

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2005
7:00 P.M.
CALMAR FIRE STATION**

Before the meeting during the comment section Darrell Hoff, member of the Gaming Committee of the Northeast Iowa Foundation was present to inform the council that the foundation will receive between \$ 45,000 - \$ 50, 000 yearly. This money will divided equally between the Iowa counties. The funds will be distributed as grants to official non-profit organizations. These groups can apply to the foundation for funds. He encouraged members of these groups to attend an informational meeting in Spillville on May 10th or Ossian on May 19th. Also discussed was a possible "MP" project that the DOT intends to put in for. This would consist of possible curb to curb replacement of the street surface. This could happen in the next few years. The work that was done last week was just a "temporary fix" to the problem. DOT engineers will meet with member of the committee and inform the city of possible costs to the city so plans can be made for this future improvement.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 2, 2005 at the Calmar Fire Station meeting room. Present were: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Motion by Kleve, second by Patrick to approve the minutes of the April 4th regular meeting and the April 12th special meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

The Calmar Fire Department report was presented. It was noted that election of officers was held and they are having a fundraising dance on Saturday, May 7th. Linus Sabelka was present and explained the need for new pagers. The current model of pagers cost approximately \$ 350.00 each and will only be available for a short time yet. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Patrick to purchase 15 pagers with funds from the fire department budget. All aye, motion carried.

The Police Department Report was accepted as presented. It was stated that the !! dog issue¶ had been resolved. Also discussed were the hazardous mobile homes in the trailer park and the police vehicle being taken to Spillville.

George of Tekippe Engineering presented partial payment estimate # 8 for Kitchen Construction in the amount of \$ 3,035.73. Motion by Patrick, second by Shindelar to approve payment of PPE # 8. All ayes, motion carried. Discussed was the progress of the project and items that have not been completed in a timely fashion. Penalties were discussed and the council authorized George to inform Kitchen Construction that penalties will be attached to the project effective on May 16, 2005 should the project not be completed by that date. The well project is progressing satisfactorily with the new pitless adapter being added to the top of the well casing, the pump motor, discharge piping and electrical cable installed in the well. The plan is to dig footing for the building on May 3rd with the scheduled completion date of the project as August 1, 2005. George presented PPE # 1 for Blazek Corporation in the amount of \$ 58,670.75. Motion by Vondersitt, second by Patrick to approve payment to Blazek Corporation in the amount of \$ 58,670.75. All ayes, motion carried. Discussed was a problem with the lack of grout found in the upper portion of the new well casing. This was discovered when the pitless unit was installed. The engineer, Mr. Penrod and councilpersons Patrick and Vondersitt met with Gary Shawver on April 28th to discuss the problem. Mr. Shawver has proposed options to take care of this problem. Council agreed to his plan to try option 1 to repair the problem and if this didn't work to proceed with option 2. It was agreed that this will be repaired at no cost to the city.

The water/wastewater report was presented and discussed. Mr. Penrod presented the 2004 Water Quality Report, which will be published in the paper this week. Also discussed were the water services on North Street and the inoperable curb stop found that Mr. Penrod felt should have been replaced by MB Construction as part of his project. Mr. Tekippe will look into this further as MB Construction indicated that all curb stops worked when they hooked the customers to the new 8" line.

The street department report was presented. Discussed were three areas where Mr. Boyer felt there should be no parking on one side of the street. After discussion the council felt Lewis Street on the south side from Maryville to Jefferson and West Street on the West Side from Clark to Clay Street should be parking on one side of the street. Motion by Patrick second by Kleve to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 309 amending provisions pertaining to no parking zones and to waive the second and third readings. All aye, motion carried. A stop sign at the intersection of Iowa & Clay was discussed; this is already listed in the code and can be installed without any ordinance change. Mr. Boyer obtained an estimate in the amount of \$ 2,300.00 on replacement of the curb and sidewalk east of the old !! Miller building which houses the library and police department. Junior was instructed to obtain another bid for this work. The pool parking lot was discussed; a bid for double seal coat has been obtained from Concrete Foundations in the amount of \$ 5,930.00. This work will be done when they do the other work in town. The summer street program was discussed and the list of proposed repair was discussed. Motion by Shindelar, second by Vondersitt to approve the proposed summer street program with seal coat on Hamlin Street and the pool parking area seal coated. All ayes, motion carried. The sidewalk inspection program was discussed in length. A map will be obtained and Junior will map the sidewalks and indicate on the map those that are in need of repair or replacement. This will be done before the June meeting and it will be discussed again. The DOT MP project was discussed earlier. The DOT engineer will meet with city representatives on May 24th at 10:00 A.M. at the Calmar Depot. The lending out of picnic tables for private use was discussed. The council decided that this should not be done. Also discussed was the removal of a Walnut tree near Rita Wenthold. This is hollow and a hazard and will be removed. The intake by Graphics will be repaired as soon as possible. Mr. Boyer had contacted the railroad the clean up the piles of asphalt and rocks near all the crossings. They indicated that they would not have equipment in town to do this till later in the summer. The city will clean up this and the railroad will pay for his time in the amount of \$ 200.00. The black dirt at the sewer plant was discussed. This is available at the going rate and is not given away, only the fill dirt is available free of charge to residents of the city. A proposed snow ordinance was discussed; an addition will be made and brought back to the council next month.

Mediacom correspondence from Doug Nix was discussed. He stated that their previous lease was \$ 1.00 yearly and that the city was previously spending \$ 99.00 monthly for internet service which they were now providing in exchange for the lease space for their equipment building which is a savings for the city of approximately \$ 1200.00 per year. Council agreed to have the mayor sign the proposed lease with a request that they paint their building.

Ross Malcom of Malcom Enterprises was present to request an increase either in the form of a rate increase of a fuel surcharge. After much discussion a motion was made by Vondersitt, seconded by Patrick to approve the fuel surcharge rather than the rate increase effective with the July payment. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar and Vondersitt. Nay: Patrick and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Council received a request for a donation to the South Winn Youth Sports Foundation football team. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Shindelar to approve a donation in the amount of \$ 200.00. Aye: Kleve, Zweibahmer and Shindelar. Nay: Vondersitt and Patrick. Motion carried.

Motion by Vondersitt, second by Patrick to approve Resolution # 394 approving the conveyance by the City of Calmar certain land to Michael R. Taylor. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussed was proposed Ordinance # 310 defining vicious animals and providing procedures for public hearing and disposition of such animals within the City of Calmar. Motion by Zweibahmer,

second by Vondersitt to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 310 and to waive the second and third readings. All ayes.

Discussed was the proposed more than 15% raise in the group health insurance premiums to be effective on July 1st. Various options were discussed. Motion by Shindelar, second by Kleve to approve the U18QPT plan with a \$ 500.00 deductible at a premium of \$ 388.10. All ayes, motion carried.

Salaries for 05-06 were discussed briefly. Committees will have recommendations at the June meeting and a decision will be made at that time.

Storm water run off and the need to control this run off were discussed. This is an area to the north of the sewer plant. The property owners will be notified that they need to put some control measures into effect as soon as possible to control this run off.

Request from Colleen Moudry for reimbursement of additional costs incurred by her for legal fees was discussed. These costs were due to documents not being properly registered at the courthouse years ago. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Patrick to approve reimbursement to Colleen Moudry in the amount of \$ 212.00. All aye, motion carried.

The Upper Explorerland housing appointment was tabled at this time.

The status of the budget and fund balances was explained. Motion by Kleve, second by Shindelar to approve payment of claims to the wastewater and general funds. All ayes.

CLAIMS APRIL 2005

Acco	Supplies	1360.00
Ace Telephone	Phone	17.95
Alliant	Electricity	4217.18
Aquilla	Gas	1005.96
Calmar Courier	Publishing	259.50
Calmar Fire Dept	Fire	400.00
City Laundry	Uniform	105.96
Com-Tec Electronics	Services	92.50
Winn Landfill	Fees	31.36
Curtis Gifts	Plants	98.42
Decorah Newspapers	Adds	41.66
Farmers Co op	Fuel	229.83
Fred Carlson	Cold mix	136.31
Grassmasters	grass seed	69.00
Gunderson Clinic	testing	111.60
Heying Lumber	supplies	50.06
HTM Sales	flow meter	3078.56
IAMU	fees	294.43
Ingram	books	267.38
IRS	Fed/Fica	3678.59
Iowa Codification	Services	100.00
Iowa Prison Ind	signs	56.25
IPERS	Ipers	1674.77
Keystone Labs	Testing	270.00
Kirkeby Welding	Services	328.50
Kirkwood	registration	100.00
Kwik Star	fuel	603.09
Lab Safety	supplies	84.53
Linda Crossland	reimb	81.92
Malcom Enterprise	garbage	6056.28

Micromarketing	library	95.26
Midwest Radar	police	45.00
Napa	supplies	15.29
NICC	registration	70.00
Norby	supplies	23.13
Olympia Book	library	162.81
Postmaster	postage	296.00
Postville Vet	shipping	33.99
Presto	pest control	31.00
Qwest	phone	287.46
R &R Plumbing	Services	249.56
Richard Zahasky	Services	1063.75
Rite Price Office	supplies	249.16
Sims Electronics	supplies	104.47
Tekippe Eng	engineering	2202.77
Gazette	subscription	168.95
Tom Lensing	refund	60.38
Treas Iowa	taxes	525.00
Triple T Ent.	supplies	67.50
US Cell	phone	262.47
Walmart	supplies	241.25
Wellmark	premium	2058.35
Wiltgen Const	lime	1706.70
Payroll	April	11139.54
Total		46061.38

CLAIMS BY FUND

General	26,221.84
Road Use	3,102.84
Employee Benefits	1,646.68
Capital Project Fund	2,202.77
Water	3,714.03
Sewer	9,173.22
Total	46061.38

REVENUE BY FUND

General	77919.94
Road Use	6951.48
Employee Benefits	19272.72
Emergency	1597.04
Local Option	6377.64
TIF	105269.89
Debt Service	2459.06
Capital Project Fund	28,792.74
Water	11285.11
Sewer	27,281.07
Total	287206.69

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

Joe McCasland
Mayor

