



# CALMAR NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2004

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Street Department	562-3349	Water/ Sewer Dept.	562-3150
Library	562-3010	Swimming Pool	562-3148
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Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
to you  
from the Mayor, City  
Council and Employees  
of the  
City of Calmar

### CITY OFFICIALS

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### CALMAR SNOW REGULATIONS

**69.11 SNOW REMOVAL.** No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall.

**All uptown parking must be in the North lot until the South lot is cleared, then vehicles must be moved to the South lot.**

**The fine for a snow route parking violation is \$ 25.00.**

**135.12 DUMPING OF SNOW.** It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the

**Snowmobiles**

**135.12 DUMPING OF SNOW. Cont.**

property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

**136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND ACCUMULATIONS.**

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.



**75.03 GENERAL REGULATIONS.** No person shall operate an ATV or snowmobile within the City in violation of the provisions of Chapter 321G of the Code of Iowa or rules established by the Natural Resource Commission of the Department of Natural Resources governing their registration, numbering, equipment and manner of operation.

**75.04 PLACES OF OPERATION.** The operators of ATVs and snow-mobiles shall comply with the following restrictions as to where ATVs and snowmobiles may be operated within the City:

1. Streets. ATVs and snowmobiles shall be operated only upon streets which have not been plowed during the snow season and on such other streets as may be designated by resolution of the Council.  
*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321G.9[4a])*
2. Exceptions. ATVs and snowmobiles may be operated on prohibited streets only under the following circumstances:
  - A. Emergencies. ATVs and snowmobiles may be operated on any street in an emergency during the period of time when and at locations where snow upon the roadway renders travel by conventional motor vehicles impractical.

**Except for the above mentioned exception all snowmobiles must travel on the approved snowmobile route. Maps of the route may be obtained at the city clerk’s office.**

**Water Treatment Project**

Blazek Corporation was the successful bidder for the water treatment project. This will include a pump for the new well, building and treatment facilities. The project will probably start in late March with anticipated completion in August 2005.

**WASTE WATER PROJECT—WEST LIFT AND FORCE MAIN PROJECTS**

The wastewater treatment project has finally been completed. The contractor has been paid his final payment. This has been a long time coming and a milestone for the mayors and councils that have been working to get this done for years. The west lift and force main project is progressing. The hold up at this point, is the pumps for the lift station. They are scheduled to arrive yet this month and the station will be operational within a week after they arrive. This project will be totally complete in the spring after seeding of areas near the lift and at the location of the force main boring. This should greatly help in handling the storm water problem on the west side.



## Sidewalks

Listed are a part of the Calmar Code of Ordinances regarding sidewalks, permits for sidewalks and maintenance and repairs of sidewalks.

**136.04 RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE.** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to repair, replace or reconstruct, or cause to be repaired, replaced or reconstructed, all broken or defective sidewalks and to maintain in a safe and hazard-free condition any sidewalk outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines or traveled portion of the public street.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12 [2c])*

**136.05 CITY MAY ORDER REPAIRS.** If the abutting property owner does not maintain sidewalks as required, the Council may serve notice on such owner, by certified mail, requiring the owner to repair, replace or reconstruct sidewalks within a reasonable time and if such action is not completed within the time stated in the notice, the Council may require the work to be done and assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2d & e])*

**136.06 SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION ORDERED.** The Council may order the construction of permanent sidewalks upon any street or court in the City and may specially assess the cost of such improvement to abutting property owners in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 384 of the Code of Iowa.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.38)*

**136.07 PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person shall remove, reconstruct or install a sidewalk unless such person has obtained a permit from the City and has agreed in writing that said removal, reconstruction or installation will comply with all ordinances and requirements of the City for such work.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Dean Hamilton has been hired by the City of Calmar as a police officer. He graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on December 17, 2004.

He has purchased a home in Calmar and will be a full time officer starting on December 20th.

We welcome him to Calmar!

## GARBAGE COLLECTION

Malcolm Enterprises Inc. has purchased the garbage business from Larry Sharp Trucking.

Their phone number is 800-892-6239

If you have a problem with your garbage pick up, please call them direct at the above number

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800-292-8989



## PROPER FLAG DISPOSAL



An American flag that is worn, tattered or torn is not merely to be thrown away. Flag etiquette states that flags must be disposed of through a flag burning ceremony.

If you have a flag that needs to be disposed of contact the local American Legion Post commander, Randall Poshusta 562-3659. They periodically have a flag burning ceremony and will be glad to dispose of your flag.

The local American Legion Auxiliary has 3' X 5' flag available for purchase. Contact Reggie Klimesh at 562-3381.

## GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES



Sharp Trucking, who handles the garbage collection for the City of Calmar has raised their fees for residential garbage collection to \$ 10.00 effective with the July bill due on or before August 5th.

## OPEN BURNING, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING

Open burning is RESTRICTED. Burning of leaves is allowed from April 1st thru May 15th and from September 15th thru November 15th. ONLY and then between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

No burning on the blacktop or paved surface of any street or alley or in curbs and gutters within the City limits.



The City provides a yard waste dump site at our city shop site on Lewis Street. THIS IS FOR YARD WASTE ONLY AND NOT TO BE USED FOR ITEMS SUCH AS FURNITURE, ROCKS, CEMENT, APPLIANCES. ETC.



Recycling bins are provided across from the city shop site on East Lewis street by Spectrum for collection of cardboard, glass, newspapers, and cans. DO NOT DISPOSE OF USED OIL AT THIS SITE. Contact Klimesh Motors or Calmar Oil to dispose of used oil.

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## CALMAR WASTEWATER FACILITY AND SEWER RATES

As you are all aware, the new sewer rates went into effect in June. This increased the amount collected from \$ 14.50 to \$ 25.00 monthly per unit to retire our debt. The amount also increased from \$ 3.20 to \$ 6.50 per thousand gallons to treat. The \$ 25.00 is the amount we are anticipating we will need to JUST PAY THE DEBT. This payment with interest (3%) will be approximately \$ 165,000.00 yearly. The raise in fees to treat will cover the operation of the wastewater department. Our loan with the State of Iowa is for 20 years.

The calculations for this project

were done by Patrick Callahan, he is a consultant the City hired to make sure we are on the right track.

These calculations were done using projected figures regarding cost to build the plant and all other related projects. When the west lift station and force main project is complete this will finalize this project and we will again be looking at the figures. We do not anticipate another increase.

The new facility has a new 3 pump lift station, another lagoon the

same size as the previous lagoon as well as a small final cell. A control building was built to house a lab/office area, restroom motor control center and a mechanical room.

The Department of Natural Resources mandated that the City update our facility. WE HAD NO CHOICE.

Since we started our project many other towns in the area have been required to update their facilities to get into compliance with DNR regulations also.