

February 6, 2012

Prior to the meeting Mary Welch reported on the Affordable Housing meeting she attended on January 25, 2012. Mark Kvammen the Housing Program Director from NEICAC will be invited to attend the next council meeting to explain the programs available for Calmar area residents. Isaac Phillips reported that of the three storm sirens, the one uptown and at the city park are narrow bandable. The unit at the West Lift Station will have to be modified to achieve compliance. Dave Zweibahmer asked about drainage issues behind the Larry Lee residence. Corey reported he had attended the Calmar Library Board meeting, he stated that they have the "Neighbors" program which allows patrons to download books to a Nook or e-tablet. George Tekippe was present, he stated that NICC is still interested in updating their lift station and felt it would be eligible for a CDBG grant. The grant would need to be applied for thru the City of Calmar.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Corey Meyer at 7:07 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Dennis Kleve, Dave Zweibahmer, Isaac Phillips, Larry Huinker, Linus Sabelka.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Phillips, to approve items on the consent agenda as follows:

- a. Agenda with the addition to discuss the NICC lift station
- b. Minutes of the January 2, 2012 meeting
- c. Clerk/treasurer reports
- d. Claims for January 2012
- e. Approval of ABD License # BC00118582 for Kwik Star

Aye: Kleve, Zweibahmer, Phillips, Huinker and Sabelka. Motion carried.

Claims January 2012			Ipers	ipers	2917.37
Alliant	electricity	6767.94	Iroc Web Design	web services	35.00
Aramark	uniform	106.10	Joe Ward	reimb gas Des Moines	40.00
Audio Editions	books on cd	80.98	John Deere Financial	supplies	135.47
Barbara Hornes	cookies	42.00	Keystone Labs	testing	175.20
Barnes & Noble	bookS	10.57	Kirkeby Welding	hitch, steel box edge	460.20
Black Hills Energy	gas	1232.88	Klimesh Motors	fd f250 service	237.07
Blooms on Main	plant	26.75	Kwik Star	fuel	626.23
Book Look	books	237.83	Linda Crossland	mileage	64.75
Book list	subscription renewals	109.95	Marv Smith Elec	thermostate library	42.34
Calmar Courier	publishing	224.72	Michele Elsbernd	faceplate	42.93
Carpenter Uniform	storm boot	128.40	Micromarketing	books on cd	213.42
Century Link	telephone	427.20	Midwest Living	subscription	19.97
Certified Pool Trainers	cpo classes Jr. & Ann	230.00	Mike Sims	repair motor	100.00
City Laundry	supplies	189.88	Napa	supplies	96.65
City of Calmar	reimb postage	10.13	N.H. Red Power	rack, blade repair	351.08
Culligan	seasonal service	38.00	NE IA Welding	brackets	800.00
Decorah Tire	tire explorer	96.53	NE IA Tree	christmas	250.00
Delta Dental	premium	87.00	Postmaster	postage	500.94
Farmers Union Coop	fuel	927.05	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	105.50
Gunderson Clinic	part 2 hep Matt	189.50	Richard Zahasky	legal fees	1391.19
Hawkins Chemical	chemicals	1799.79	Rite Price	suppl, cont. fees	44.38
Heying Lbr	supplies	93.95	Screenprinting	coats	319.96
Ia Dpt. Insp. & Appeals	gambling license fee	40.00	Treas State IA	taxes	814.00
Iamu	safety quarterly fees	306.12	Truck Country	supplies	101.14
Ingram	books	122.55	US Cellular	monthly charge	229.70
Irs	taxes	4625.82	Vick's Plmb & Heat	library furnace repai	11.90
Iowa Codification	code	280.00	Walmart	supplies	82.79
Ia Muni Finance Off Assn	clerk member dues	30.00	Wellmark	premium	4395.23

Winco	road crew	97.50	Revenue by fund	
Payroll January	payroll	14705.30	General	37252.4
Total		47,868.85	Road Use	7,278.94
Expenses by fund			Benefits	435.98
General		25,015.30	Emergency	37.56
Road Use		2,590.24	Lost	8743.75
Benefits		2,815.71	Tif	126.68
Water		8,712.16	Water	16336.06
Sewer		8,735.44	Sewer	26376.74
Total		47,868.85	Total	96,588.11

Randy Uhl from Winneshiek County Development summarized the services they provide. Mayor Meyer requested Randy be involved in the Calmar Visioning Process. Mr. Uhl agreed to attend the next meeting scheduled for 3/13/2012 from 7-9 pm at the Calmar Fire Station. Mr. Uhl agreed to prepare a Calmar Fact Sheet to provide to anyone interested in locating a business in Calmar.

Gary Beyer of Beyer Forestry Service provided information regarding species of trees in Calmar. This information includes only trees in the boulevard and the city parks. There are 363 trees of which 60 are ash trees and 47% are maple trees. He stated that there are 3 in poor condition and 7 recommended for removal. He recommended that no city have more than 10% of any one species of tree so that should disease problems arise fewer trees are affected. This plan was developed due to the anticipated problems with the Emerald Ash Borer that he states probably will affect Calmar within the next few years. It is recommended that the city begin a removal and replacement program and to look into developing an Ordinance to provide area property owners guidance to plant appropriate species on their property so future problems can be avoided.

The Calmar Fire Department reported they had 3 calls in January and members participated in Hazmat training. They have also purchased all the additional supplies needed for use with their grain bin rescue equipment. Sam also stated they had applied for a grant thru the Winneshiek County Community Foundation for a Toughbook computer that would have a program to provide information on where and where you cannot cut with their jaws equipment. This is necessary due to all the air bags now installed in vehicles. They will be holding their annual Texas Hold'm tournament on March 24, 2012.

The Police Department report was accepted as presented. After much discussion regarding the purchase of a new police vehicle, a motion was made by Kleve, seconded by Phillips to purchase the 2011 Dodge Charger thru State Bid at Stu Hanson Dodge in Des Moines. Roll call vote: Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Kleve and Sabelka. Nay: Zweibahmer. Motion carried. There were three quotes to letter the new vehicle, after discussion a motion was made by Zweibahmer, seconded by Sabelka to accept the bid of Phillips Enterprises. Aye: Zweibahmer, Sabelka, Huinker. Phillips abstained. Nay: Kleve. Motion carried. Also discussed was the need to upgrade the police department computer. A quote for a Tough Book was received. More research will be done and this was tabled for a future meeting.

The street department report was accepted as presented. Also discussed was the need to repair the mural depicting the old Calmar Depot/hotel. Bids will be requested to prepare the surface and to repaint the mural. The city will accept donations toward the mural project. The issue of chickens within the city limits was briefly discussed. Junior Boyer had obtained bids for the replacement of the large picnic tables at Calmar Lion's Park. Iowa Prison Industries has a 10' steel for \$ 754 and Kay Park & Rec has a 12' Aluminum for \$ 815. Junior stated he would prefer the aluminum. Motion by Huinker, second by Zweibahmer to purchase four 12' aluminum tables from Kay Park & Rec. All ayes: Motion carried. Trees hanging over the sidewalk and street were discussed. Homeowners will be sent a letter notifying them that the trees have to be trimmed and given a deadline. Should they not be trimmed by the deadline the City will have the trees trimmed and the property owner will be billed. Junior reported that no bids were received for the Woods mower, this will be advertised again in the spring. Junior also stated he had a request to purchase our old 4" pump. This will be advertised as required before it is sold.

Matt Bullerman presented the Water Department Report for December and January and the annual report for the year ending December 31, 2011. Matt also stated that there are problems with the diesel generator at the wastewater treatment plant. This unit was purchased in 2004 and has only been used 60 hours. The unit will be removed and taken to John Deere in Decorah to be evaluated and repaired. He reported that Wiltgen Construction was able to provide the necessary back up unit that will be in place until the original unit can be repaired. The NICC lift station was discussed. It is the consensus of the council that they would support the application for CDBG funding thru the City of Calmar for the project. The lift station will be dedicated to the city after updating is complete.

Mayor Meyer reported that seven people attended the Visioning Meeting on February 4, 2012 in Independence. Four communities from the area (of the 12 selected for Visioning grants) were in attendance for this introductory meeting. Calmar was assigned a Trees Forever representative and a landscape architect and two interns at this meeting. The next scheduled meeting for committee members will be on March 13, 2012 from 7-9 PM at the Calmar Fire Station. There are also meetings scheduled for April 14th and 21st. These meetings are where citizens will have a chance to give input on their vision of Calmar. Mayor Meyer reported he had attended the Calmar Commercial Club meeting earlier in the evening and stated they are again planning on "Trail Days on June 23, 2012. He stated that NICC will also plan on having their "Breakfast on the Farm" on this date and the Calmar Lion's will also have their drive thru Chicken dinner. He also suggested the city become a member of the organization and become active in supporting their projects. The mayor also suggested the city should participate in an energy audit. Becoming a member of Trees Forever was also discussed.

The clerk reported that the pool manager Annie Rude had obtained funding in the amount of \$ 1200.00 from the Depot Outlet toward the purchase of the AED unit needed at the pool. Black Hills energy has also pledged \$ 600.00 this year and \$ 600.00 next year toward the ADA compliant lift needed at the pool. The Calmar Walkable Paths brochure completed by ISU extension in 2010 with a grant from the Food and Fitness Initiative was displayed. We will obtain copies of this and have it available and on display at various locations.

The 2012-2013 Budget was discussed briefly. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to set the date for the public hearing for March 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Zweibahmer, Kleve and Sabelka. Motion carried.

The 2011-2012 Budget Amendment was proposed and discussed briefly. Motion by Sabelka, second by Phillips to set the date for the public hearing on the Budget Amendment for March 5, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Zweibahmer, Kleve and Sabelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Sabelka to adjourn at 9:35 P.M. Motion carried.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk