

**Calmar City Council
Regular Meeting
August 1, 2011**

Prior to the meeting Luther Anderson asked if the council had a problem with the church youth group using the area under the depot canopy for a fundraiser. Members had no problem with this request. Phillips expressed appreciation to NICC for opening their student center for heat relief to area residents during the oppressively hot weather.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Phillips, Kleve, Anderson and Huinker. Meyer was absent.

Questions were answered regarding claims and a motion made by Phillips and seconded by Huinker to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of July 5, 2011, clerk/treasurer reports, claims and approval of Train Station ABD license). Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Kleve and Huinker.

Claims July 2011			Michele Elsbernd	supplies reimb	91.03
Acco	chemicals	708.75	Micromarketing	audio books on cd	215.40
Alliant	electricity	8156.03	NE IA Drug Task Fo	membership	525.00
Aramark	uniform	123.40	Pepsi Cola	pop pool	115.75
Audio Editions	audio books on cd	203.00	Postmaster	postage water bills	131.04
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	2167.80	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	59.75
Bodensteiner Impl	mower repairs	215.73	Qwest	telephone	422.26
Book Look	books	168.88	Racom	microphone	86.00
Business Systems	contract cancellation fee	143.04	Richard Zahasky	legal matters	1405.64
Calmar Swim Tea	concession	24.46	Rite Price	labels newsletters	25.99
Calmar Courier	publishing	211.20	Sherwin Williams	supplies paint curb,lines et	194.83
City of Calmar	reimb postage	12.68	Treas. State IA	state taxes	844.00
Data Tech	meter reader interface	545.00	US Cellular	telephone	225.00
Delta Dental	premium	87.00	Utility Equipment	radio transmitters	751.04
Don's Truck	switch, threshold, exhaust	160.52	Walmart	supplies	705.28
Farmers Union Co-	oil change Explorer	790.66	Wellmark	premium	5441.93
Fastenal	supplies	7.46	Payroll	July	24072.98
Heying Lbr	supplies park	68.16	Total		61054.78
Hubers Store	pop	41.23	Claims by fund		
Hygenic Lab	test samples	44.00	General		38559.95
Iamu	quarterly safety dues	312.57	Road Use		2142.94
Idnr	permit renewal 9615064	115.52	Benefits		3486.26
Ingram	books	158.33	Water		8078.32
Irs	taxes	6003.35	Sewer		8787.31
Iowa One Call	services	16.00	Total		61054.78
Ipers	ipers	3175.93	Revenue by fund		
John Deere Financi	supplies	202.97	General		18297.70
Junior Boyer	reimb meals	13.95	Road Use		7599.97
Keystone Labs	testing	296.60	Benefits		376.83
Kirkeby Welding	weld basket for pool	180.50	Emergency		45.08
Kwik Star	fuel	1298.84	Lost		8787.19
Lucina Kruse	refund	67.00	Tif		655.77
Marv Smith Elec	supplies	9.08	Water		13178.25
Mtt Bullerman	reimb meals	12.22	Sewer		22955.97
			Total		71896.76

Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to open public hearing regarding proposed Ordinance # 351 granting a 25 year franchise to Interstate Power and Light. Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Phillips and Huinker. Clerk had received no written or oral comments regarding the proposed ordinance. There were no comments from the public. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to close the public hearing. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Anderson and Phillips. Motion by Anderson, second by Huinker to approve the first reading or Ordinance # 351 granting a 25 year franchise to Interstate Power and Light. Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Huinker and Phillips.

The Fire Department report was accepted by the council. The department reported that their air pack and jaws equipment has been certified.

The Police Department report was reviewed by the council.

The Street Department report was accepted. Junior Boyer stated that the annual street maintenance is complete. He stated he had passed his water treatment test and only has the wastewater certification yet to complete. He also reported that the pool was operating efficiently with no excess water loss and explained the pool vacuum problem to the council. He stated he had been contacted by Temple Display regarding a pre-season Christmas light sale. He will look into purchase of lights to replace some of our aging fixtures.

The Mayor reported he had been contacted regarding a nuisance property in town. He stated the clerk had sent a letter to the property owner. Photographs will be taken to document the areas of concern. Mr. McCasland also reported he had replied to a survey taken by Upper Explorer Land regarding NE Iowa roads.

The clerk reviewed the Annual Street Financial Report with the council. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to approve Resolution # 465 accepting and approving the Annual Financial Report for the period from July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011. Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Phillips and Huinker.

The clerk reviewed the Annual Report with the council. The first page must be published in the paper and the report and the proof of publication sent the State Auditor. Council approval is not required.

The council discussed a request from Lowell Hageman to install a septic system and disconnect from the city system at his rural property. This is the only property outside the city limits that is connected to the city sewer system. Dennis Kleve visited with the County Sanitation director regarding this and quoted section 59.1(3) of the state code that defines how this is handled. If the county allows him to install his own system the city could allow him to disconnect from the city system. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to table this until Mr. Hageman and Mr. Giroux get together and decide what can be done. Aye; Huinker, Anderson, Kleve and Phillips.

Discussion was held regarding possible adoption of an ordinance regulating Building and Property Maintenance Requirements. This was tabled for future discussion.

The date for the September meeting will be Monday, August 29, 2011 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The clerk stated she was preparing a newsletter. She asked council if there was anything they would like to include in the publication. The Fire Department will submit information for this newsletter.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk