

**CITY OF CALMAR**  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
**MINUTES**  
**November 7, 2005**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Calmar Fire Station**

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

Motion by Patrick, second by Kleve to approve the agenda as presented. Aye: Patrick, Vondersitt, Kleve, Shindelar and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Motion by Shindelar, second by Patrick to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2005 meeting. Aye: Vondersitt, Kleve, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Patrick. Motion carried.

Dave Oestman and Paul Callahan representing the Winneshiek County Conservation were present to advise the council of future plans for the Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail. A committee is being formed with residents of Decorah, Cresco, Calmar and the Winneshiek & Howard County Conservation to evaluate the trail and to discuss events that could be held on the trail and regarding the trail. There are plans to apply for Vision Iowa, T21 and Reap grants. Dave Zweibahmer volunteered to be a member of the committee. They requested the cities support and cooperation in the grant process. All council members thought this was a great idea and would support the projects as needed.

Pat Callahan of Ruan Securities was present to explain the financing of the City Water Utility Project.

Security State Bank in cooperation with Ruan Securities is offering permanent financing at the current market rate in the amount of \$ 650,000.00. He explained that a special meeting would be necessary to approve the issuance resolution. He presented a 'letter of intent' which if signed would lock in the interest rate at the current rate. He stated that interest was increasing and recommended the Letter of Intent be signed. Motion by Patrick, second by Shindelar to approve the signing of a Letter of Intent with Ruan Securities and Security State Bank for \$ 650,000.00 General Obligation Water Improvement Notes. Aye: Patrick, Shindelar, Kleve, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. A special meeting to approve the issuance resolution was scheduled for Friday, November 18, 2005 at 9:15 A.M. at the Calmar Depot.

George of TeKippe Engineering presented Partial Payment Estimate # 7 in the amount of \$ 41,489.76 for Blazek Corporation for work to date on the Water Improvement Project. Motion by Vondersitt, second by Patrick to approve PPE # 7 for Blazek Corporation in the amount of \$ 41,489.76. Aye: Vondersitt, Kleve, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Patrick. Motion carried. Contract change order # 3 for Blazek Corporation in the amount of \$ 9,033.63 was explained. Motion by Shindelar, second by Zweibahmer to approve contract change order # 3 for Blazek Corp. in the amount of \$ 9,033.63. Aye: Vondersitt, Kleve, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Patrick. Motion carried. George explained that there would still be one remaining contract change order which would address the control revisions (\$ 11,169.15) alarm system (\$6,179.30) and chemical feed (\$2,294.20) for an additional amount of \$20,342.65. He stated that the aerator would not be needed and there would be a deduct for approximately \$ 8,250.00. A discussion was held regarding penalties because the project has gone over the expected deadline. The generator has not yet been received for the project. George stated that Tekippe Engineering gave approval for this on 5-6-05. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Vondersitt to approve an extension on the completion date of the contract to November 1, 2005 and to impose \$ 400.00 penalty per day starting November 2, 2005 until the project is completed. Aye: Vondersitt, Kleve, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Patrick. Motion carried.

Mayor McCasland stated that Police Chief Jerry Balik has indicated his intention to resign/retire. He has received his written 90 day notice of retirement as required by the Employee Policy Manual. All unused vacation will need to be used prior to February 1, 2006. Discussion was held regarding an upcoming training being offered by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy regarding procedure, hiring standards and required documentation necessary when hiring a police officer. Training will be in Waukon on November 16<sup>th</sup>. John Patrick, member of the public safety committee will attend this training.

The Fire Department report was discussed and accepted as presented. Also discussed was the roof problem at the fire station. Repair/replacement is needed immediately. Mayor McCasland will discuss this with the roofing company.

The Police Department report was accepted as presented. Council indicated that ticket books should be ordered immediately.

The Street Department report was presented by Junior Boyer. He indicated the chain saw needed replacement and requested the council consider the installation of another overhead door at the city shop so he could drive in directly to the salt/sand storage site. He was instructed to obtain a price for this door and to purchase a chain saw. Junior stated that there are 4 trees at the city cemetery that will be removed in the next week or so. The trees are dead and will be replaced in the spring with new trees. Discussed was the rock intended to be used as a sign at the City Cemetery. Mr. Wiltgen indicated he would be taking care of obtaining a replacement. Mr. Wiltgen inquired about snow removal at Rolling Hills Estate, the council stated that the city would not be doing snow removal in the Rolling Hills Estate this winter at the recommendation of the city attorney. The city will take over maintenance of this addition upon completion of permanent curb/gutter, streets and lighting according to city specifications. Discussion regarding assessments for this improvement was held; as there was a difference in opinion of the members present the clerk will request an opinion of the city attorney.

The Water/wastewater report was presented and discussed. Testing of discharge at the outfall will begin shortly. Bob Penrod stated that a pump went out at the wastewater treatment plant and this is being taken care of by Blazek Corporation. He stated that the new well is on line and that tests have been good. Discussion was held regarding city attorney Rick Zahasky's opinion regarding water meters for the individual mobile homes at the trailer park. The clerk was instructed to send a copy of Mr. Zahasky's opinion to Mr. Gallagher.

Mayor McCasland stated that the Calmar Lions wished the shelter at the Calmar Lion's Park be restored to how it was originally. This will be a project for next spring. Discussed was the upcoming remodel of the police/clerk's office on Washington Street.

The City has received a reply back from the President of IC&E Railroad regarding the debris along the tracks in Calmar. It was noted that the railroad has already been working on clean up of the area.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Shindelar to approve the payment of claims as presented: All ayes. Motion carried.

**Claims October 2005**

Acco	Services	1922.15
Ace Telephone	Internet	35.90
Advanced Water	Chempicals	986.01
Alliant	Electricity	4746.56
Aquilla	Gas	203.53
Bill Timp	services	528.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	329.80

Calmar Fire	reimburse	461.60
City Laundry	services	108.84
Croell Redi Mix	concrete	3272.50
Crystal Canyon	library	7.99
Dalaco	caulk	75.47
Data Tech	contract	2017.22
Dave Huinker	library	100.00
Dean Schneberger	reimburse	34.68
Decorah Impl.	repair	53.88
Demco	library	64.34
Farmers Co op	fuel	628.18
Fastinal	supplies	336.85
Grassmasters	seed	71.00
Heying Lbr	supplies	25.56
Iamu	training	295.43
Ingram	books	63.77
IRS	fed/fica	3815.31
Iowa Code	services	105.00
Iowa League	training	30.00
Iowa Prison Ind.	signs	169.61
Iowa Water Pol.	supplies	25.00
Iowa Workforce	license fee	30.00
Ipers	ipers	1753.05
Julie Klien	library	15.00
Keystone	testing	333.00
Kirkwood	fire school	80.00
Kwik Star	fuel	819.27
Linda Crossland	library	17.70
Margaret Hagem	reimburse	50.00
Marv Smith Elec.	Services	58.74
McDonald Sup	supplies	135.45
Michele Elsbernd	reimburse	198.19
Early Dakota Pra	books	14.00
Napa	supplies	31.98
National Waterw	supplies	52.00
Norby's	supplies	124.67
Postmaster	postage	106.00
Postville Vet	shipping	96.40
Presto	pest control	31.00
Protivin Builders	concrete pum	315.00
Qwest	phone	303.55
Racom	pager battery	162.00
Rite Price	supplies	112.58
Sim's	supplies	19.98
Taylor Tree	Services	650.00
Thompson Gale	books	21.71
Treasurer Iowa	taxes	553.00
Truenorth Co.	premium	308.00
US Cell	phone	275.68
USA Blue Bk	supplies	180.56
Utility Equip	supplies	1733.71
Walmart	supplies	94.99
Water Enviro	dues	52.00
Wellmark	premium	2119.75
Payroll	month	11430.52
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>42793.66</b>

**Claims by Fund**

General	19,241.40
Road Use	2,032.14
Benefits	1,695.80
Capital Projects	4,635.30
Water Enviro	9,813.33
Sewer	5,375.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>42793.66</b>

**Revenue - Fund**

General	83620.24
Road Use	8381.94
Benefits	9550.99
Emergency	1481.53
Local Option	7072.43
TIF	37283.95
Debt Service	13971.75
Capital Projects	1619.47
Water Enviro	11316.03
Sewer	30391.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>204690.10</b>

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Vodnersitt to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried.

Michele Elsbernd Joe McCasland  
City Clerk Mayor