

**CITY OF CALMAR**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 5, 2006**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**CALMAR FIRE STATION**

Prior to the meeting Ervin Glock spoke to the council regarding liquid spilling from the garbage truck as it compacts and leaving an odor on the streets.

The regular meeting of the City Council of Calmar, Iowa was held at the Calmar Fire Station on Monday, June 5, 2006, beginning at 7:00 P.M., with Mayor George Willis presiding.

On call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Al Shindelar, Dave Zweibahmer and Tim Vondersitt.

Council member Vondersitt moved that the minutes of the May 1, 2006 be approved as presented. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Council member Patrick moved that the agenda for the June 5, 2006 meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

The Fire Department report was accepted as presented. Motion by Patrick, second by Shindelar to set the date for the public hearing on proposed plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of a pitched steel roof on the bay area of the Calmar Fire Station for the City of Calmar and taking of bids for June 13, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall, 101 S. Washington Street in Calmar. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Ross Malcom of Malcom Enterprise the cities garbage carrier was present to request a rate increase due to increased tipping fees at the landfill. Motion by Shindelar, second by Zweibahmer to approve Resolution # 412 approving new rates effective July 1, 2006. More discussion followed resulting in a motion by Shindelar, second by Zweibahmer to rescind the previous motion to approve Resolution # 412. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. There will be no increase in residential rates at this time. The problem of liquid leaking from the garbage truck was brought up to Mr. Malcom, he stated that the plug designed to keep the fluid inside was probably not in place. The plug will be put back in place and this should eliminate most of the leakage. Mr. Malcom also stated he would be painting and replacing the dumpsters used in the city that are eyesores.

The Street department report was accepted as presented. Junior stated that the summer street program was underway and should be completed by Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> and that the other two streets would be done the week after Farmer's Day. That project would take about a week. Mr. Boyer reported that the rock has been placed in the City Cemetery and he has yet to contact a monument company to do the engraving. Also discussed was a sign for the clerk/police department building. Junior will submit a plan for the sign for review. The culvert bids for work by the Train Station were discussed. It was decided to write a letter to the railroad regarding this area, which is railroad property to see if they will take care of the drainage problem that was created when they worked on the tracks last year. The city mows this so the area looks good. The yard waste dump site has been cleaned up and is again half full, signs were installed to keep the tree branches and grass clippings separate and this seems to be working. The need for bleachers at the swimming pool was discussed. An estimate for the different sizes will be obtained and this will be discussed at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Discussed briefly was the report regarding the cards that need to be installed in the pumps at the water treatment facility. Mr. Tekippe will be asked to attend the meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss this further. The billing for sent for the water loss incident at the treatment plant should be taken care of by June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Willis reported that the first organizational meeting of the Historical Preservation meeting was held. There are plans for monthly meetings, the next to be held at the depot on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Ed Meyer was present on behalf of the board of directors of the Calmar Senior Club. He stated their immediate need for roof replacement at the Center. He stated that had obtained several grants and were seeking others. All funds donated will be matched by a benefactor of the seniors. He also stated that they could be discussing in the future a more formal arrangement with the City for the future of the senior center. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Kleve to exempt the Senior Center from city utility billings of garbage, sewer and water. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Mayor Willis also reported on the status of clean up at 206 N. Iowa Street. The City will continue to mow the property and assess cost to the property. Discussed was an old rusty abandoned railcar on a siding in Calmar. This will also be addressed in the letter to the railroad. Mayor Willis inquired if the council members were interested in riding in the Farmers Day parade as a group.

Motion by Vondersitt, second by Zweibahmer to approve Resolution # 410 dispensing with the special election requirement on the matter of granting a gas franchise to Aquila Inc. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Motion by Patrick, second by Shindelar to approve Resolution # 408 setting salaries to be effective from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Discussion was held regarding the request for outdoor service for Whiskey Grove for June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Kleve to approve the Whiskey Grove request for outdoor service for June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> only. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Shindelar to approve cigarette permits for Whiskey Grove, Kwik Star and the Horseshoe. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Purchase Requisitions were discussed. Council clarified that they were NOT necessary for normal routine operating items.

Councilmember Vondersitt stated that the city portion of the Prairie Farmer Bike Trail from Croell Redi Mix to 175<sup>th</sup> Street needed lime. There are large rocks coming through and it is estimated that it could take 4 to 6 loads spread with a lime spreader. All agreed this needed to be taken care of to maintain the trail.

The employee yearly health insurance premium is up for renewal effective July 1, 2006. Increase will be \$ 1.98 per employee per month. Council instructed the clerk to sign necessary forms for renewal.

Mediacom has informed the council that have made available to Calmar residents a plan for \$ 19.95 monthly which consists of channels 2-22.

Darci Werner requested the Calmar council allow her permission to utilize the police department to spark an interest for kids and their parents to practice safe cycling and to encourage bike safety helmets. Kids seen wearing a helmet would be presented a certificate to redeem at the Calmar Clerk's office for a free treat at no cost to the city. The coupon and treat will be provided by Just Kid-n-around. The council expressed interest in possibly expanding this program in the future with give away or raffle of helmets.

Police Chief Ronald Werner presented his report and that of Officer Hamilton. He stated that after some review there were changes that had to be made to an ordinance and a chapter needed to be added to the code book. Ordinance # 318 and # 319 address these issues. Motion by Patrick, second by Kleve to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 318 pertaining to standard penalty and

municipal infractions; and the first reading of Ordinance # 319 pertaining to liquor licenses, prohibited sales and acts; also to waive the second and third reading and that they become effective upon publication. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Chief Werner also expressed and discussed concerns regarding the upcoming beer garden during Farmers Day. He will review the policy with the bar owner. He also stated he had met with Bob Clerk the DOT engineer from the area regarding the posted speed limit coming into Calmar near the swimming pool. This will be reviewed for possible change by the DOT. He also stated that there are some items he just can't talk about. Name and charge are public records but he can't discuss any details. Also discussed was speed limit signs on East Street and speeding on North Street. He also stated that the DOT had granted permission to close the square for Farmers Day and it would be from 3 A.M. Saturday to 3 A.M. Sunday. Also discussed was the current city code regarding parking.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Shindelar to approve payment of claims as presented. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

**Claims May 06**

Ace Telephone	Internet	17.95
Advanced Water	Supplies	942.06
Alan Renken	50 Concrete	58.30
Alliant	Electricity	6973.25
Applied Concepts	Radar	3343.00
Aquila	Gas	372.39
Audio Editions	Library	146.12
Balik Implement	Supplies	18.60
Bankers Trust	Debt Pymt	30933.25
Bills Auto	tow	50.00
Blazek Corp	Final	4600.00
Book Look	books	124.77
Calmar Courier	publication	195.75
City Laundry	uniform	56.52
City of Calmar	pool	110.00
Cleone Hageman	50%Concrete	110.19
Decorah Impl.	Supplies	50.32
Drillings	grasshopper	40.00
Ervin Glock	50 Concrete	113.40
Farmers Co-Op	fuel	307.12
Fashion Floor	Supplies	6.42
Fastenal	Supplies	26.92
Fred Carlson Co.	cold mix	54.90
Galls Inc.	uniform	1323.47
Gierke-Robinson	Supplies	101.88
Grassmasters	seed	72.50
Gunderson Clinics	testing	102.90
Healthy Lifestyles	Library	8.00
Heying Lumber	Supplies	134.26
Highsmith	Library	240.53
IAMU	ceu's	12.00
Ingram	books	60.89
IRS	taxes	3725.62
Iowa Code	ordinance	75.00
Iowa Div. Labor	inspection	50.00
Iowa League	training	15.00
Iowa One Call	services	26.10
IPERS	ipers	1682.17
Iroc Web	services	25.00

Isaac Phillips	lettering	20.00
James Cutsforth	50 Concrete	179.51
Jeff Busta	50 Concrete	143.00
Jerome Hayek	curb repl.	135.00
Junior Boyer	broom	50.00
Keystone Labs	testing	935.00
Kirkeby Welding	services	206.55
Kohlmeyer	services	267.00
Kwik Star	fuel	830.69
Law Enf. Serv.	Supplies	55.00
Malcom Ent.	garbage	12835.73
Marv Smith Elec.	services	191.24
Matt Kostman	50%Concrete	122.67
Matt Parrott	Supplies	96.54
McDonald Suly	Supplies	18.48
Michele Elsbernd	notary	30.75
Micromarketing	library	43.00
Mts. Inc.	library	13.00
Municipal Pipe	jet vac	2653.80
Napa	parts	41.53
Norby's	supplies	253.57
Pepsi Cola	pool	204.00
Postmaster	postage	111.50
Postville Vet	shipping	96.50
Presto	pest control	32.00
Qwest	telephone	380.82
R & R Plmg	services	271.74
Racom	radio	1803.54
Rite Price	supplies	92.38
Roger's Lock	locks	661.20
Ronald Werner	ins. Reimb	548.40
Secy State IA	notary	30.00
Sherwin Williams	supplies	16.70
Sim's	supplies	112.50
Spectrum	recycle	24.00
Stephen's Window	blinds	1529.56
Taylor Tree	stump rem.	45.00
Terfworks	supplies	41.28
Thoi Nguyen	book	24.95
Treas. State IA	taxes	559.00
Trinity Lutheran	50 concrete	48.77
US Cell	telephone	257.28
Utility Equip Co.	supplies	317.98
Walmart	supplies lib	138.15
Warehouse Floor	fire repair	55.00
Wellmark	premium	2119.75
Zarnoth Brush W	supplies	336.70
Payroll	month May	12521.28
<b>Total</b>		<b>97808.59</b>
<b>Expenses by fund</b>		
General		38864.06
Road Use		3436.02
Benefits		1695.80
Debt Service		18382.00
Capital Proj		7057.76
Water		20183.46

Sewer	8189.49
<b>Total</b>	<b>97808.59</b>
<b>Revenue by fund</b>	
General	23257.15
Road Use	6548.87
Benefits	2150.83
Emergency	333.62
Local Option	6718.72
Tif	4343.83
Debt Service	2242.57
Water	12748.39
Sewer	33941.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>92285.36</b>

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd  
City Clerk

George Willis  
Mayor