

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 2005 @ 7:00 P.M.
Calmar Fire Station**

During the comments before the meeting items discussed were a problem with a barking dogs, a complaint regarding many at large cats, and skunks. Mayor McCasland also stated that he had received the Winneshiek County Development annual meeting information. He gave the slate of officers up for election. Jim Buchheit from Calmar is on the ballot for board member. Also mentioned was information received from Iowa Rural Water regarding the Environmental Protection Commission's intent to approve two major rules that would immediately impact wastewater facilities and those with NPDES permits. Calmar's new wastewater facility was on the list of facilities that would be impacted by the intended change in legislation. This deals with ammonia discharge. Members were encouraged to contact the DNR and attend public hearings being held around the state. These proposed change in standards would go into effect with no thought for cost and benefits if Iowa communities to not stand up and speak out. Mayor McCasland also mentioned that the Mayor and councilmen Patrick and Zweibahmer's seats were up for re-election on November 8th. Papers for anyone interested in these positions can be picked up at the clerk's office.

Mayor McCasland called the September meeting of the Calmar City Council to order on Monday, August 29, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. Meeting rescheduled to August 29th because we were unable to get a quorum on September 6th. Present were: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer.

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

Motion by Kleve, second by Patrick to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2005 meeting. Aye; Patrick, Kleve, Zweibahmer, Vondersitt and Shindelar. Carried.

Lucas Elsbernd representing TeKippe Engineering stated that the building walls and roof are complete on the water treatment plant with trim and finishing touches yet to be completed. The block walls were insulated and a first coat of paint has been applied to the interior. The second coat of paint, ceilings, and interior electrical and interior piping remains to be completed. At this point 51% of the project is complete. Partial Payment Estimate # 5 for Blazek Corporation in the amount of \$ 31,187.65 was presented for approval. Motion by Shindelar, second by Patrick to approve payment. Aye: Patrick, Kleve, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried. Discussed was contract change order # 1. This had previously been approved but corresponding paper work hadn't been signed. Presented was contract change order # 2 to cover changes in the driveway of the building for an increase of \$ 1,515.70. Motion by Patrick, second by Kleve to approve contract change order #2. Aye: Patrick, Shindelar, Kleve, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Lucas stated that the Westside Lift Station and Main Improvements Project is complete and all paperwork is closed out on the project. The need for a vent at the small building at the lagoon was discussed. There is an odor and moisture problem here that this needs to correct. Lucas will check to see if this was to be part of the original project.

The third reading of Ordinance # 311 regarding parking regulations during snow removal was read. Motion by Patrick, second by Vondersitt to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance # 311. Aye: Patrick, Shindelar, Kleve, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Kleve to approve the renewal of beer, liquor and Sunday sales for Whiskey Grove. Aye: Vondersitt, Zweibahmer, Kleve, Patrick and Shindelar. Carried.

The Fire department report was accepted as presented.

The Police department report was accepted as presented. There is a problem with broken beer bottles in parking lots and city streets. Officer Balik will speak with bar owners regarding this problem. Two bids were received for the 2000 Crown Victoria Police Car. Motion by Vondersitt, second by Patrick to accept the bid of Northern Ag in the amount of \$ 3,500.00. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar and Vondersitt. Nay: Zweibahmer. Carried. Discussed was a forwarding feature on the police department telephone. This will be placed on the agenda for discussion again next month.

The street department report was discussed and accepted. Discussed was a report of disposal of oil down the curbs and storm sewers. Tickets will be issued for improper disposal of hazardous material should this be observed in the future. Weeds in the streets and sidewalks uptown were discussed. Property owners are encouraged to take care of this themselves for the beautification of the Calmar business district.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Discussed was a 5-year maintenance contract with Municipal Pipe Tool Co. Inc. of Hudson. Motion by Patrick, second by Vondersitt to approve the 5-year contract. Aye: Patrick, Vondersitt, Zweibahmer, Kleve and Shindelar. Carried.

Considerable discussion was held regarding the condition of Calmar sidewalks and the need for repair and replacement of the defective sidewalks. Letters will be sent to the affected property owners with a deadline for repair or replacement of sidewalks. All property owners will need to obtain a permit before the repair or replacement can be done. Permits will be reviewed and discussed with the property owners. The city will advertise for contractors willing to work with residents to do the needed repairs and will try to secure a cost per ft. from these contractors. This list will be sent along with letters to the homeowners. Motion by Shindelar, second by Zweibahmer to approve the payment by the City of 50% of the cost of concrete only up to a limit of \$ 200.00 for any homeowner required to replace/repair their sidewalk. Aye: Patrick, Shindelar and Zweibahmer. Aye: Kleve and Vondersitt. Carried.

Discussed was the need to begin working on a plan for the remodel of the police department and future clerk's office. Mayor McCasland appointed councilpersons Al Shindelar and John Patrick to head this project with input from Junior Boyer, Michele Elsbernd and Jerry Balik.

Motion by Kleve, second by Patrick to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 313 requiring stop signs at the railroad tracks from the north and south on Charles, Meldon and East Streets and to waive the second and third readings. Aye: Patrick, Shindelar, Vondersitt and Kleve. Nay: Zweibahmer. Carried.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Shindelar to approve appointment of Connie McCasland, and Chris Frana to a 6-year term on the Calmar Library Board. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Patrick, Vondersitt and Zweibahmer. Carried.

Motion by Kleve, second by Shindelar to approve payment of claims for the month of August. Aye: Kleve, Shindelar, Vondersitt, Zweibahmer and Patrick. Carried.

Claims August 2005

ACW Inspections	Inspect	288.00
Acco	Chemical	568.19
Ace	Phone	17.95
Advanced Water	Chemical	115.98
Alliant Energy	Electricity	4865.92
Aquilla	Gas	1020.47
AT&T	Phone	52.17
Audio Editions	A. books	27.98
Blazek Corp	PPE#5	31187.65
Book Look	books	274.56
Calmar Courier	publishing	253.11

City Laundry	uniform	106.84
City of Calmar	reimburse	29.37
City of Ossian	paint	75.38
Croell Redi Mix	cement	135.00
Crystal Canyon	library	32.98
Decorah Elec.	bulbs	35.42
Eric Roy	sidewalk	2000.00
Farmers Co op	fuel	268.06
Fred Carlson	cold mix	348.50
Galls Inc.	police	2.93
Hawkeye Truck	repair	150.09
Heying Lbr.	supplies	38.58
Highsmith	supplies	73.58
Hygenic Lab	testing	22.00
Iamu	ceu's	10.00
Ingram	books	73.51
IRS	fica/fed	5263.27
IPERS	pension	2096.84
Iowa Prison Indust	signs	189.00
Iroc Web	services	25.00
Keith Lee	supplies	24.50
Keystone Labs	testing	333.00
Kirkeby Welding	welding	20.00
Kwik Star	fuel	537.74
Linda Crossland	book	19.55
M&M Family Mkt	pool sup	271.32
Malcom Enterprise	garbage	6373.34
Micromarketing	a books	85.00
Municipal Supply	meters	1075.21
Nancy Tepestra	books	120.00
Napa	supplies	70.98
Norby's Farm Fleet	supplies	179.24
NEIA Lawn Care	services	85.00
Postmaster	postage	370.00
Presto	pest	31.00
R&R Plumbing	services	32.40
Racom	police	927.35
Rite Price	supplies	245.02
Sherwin Williams	supplies	7.22
State of Iowa	tax	688.00
Signs & Designs	police	410.00
Tekippe Eng	engineer	186.90
Thompson Gale	books	33.95
US Cellular	phone	277.33
Usgaard & Smith	repair	16.58
Walmart	supplies	298.04
Wellmark	insurance	2,119.75
Wiltgen Const	services	150
Payroll	August	16874.95
	TOTAL	81,511.70

Claims by fund

General	36,209.63
Road Use	1,919.63
Employee Benefits	1,695.80
Capital Project	31,374.55

Water		5,096.72
Sewer		<u>5,215.37</u>
TOTAL		81,511.70

Revenue by fund

General		9076.60
Road Use		7707.57
Capital Project		50000.00
Local Option		6654.92
Water		9,931.00
Sewer		<u>25054.18</u>
TOTAL		108,424.27

6 Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

Joe McCasland
Mayor