

**CITY OF CALMAR  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 7, 2011 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Meyer, Phillips and Anderson. Kleve & Huinker were absent. Also present were Junior Boyer, Joe Ward, Michele Elsbernd, Mary Welch, Dalton and Julie Smith, Dave and Marion Hosper and several members of the Calmar Fire Department.

After the clerk and Junior Boyer answered questions on several claims a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of October 3, 2011, clerk/treasurer reports, and claims). Aye: Anderson, Meyer and Phillips. Motion carried.

Claims October 2011			Midwest Geo	mobile mapper	700.00
5 Star Auto	police vehicle	120.00	Miss Valley Pum	bracket pump	927.15
Alliant	electricity	6091.46	Municipal Pipe	jet cleaning	3896.70
Aramark	uniform	136.21	Napa	primer lite poles	23.97
Baumler Impl	mower tires	4500.00	National Crime	supplies	352.25
Black Hills	natural gas	312.25	O'Grady Pub	book	18.00
Book Look	books	202.87	Postmaster	postage	265.64
Calmar Courier	pub, sub	117.43	Postville Vet Clini	shipping	58.50
Centurylink	telephone	426.55	Richard Zahasky	fees for service	834.38
Croell Redi Mix	concerete	251.25	Rite Price Office	toner library	232.99
Dave Huinker	computer work	250.00	Roger's Lock	repair Library	136.25
Decorah Tire	mower tires	88.90	Sadler Power	spring assembly	457.94
Dell Marketing	computer Lib	1081.77	Sierra	sub renewal	12.00
Delta Dental	insurance	87.00	SWYF	donation	700.00
Demco	library	307.76	Treasurer State	taxes	743.00
Farmers Union	fuel, supplies	1015.94	Truck Country	fuse	10.67
Front Mudjack	curbs	400.00	TrueNorth	coverage Fire	385.70
Grassmasters	prep work	364.00	US Cellular	telephone	225.42
Hach	chemicals	229.44	Walmart	supplies	99.04
Hancor	Pipe/supplies	2560.05	Wellmark	premium	4395.23
Hawkins	chemicals	420.88	Wiltgen	misc supp	1166.25
Heying Lbr.	supplies	87.48	Winn. Cty. Eng	poles sign	191.86
Iamu	fees	312.57	Zarnouth Brush	brushes	333.25
lawea	train Fire	60.00	Payroll	October	13975.61
IDNR	permit	175.00	Total Expenses		61099.02
Ingram	books	186.19	<b>Expense by fund</b>		
Irs	tax	4303.08	General		26970.04
Iowa League	training	30.00	Road Use		5843.85
Iowa One Call	fees	40.80	Benefits		2815.71
Ipers	ipers	2777.52	Water		7958.41
J.D. Financial	supplies	571.88	Sewer		17511.01
Kelly Signs	sign ll field	355.89	Total		61099.02
Keystone Labs	monthly testing	327.20	Revenue by fund		
Kirkeby Welding	weld pool	45.00	General		97623.48
Kirkwood	class Fire	32.00	Road Use		7172.94
Klimesh Motors	batteries fd	269.90	Benefits		25762.23
Kwik Star	fuel	726.88	Emergency		2219.25
Linda Crossland	registration	15.00	Lost		8451.35
Marv Smith Elec	sup, lite pole	201.34	Tif		29047.25
McDonald Sup	tank etc	707.72	Debt Service		14580.00
Michele Elsbernd	mileage	235.62	Water		14919.08
Micromarketing	books	532.39	Sewer		23678.96
			Total		223454.54

Motion by Meyer, second by Anderson to open the public hearing on the intention to vacate a city ally and the proposed conveyance of this real estate to adjacent property owners. Aye: Meyer, Phillips and Anderson. Discussion was held. Dave Hosper stated he had no problem with vacating the alley and conveying property but at this time he wasn't interested in owning the property adjacent to his property. The clerk stated that it did not have to be transferred at this time and could be done at a later date should they change their mind. Mr. Hosper inquired about the setback should the Smith's build on their part of this alley. Smith's would have to apply for a building permit and abide by the zoning regulations. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to close the public hearing. Aye: Phillips, Meyer and Anderson. Motion carried. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to approve Ordinance # 353 to vacate the alley. Motion by

Phillips, second by Meyer to rescind the previous motion. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 353 and to waive the second and third readings of the ordinance to vacate said alley. Aye: Anderson, Phillips and Meyer. Motion carried.

Ordinance # 352, a property maintenance ordinance was introduced for the third reading. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to open a public hearing regarding this proposed ordinance. Aye: Anderson, Phillips and Meyer. Discussion was held and council felt we needed to be sure the public was aware of the contents of this proposed ordinance. Motion by Meyer, second by Phillips to close the public hearing on proposed ordinance # 352. Aye: Anderson, Meyer and Phillips. Motion carried. Motion by Meyer, second by Anderson to table the third and final reading of this proposed ordinance at this time, to publish and post the ordinance for public view and to hold a public hearing regarding this ordinance at the December meeting. Aye: Anderson, Meyer and Phillips. Motion carried.

The Fire Department report was discussed and accepted. They reported that after training with their grain bin rescue equipment they found that they needed additional harness, rope and pulleys. They reported on a successful soup supper and fire truck parade. They reported on the recent fuel spill and reported it was within a few gallons of being a major issue. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of the Baumler garage for additional fire department storage. The lot is 117X66 and the building is 28X36 basically three stall built in 1970 with heat, electricity and concrete floor. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to purchase the garage for Calmar Fire Department cold storage at the agreed upon price and terms. Aye: Meyer, Phillips and Anderson. Motion carried. Meyer stated fire department would contribute \$ 5000.00 toward the purchase price.

The Police Department report was discussed and accepted. Chief Ward presented his Taser Policy for review. The city attorney had reviewed the policy and stated it covered all the necessary items.

The Street Department report was discussed. There were six bids received for the mower. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to accept the high bid of \$ 2,100.00. Aye: Anderson, Phillips and Meyer. Motion carried. Discussed were drainage issues by Paul Hackman. Junior Boyer stated the light pole painting has been completed.

The water/wastewater report was presented and accepted. Junior and Matt had met with George Tekippe to discuss the monthly testing requirements. They will no longer test for iron as it is not a required test. They will also try to run a few of the aerators in the lagoon this winter.

Mayor McCasland reported that the IDOT had sent correspondence that they will be working on an overlay of Highway 52 from the North Calmar city limits toward Decorah next year. He had also been in contact with a gentleman that does renovation on old windows. This might be an option for the depot building. Also mention was parking and traffic on Jefferson Street and the drainage by Wally Severson.

Cory Meyer briefly explained the Iowa Living Roadways program. This grant would require a \$ 2,000 contribution toward funding and provides planning for facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, beautify routes, preserve historic sites and routes, rehabilitate and operate historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities etc. Cory had spoken with Calmar Development regarding this program and they are also behind this program. Corey stated the grant deadline is December 1, 2011 and that he will write the grant.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Joe McCasland  
Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk