

**Calmar City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2011 @ 7:00 P.M.
Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Jim Buchheit and Ron Bullerman discussed several items regarding the Calmar Development Property with the council.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. Present were: Meyer, Kleve, Anderson, Huinker and Phillips.

Claims were discussed and a motion made by Phillips, second by Huinker to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting, clerk/treasurer reports, claims for March 2011 and the ABD License for Calmar Can & Beverage). Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Phillips, Meyer and Huinker.

Claims March 2011

A. & J. Petersburg	insurance premium	24323.00	Matt Bullerman	reimb lic ceu's etc	276.73
Alliant	electricity	7161.76	Michele Elsbernd	reimb, supplies	277.94
Aramark	uniform	165.45	Micromarketing	audio books on cd	218.41
Barnes & Noble	books	117.52	Mracek Plmg	n lift and plant work	528.00
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	1549.50	Napa	supplies	101.96
Brian Zweibohmer	mileage & 1 hour extra	59.00	Postmaster	postage	492.00
Buchheit Appl	vacuum repair library	20.00	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	37.25
Business Systems	copier contract	95.50	Prosource	mood pencils library	25.00
Calmar Courier	publish min, budget, p & z	227.12	Qwest	telephone	422.90
Calmar Motors	oil change	47.00	Rite Price Office Sup	contract, supplies	165.90
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	lg pnt book	41.34	River City Paving	cold mix	348.38
City of Calmar	misc postage	9.32	South Winn Post Pro	post prom donation	100.00
Culligan	seasonal service fire dept	40.66	Treas. St. Ia	taxes	707.00
Data Technologies	registration training mtg	95.00	US Cellular	telephone	226.64
Dave Huinker	serv. Library	550.00	Usgard & Smith	parts	12.87
Decorah Electric	power surge repair	5256.73	Utility Equip Co.	repair locator	354.36
Delta Dental	premium	87.00	Walmart	library supplies	153.12
Farm Plan	supplies	107.01	Wellmark	premium	5441.93
Farmers Union Co	fuel	766.51	Wiltgen	snow removal	1058.75
Gale	book series	60.00	Payroll		13053.98
Gunderson	testing & member fee	98.30	Total		88912.06
Hach	chem, meter, shipping	2289.88	Claims by fund		
Iamu	workshop reg, ceu's	540.75	General		51984.86
Ingram	books	168.17	Road Use		4949.24
IRS	taxes	3930.43	Benefits		4283.45
Iowa Codification	update code book	50.00	Water		10396.04
Iowa Dept. of Revnu	sales tax 1st quarter	3145.00	Sewer		16817.57
Ia Dept. of Public He	reg. renewal pool	70.00	Total		88431.16
Iowa Park & Rec	class cpo ceu's	220.00	Revenue by Fund		
Iowa League of Cities	reg & ceu's	60.00	General		17151.87
Iowa Workforce Dev.	unempl quarterly	961.91	Road Use		8947.62
Ipers	ipers	2369.38	Benefits		2104.84
Iroc Web	computer & tech work	1929.00	Lost		0.00
Junior Boyer	mileage, reimb	99.04	Emergency		251.76
Keystone Labs	testing	296.60	Tif		4722.73
Kirkeby Welding	material & welding	981.70	Water		16078.90
Klimesh Motors	repairs	29.98	Sewer		26786.21
Kwik Star	gas/fuel	997.29	Total		76043.93
Malcom Enterprises	march garbage	5892.09			

Kevin Mysak of Utility Equipment Company and Chad Erickson of Mueller systems were present to discuss and demonstrate the water meter reading radio read system. They answered the councils questions regarding the program.

Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to set the public hearing for the 2010-2011 budget amendment for May 2, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. The clerk briefly explained the proposed amendment and what expenses were covered by the amendment.

Dr. Wee representing the Northeast Iowa Community College was present to update the council on the training tower the college intends to construct near the JD building on campus. This tower will be 100' high and used for student climbing technique certification. The gear box/generator will be at ground level on a concrete pad. The college will be applying for a variance to construct this tower. Dr. Wee also invited all to their Open House on Tuesday from 2-4 P.M.

The fire department report was discussed and accepted. The status of the siren was discussed. The department will be testing the sirens on their meeting and training nights the 2nd and 4th. Mondays at 6:45 P.M. They reported they will be receiving new pagers paid for with a county grant. This is necessary due to the FCC mandated radio band change to take place in the near future. They also reported that their new Rescue Truck had arrived. The two new firefighters have completed their FF1, CPR, and Hazmat training.

The police department report was discussed and accepted. The council discussed the recent meeting held at Fort Atkinson regarding police protection. After much discussion it was the consensus that Calmar is not interested at this time. Cory Meyer requested the police chief get information to the newspaper regarding the Safe Walking Trail Route.

The street department report was discussed and accepted. The city clean up day will be held as in the past on May 7, 2011. City personnel will man the dumpsters at the city shop and pick up items from residents unable to transport to the city shop. The softball lighting project was discussed. Junior stated this will start in the next few weeks. Junior and Matt met at the field with a representative from Voltmer, NICC (who will provide the trenching), and Ron Bullerman representing the Calmar Lion's to discuss the project. The quote from Voltmer was \$ 17,000.00. Mayor McCasland indicated that the Lion's would be donating to the project and that possibly the Commercial Club or Calmar Development might also. Junior discussed the possibility of purchasing new picnic tables for the trail head/depot area. He stated that if we purchased the tables that Brian Nymeyer would purchase umbrella's for the tables. Motion by Meyer, second by Anderson to purchase 2 adult and one child size table at the quoted price. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Huinker, Meyer and Kleve. Junior had pictures of a dump truck that he and Matt had looked at in the Minneapolis area. The dealer is trading in this truck and will be available for sale after July 1st. After much discussion, a motion was made by Kleve, seconded by Huinker to purchase the '98 Sterling at the agreed upon price. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips. Nay: Anderson. Motion carried. A sidewalk issue was discussed and Junior stated a letter had been sent giving the home owner a deadline to complete repairs. Junior also stated that they will begin work on the Pool later in the month and that he will be taking classes to obtain his certifications. He needs three certifications and each class consists of 4 days class and 1 day testing. Council stated they wished to keep Kyle working as needed to complete necessary projects.

Matt Bullerman presented the water/wastewater report. Discussed was the reason a new DO meter was needed. He explained they had gained a lot of knowledge regarding the lagoon and testing after a recent discussion with the City Engineer and a lagoon class they had attended. The radio read system was discussed again and a motion was made by Kleve, seconded by Meyer to approve the purchase of the Mueller Radio Read system from Utility Equipment Company at the quoted price for a 500 meter installation. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Anderson, Meyer and Phillips.

Mayor McCasland reported he had visited with the county supervisors regarding 175th street. He also explained the reason grants were denied to anyone applying using the City of Calmar as the fiscal sponsor. He is working on getting someone to file the necessary report so that this will not be a problem in the future. He also stated that the three 12 plex apartments in Calmar were now classified as "Condo's" in the county tax base. This will affect the property tax Calmar and the other entities receive from this property.

Discussed was the recent County Mitigation Plan. The City of Calmar and all other cities in the county had their plans incorporated into the county plan. Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to approve Resolution # 462 adopting the Winneshiek County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Meyer, Kleve and Huinker.

The cities franchise with Alliant Energy is due to expire this August. Alliant has presented the city with the proposed ordinance and time frame for adopting the ordinance. The clerk stated that she had read the ordinance and there was no stipulations to allow us to collect a franchise fee should we ever want to do that. She had requested Alliant to add that to the proposed ordinance and then she would take to the City Attorney for review before we proceed any further.

The recommendation of the Zoning Board regarding zoning changes was discussed. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to set the public hearing for the changes to the zoning ordinance for May 2, 2011 at 7:10 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Phillips, Meyer and Anderson.

Salaries were mentioned and the Mayor requested a proposal be presented at the May council meeting.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk