bond for these improvements but could if they so wished. He stated that the only obligation the city has is to determine when it will require the streets to be constructed. A survey will be sent to affected property owners to inquire when they feel the streets should be constructed.

Resolution # 404 setting the reimbursement for mileage paid to individuals for using personal vehicles for city business was presented. This would set the rate at the current IRS rate. Motion by Shindelar, second by Kleve to approve resolution # 404. Aye: Shindelar, Patrick, Kleve, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

The clerk advised that the budgeting process for 06-07 will begin shortly. Anything that the departments think they will need over and above the normal expenses or large cost items need to be presented to the clerk so they can possibly be included in the budget.

The January 2006 meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at the Calmar Fire Station at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Kleve, second by Zweibahmer to approve payment of the claims. All ayes.

Claims Nov.2005

A & J Petersburg	Insurance	66.00
Alliant	electricity	3685.17
Aquila	gas	561.33
Audio Editions	A. books	143.28
Automatic Systems	repair	616.00
Bankers Trust	debt pymt	18519.25
Blazek Corp.	ppe7	41489.76
Calmar Courier	publishing	72.21
City Laundry	uniform	108.84
Country Home	subscription	37.97
Croell Redi Mix	concrete	1177.50
Crystal Canyon	cooler	90.13
Farmers Co op	fuel	129.31
Hach	supplies	920.00
Heying Lbr	supplies	291.10
Highsmith	supplies	39.91
Ingram	books	206.23
IRS	taxes	3775.01

Iowa One Call	services	31.50
Ipers	retirement	1724.35
Keystone	testing	210.00
Klimesh Motors	services	670.49
Kirkeby Welding	services	434.70
Kwik Star	fuel	888.96
Lansing Concrete	services	702.78
Law Enf. Sys	supplies	62.00
Library Video	videos	21.90
Linda Crossland	postage	10.34
Matt Parrott	supplies	170.68
Malcolm Ent.	garbage	13301.68
Michele Elsbernd	anti virus, reg	119.95
Napa	supplies	13.64
National Waterwks	supplies	9.13
Norby's	supplies	134.11
Postmaster	postage	397.00
Presto	pest cont	31.00
Qwest	services	336.25
Security State Bank	debt pymt	6672.00
Sierra	library	12.00
Sim's	supplies	138.73
Tekippe Eng	fees	9303.30
Thompson Gale	books	24.71
Treas. St. IA	taxes	551.00
USA Blue Bk	supplies	175.52
US Cellular	telephone	254.82
Walmart	library	133.28
Walz Dist.	supplies	57.20
Wellmark	premium	2119.75
Wiltgen Const.	supplies	166.45
Richard Zahasky	services	518.50
Payroll Nov.	payroll	11157.18
	TOTAL	122483.90

Claims by Fund

General	30,182.87
Road Use	1,589.13
Benefits	1,695.80
Debt Service	25,191.25
Capitol	51,227.76
Water	5,750.88
Sewer	5,229.74
Total	120,867.43

Revenue by Fund

General	26778.47
Road Use	7255.74
Benefits	2525.75
Emergency	391.76
LOST	11530.53
TIF	5624.12
Debt Serv	4443.73
Capital	0.00
Water	11538.59
Sewer	27010.34
Total	97099.03

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

Joe McCasland
Mayor