

**CITY OF CALMAR  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 29, 2011**

Prior to the meeting Isaac Phillips stated that the Sheriff's office had received a letter from the Secret Service commending all that helped when President Obama was in the county. Corey Meyer requested the pool manager report to the council at the next meeting regarding the completed pool season. The clerk stated that the newsletter stated that the Calmar Lion's had received a donation from Spectrum. This should have read that a \$ 2,000 donation was received from the Depot Outlet.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was held on Monday, August 29, 2011 at the Calmar Fire Station. Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Council members present: Corey Meyer, Isaac Phillips, Luther Anderson and Dennis Kleve. Absent: Larry Huinker. Other city staff present was: Michele Elsbernd, Joe Ward, Matt Bullerman and Junior Boyer.

After clarification of several claims a motion was made by Anderson, second by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of August 1, 2011, clerk/treasurer reports, claims, and Beer/Liquor Licenses for Whiskey Grove and The Bar). Motion carried.

<b>Claims August 2011</b>			Iowa Rural Water	registration conference	90.00
Acco	chemicals etc	1618.99	lpers	retirement	2987.02
Alliant Energy	electricity	9936.13	Iroc Web Design	hosting and domain renewal	80.00
Aramark	uniform	110.80	John Deere Financial	Norby's supplies	889.19
Audio Editions	audio books on cd	176.92	Junior Boyer	mileage to Manchester	132.24
Barco	markers, cones	1527.32	Kay Park Rec	pet station & supplies	629.20
Beaver Creek Graphics	pool	189.00	Keystone Labs	teting	296.60
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	978.88	Kwik Star	fuel	1145.93
Blacktop Services	sealcoat & asphalt, millings	27680.40	Linda Crossland	reimb library	86.70
Bodensteiner Impl	generator repair	621.78	Malcom Enterprise	garbage July & August	12238.25
Brian Zweibohmer	mileage July	26.64	Marco	library ani-virus	299.99
Calmar Courier	publishing	225.92	Marv Smith Elec	supplies	76.37
Calmar Motors	resistor blue pickup	123.32	Micromarketing	audio books on cd	36.99
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	82.68	Mississippi Valley		
Century Link	phone	423.21	pump	shipping on pump	275.56
Country Living	subscription renewal	28.86	Napa	wiper blade	20.58
Creative Products	police supplies	157.84	Nicole Schroeder	cell phone repair	50.00
Crystal Canyon	service	14.57	Oriental Trading	summer reading supplies	22.74
Culligan	sevice	81.32	Postmaster	postage stamps	396.00
Dave Huinker	computer service library	450.00	Postville Vet Clinic	shipping samples	57.75
Decorah Electric	radio controller	1612.88	Rite Price Office		
Delta Dental	dental insurance	87.00	Supply	quarterly copier contract	72.75
Display Sales	Christmas lights	2347.00	River City Paving	hot mix	60.89
Drilling All Season	blades power repair etc	98.93	Schwan's	concession	82.27
Farmers Union Co-op	fuel	1090.45	Sim's	telephone	110.00
Galls	kit and pants	275.95	Treasurer St. Ia	taxes	802.00
Hach	testing supplies	328.12	US Cellular	telephone	232.98
Hawkins	chemicals	214.00	Walmart	supplies, library & pool	555.22
Hd Supply	hydrant parts	628.04	Welmark	premium	5441.93
Heying Lumber	supplies	54.71	Wiltgen Const	lime	327.20
Hubers	pop pool	43.57	Winn Cty. Engineer	emulsn oil	5697.50
Hygenic Lab	sampling	22.00	ZIP'S	truck part	17.39
Ingram	books	230.16	Payroll	August	20326.52
IRS	taxes	5309.30	<b>Total</b>		<b>110989.45</b>
Iowa DNR	fees test & license	220.00	<b>Claims by fund</b>		
Iowa DNR	renewal of npdes permit	210.00	General		52185.44
Iowa Drainage	tile for on ll fence	225.00	Road Use		35854.20
			Benefits		3486.26
			Water		9085.68

Sewer	10377.87	Lost	8787.19
<b>Total</b>	<b>110989.45</b>	Water	16944.10
Revenue by fund		Sewer	26997.99
General	10332.23	<b>Total</b>	<b>72844.64</b>
Road Use	9783.13		

**Meyer introduced for its second reading Ordinance # 351, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A 25 YEAR TO INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.**

**Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 351 and to suspend the rule requiring that an ordinance be voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to this meeting. Aye: Meyer, Anderson, Kleve and Phillips. Motion carried.**

**Discussion was held on proposed Ordinance # 352 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CALMAR BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER PROVIDING BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CITY OF CALMAR, IOWA.**

**(This ordinance states all real estate within the city be kept free of debris and other accumulations and maintained in such a condition so as not to become so defective, unsightly, or in such condition of deterioration or disrepair that it causes substantial depreciation of the property values of the surrounding properties or is materially detrimental to properties and improvements) (A FULL COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE AT THE CLERK’S OFFICE). Kleve introduced Ordinance # 352 for its first reading. Motion by Kleve, second by Meyer to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 352. Aye: Meyer, Kleve, Anderson and Phillips. Motion carried.**

**The Fire Department report was accepted. The Department will have their Fire Truck parade and soup supper on October 9<sup>th</sup>. They reported they had training with the Ossian Department. They have received their new radios and pagers received from a FEMA grant. Some of the radios are currently in service and the others will go in service wen the narrow banding requirement goes into effect.**

**The Police Department report was accepted. Chief Ward reported that August was a busy month. He stated the finger print kit had arrived. He also reported that the “Taser” had not yet been purchased and would be ordered when Decorah gets them. Decorah will be sending an office to Rochester for training in October and he will then come back and train everyone else.**

**The Street Department report was accepted. Tree trimming was discussed. A tree inspection will be done at the same time the sidewalks are inspected and the letters will be mailed to residents at the same time. Junior discussed a drainage problem at the intersection of Hancock and Hwy 150 north. He will meet with the DOT to discuss various options to correct the problem.**

**The water/wastewater report was unavailable due to the date of the meeting. Matt Bullerman wondered if the city wanted to continue to add Fluoride to the water. Many cities are no longer doing so. The council instructed Matt to check with the DNR and others before we discontinue. Matt and Junior attended a GIS Seminar at New Hampton recently. They discussed the benefit of a Mobil mapper vs. a GIS camera. They**

currently have the GIS mapper on loan loaded with our data. The council will discuss purchase of this equipment at a later meeting.

The Mayor reported that a grant had been prepared and sent to the DNR for a bike trail from the Prairie Farmer Trail to NICC/Swimming Pool. There were 25 grant applications totaling \$ 1,358.036 with funding available of \$ 393.787. Joe also stated he had attended a Waste Management Meeting and toured the facilities. He also reported he had received a call from Stacy Bushman regarding the rail car that is sitting due to the railroad using the siding for their equipment. He attended Economy Ag's Open House and attended the Town Hall meeting at Seed Savers when President Obama was in the county. Discussed briefly was a possible transfer of property from the county to the city due to unpaid taxes. The city will wait to see what the county proposes before a decision is made.

The clerk reported that the Winneshiek County Community Foundation grant report had been completed and accepted by the Foundation. This reporting will clear the way for the city to apply for future Foundation grants. The clerk also reported that our Health Insurance Plan renewal is due on November 1, 2011 and there will be a decrease in premium of 19.23%

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk