

## Calmar City Council Regular Meeting November 2, 2009

There were no comments or questions from the public, therefore Mayor McCasland gave his monthly report. He stated he had received a pamphlet "Best of the Bluff's" regarding tourism in the Winneshiek County Area. He mentioned that the League of Cities had scheduled the sessions for the Municipal Leadership Academy for this year. Mayor McCasland reported that the Calmar Lion's Club is looking into lighting for the Calmar Little League field at Lion's Park; they have part of the funding but are looking for sources of lights etc. The Mayor also reminded the people present of the City elections on November 3, 2009 and reminded all to vote. Mayor McCasland mentioned the Des Moines Register articles regarding sewer violations.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 3, 2009 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Phillips, Meyer, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Huinker. Also present were representatives from the Calmar Courier, Calmar Development and the Calmar Fire Department and city engineer George Tekippe.

After questions were answered regarding claims a motion was made by Phillips and seconded by Anderson to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of October 5, 2009, clerk/treasurer reports and October 2009 claims) Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer, Anderson, Phillips and Meyer.

### Claims October 09

Alliant	electricity	6219.66
Aramark	uniform	131.45
Audio Editions	books cd	179.86
Bankers Trust	interest	6676.25
Black Hills Energy	gas	331.46
Calmar Courier	add breakfast	112.16
Calmar Motors	oil etc	29.50
Calmar Vet Clinic	ship coolers	40.75
Carquest	seal	11.09
Charles Broughton	50% concrete	32.25
Chris Frana	services	22.50
City of Ossian	1/2 expenses	99.68
Craig Frana	50% concrete	109.50
Crystal Canyon	cups	12.63
Dave Huinker	computer wor	230.00
Decorah Electric	fire siren repa	192.47
Decorah Impl.	blades	89.67
Donna Severson	50% concrete	77.25
Drilling's	chain etc	103.56
Ed Meyer	50% concrete	200.00
Farmers Union Co-	fuel	480.37
Gloria Frana	50% concrete	54.75
Grassmasters	clean out ditc	72.00
Hach	chemicals	295.93
Hancor	pipe	1276.46
Heying Lumber	fork lift to unl	73.59
Iamu	dues	317.61
Ingram	books	260.80
Irs	taxes	3662.17
Iowa dot	snow fence	207.00
Iowa League of Cit	registratio	30.00
Ipers	pension	1830.86
Jerome Hayek	South St	125.00
Joe Ward	insurance	244.54
Junior Boyer	ins. Reimb	573.50
Keystone Labs	tesing	601.50
Kirkeby Welding	supplies	100.00
Klimesh Motors	generator	404.88
Kwik Star	fuel	630.03
Larry Frana	50% concrete	54.75
Law Enf. Systems	report forms	62.00
Linda Crossland	reg/mileage	90.00
Malcom	Sept	5738.04
Mercrete	curb repair	96.69
Michele Elsbernd	reimb	294.19

Micromarketing	books on cd	56.00
Mississippi Welder	recharge ext	17.95
Municipal Supply	meter	2340.00
Napa	supplies	57.32
Norby's	supplies	236.02
OMB Supply	duty belt bas	40.99
Postmaster	postage	360.00
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	50.00
Presto	pest control	38.00
Qwest	telephone	494.60
Rite Price	supplies	84.15
River City Paving	bituminous	321.35
Ronald Bullerman	50% concrete	250.00
Ronald Lensing	50% concrete	132.82
Ruth Regan	50% concrete	119.44
Thompson Gale	books	70.11
Treas. State IA	taxes	621.00
Truenorth	insurance	378.00
US Cellular	telephone	323.95
Walmart	supplies	73.62
Water Envori Fed	membership	55.00
Wellmark	premium	2066.69
Wiltgen	rock, hoe, etc	1707.40
World Book	books	171.00
Payroll Oct.		11076.36
Total		53620.12

### Claims by Fund

General	23223.61
Road Use	5979.27
Benefits	1708.04
Water	15234.13
Sewer	7475.07
Total	53620.12

### Revenue by Fund

General	89305.76
Road Use	10180.72
Benefits	16320.77
Emergency	1903.32
Lost	8128.61
Tif	52577.67
Debt Serv	13965.00
Water	15079.28
Sewer	25741.29
Total	233202.42

Council member Corey Meyer said he is representing the City of Calmar on the Committee for a Community Health and Recreations Center. Also represented on this committee are NICC, South Winneshiek, and Calmar Development. He stated that if the center becomes a reality it is intended to be a community gathering place. Jim Buchheit spoke on behalf of the committee; he stated that Calmar Development has set aside \$ 15,000 to do a study to see if a Community Health and Recreation Center is feasible. He stated that this has been talked about since the sesquicentennial. He stated it would be a 365 day a year facility with memberships from the surrounding area. Mr. Buchheit stated they had visited the Cresco and Waukon facilities and stated that Calmar itself can't support this alone. The group requested that the City of Calmar sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City, Calmar Development Corp, Northeast Iowa Community College and the South Winneshiek Community School District. Motion by Huinker, second by Anderson to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the City, NICC, Calmar Development and South Winneshiek. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer, Meyer, Phillips and Anderson.

The clerk shared information regarding the state budget cuts, these cuts will filter down to the cities especially regarding homestead credits. The economy has also affected revenue from interest on checking which has dropped considerably.

The Fire Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. The department is in the process of updated their equipment due to the recently received grant.

The Police Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Chief Ward reported that there had been 7 garages entered recently. Larry Huinker, member of the public safety committee reported that the police officer position had been offered to Lance Peters. Mr. Peters has accepted the position and has completed some of the testing prior to his start date of December 1, 2009. A brush/grill guard was discussed for the Ford Explorer. Motion by Huinker, second by Zweibahmer to purchase and install the grill guard as quoted from Klimesh Motors. Aye: Meyer, Huinker, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Also discussed was the change in plan regarding the garage for the police Explorer, a door was placed in the old water treatment plant and the vehicle will be stored there. Mr. Boyer and Chief Ward do not anticipated any problems with this in regard to snow removal etc.

The street department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Several maintenance items were discussed and Mr. Boyer stated that the brush pile has been chipped and that mulch is available at the yard waste site for anyone who wants it. Larry Huinker stated he had done research on mowers for the city. He had spoken with other cities and had received a quote with municipal discount from Randy at All-Season Sports for a Grasshopper 430 Diesel with a 72" deck, mid-mount for \$ 11,279.00. He stated that the John Deere quote for a similar model was \$ 20,470.00. Motion by Meyer, second by Phillips to purchase the Grasshopper 430 Diesel from All-Season Sports at the quoted price of \$ 11,279.00. Council member Anderson stated that in his experience there is sometimes a delay getting parts for this model and wanted the council to be aware of this.

The water/wastewater report was reviewed and accepted as presented. The clerk asked City Engineer Tekippe questions regarding the amount of testing for our sewer plant as the monthly fee seems very high compared to neighboring towns. Mr. Tekippe will check into the testing required for our permit. George Tekippe will show the Calmar GIS System to the Mayor and Council after the meeting.

Luther Anderson reported on the recent Hazard Mitigation meeting. He reported that there would not be another meeting and that a plan that Upper Explorer land had prepared was federally approved recently. Our plan will be similarly prepared and should be available shortly.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk