

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 7, 2014**

Prior to the meeting Mike and April Steffens and Travis Feickert were in attendance concerning Howard Street. The Steffens had inquired previously if it would be possible to purchase the portion of the street to the west of their property. They were present stating their reason for wishing to purchase the property. Council members present explained their reasons why the city needed to retain possession of the property. Travis Feickert stated that he may wish to access a garage on his property from Howard Street in the future and inquired regarding the feasibility of this plan. Garbage service was discussed briefly, current service will renew for a three year period should the city not give notice.

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Larry Huinker at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 7, 2013 at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Huinker, Sabelka, Schissel and Kleve. Absent were: Mayor Frana and council member Zweibahmer.

After discussion regarding previous meeting minutes and explanation of several claims a motion was made by Kleve, seconded by Sabelka to approve the consent Agenda (agenda, Minutes of the December 2, 2013 meeting (with corrections stating that prior to the December 2, 2013 meeting the request from Mike and April Steffens to consider sale of a portion of Howard Street was discussed and all members stated at that time that the city wanted to keep their options open and were not interested in selling any streets or alleys. Minutes of the December 9, 2013 meeting, clerk/treasurer reports and claims for December 2013) Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel and Huinker. Motion carried.

CLAIMS REPORT					
Accp	pool reno	1800.00	John Deere Financial	supplies	337.68
Ahmed Alkhalili	monitor	251.00	Keystone Labs	testing	201.20
Alliant	electricity	7370.67	Kirkeby Welding	plow and truck work	268.00
Annie Rude	popper	309.00	Klimesh Motors	fire department	475.28
Aramark	uniform	104.76	Kwik Star	fuel	908.36
Bankers Trust	interest and fees ww note	6573.75	Lance Peters	boots reimb	129.99
Black Hills	gas	1517.46	Malcom Ent	garbage	6126.69
Book Look	books	261.83	Marv Smith Elec	pool	107.26
Calmar Motors	explorer, antifreeze	646.08	Marv Smith Elec	fire station heater	76.44
Century Link	phone	720.94		reimburse idrive backup	
Croell	concrete by PO	225.00	Michele Elsbernd	fee	49.50
Culligan	seasonal service	38.00	Micromarketing	audio books on cd	607.73
Data Technologies	tax forms	137.19	Mid America Publishing	publishing notices	190.12
Decorah Electric	labor only	67.50	Natare	pool reno	16790.66
Decorah Tire	tires juniors pickup	672.64	NE IA Spray Foam	library	3575.00
Delta Dental	reimbursable dental ins	148.00	NE IA Tree	misc	977.50
Demco	table chairs supplies	503.11	Postmaster	box rent	46.00
Dept. of Ag IA	license renewal fees	30.00	Postmaster	postage water bills	148.08
Drilling	blade	5.75	Postmaster	permit renewal	200.00
Electric Motor Shop	lift basket	226.37	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	36.75
Farmers Union	fuel	504.17	Rite Price Office	copier rdgs	30.00
Hach	testing supplies	286.05	Screenprinting	safety parkas	322.96
Hawkins	chemicals	1857.30	Sim's TV	batteroes.ccd-r	57.97
Heying Lbr	siding library	1017.70	South Winn Ins	public employees bond	378.45
Hubers Store	cord, timer	16.98	T & W Grinding	grind brush pile	1200.00
Hubka Const	pool deck repair, pad etc	13056.50	Fehr Graham	downtown improvements	2235.50
Imwca	install 7 work comp	1308.00	Thompson Truck	part	15.53
Ingram	books	204.00	Treas State IA	taxes	791.00
Irs	taxes	4902.67	Upper Explorerland	cdbg application	1000.00
Iowa Codification	code pages	50.00	US Cellular	phone	346.19
Ia Dept. of Revenue	sales tax water	3174.00	Walmart	supplies	472.79
Iowa Municipal Finance	dues	40.00	Wellmark	insurance	3300.85
Iowa One Call	service	31.00	Wiltgen	sand, dozer, etc	1856.34
Iowa Prison Industries	signs	132.06	Winn Co. Auditor	election expenses	1151.42
Iowa Workforce	quarterly unempl	18.85	Winn Co. Extension	fee continuing ed pesticide	70.00
Ipers	ipers	3130.84	Zarnoth Brush	rebuild kit	242.35
			Payroll		14547.67

Total	110610.43	General	17572.41
Expenses by fund		Road Use	8665.03
General	74775.27	Benefits	3382.38
Road Use	3202.43	Emergency	249.83
Benefits	4937.69	Lost	7706.80
Water	12058.36	Water	16900.23
Sewer	15636.68	Sewer	27382.31
Total	110610.43	Total	81858.99
Revenue by fund			

Chad Schissel presented the Fire Department report for the month of December 2013. They had two fire calls and had members participate in meeting and training night reporting 122 hours of community service. Chief Schissel also noted the recent passing of Richard Havel who had been a member of the Calmar Fire Department and Fire Chief prior to Peter Meyer.

Police Chief Joe Ward reported the activities of the Police department for the month of December. This included snow parking issues and juvenile issues at the middle school. He also stated the city might want to consider raising the fine for this type of violation.

The Street Department report was discussed. Issues with the white dump truck were discussed. Junior stated there is a water main break that will be repaired on Wednesday.

The water/wastewater report was presented by Matt Bullerman. All samples and testing were completed and in compliance. Matt also presented the Yearly Report for review.

Budgeting was discussed briefly. Requests from NEICAC, Helping Services will be granted. Salaries were briefly discussed; increases will be budgeted should the council decide to grant salary increases.

Motion by Schissel, second by Kleve to approve the re-appointment of Vicky Osmundson to the Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority for a three year term. Aye; Kleve, Sabelka, Schissel and Huinker. Motion carried.

Motion by Sabelka, second by Schissel to approve the Mayors Appointments for 2014. Aye: Schissel, Sabelka, Huinker and Kleve. Motion carried.

Ordinance # 360 was introduced. This ordinance prohibits the driving of a car, cycle, or other vehicle, or ride or lead any horse in any portion of the cemetery except upon the established drives or roadways designated by the City. This change allows police officers to issue citations to people using the cemetery area as a short cut. Motion by Schissel, second by Kleve to approve Ordinance # 360 and to waive the 2nd and 3rd. readings making it effective upon publication. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka and Schissel. Motion carried.

Ordinance # 361 was introduced. This ordinance amends our code where school stops and yield signs are required. Motion by Sabelka, second by Schissel to approve Ordinance # 361 requiring the driver to yield at the intersection of W. Henry Street and N. Charles Street and at the intersection of S. Charles Street and W. Clay Street. It also establishes a school stop at the intersection of W. South Street and S. Washington Street and to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading making it effective upon publication. Aye; Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka and Schissel. Motion carried.

The clerk stated we had received a thank you from the South Winn Youth Football League acknowledging our donation. Also from Larry and Marianne Huinker for the expression of sympathy at the time of Marianne's father's death.

Karla Organist is requesting the City set a date to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The clerk, police chief, employees and anyone else interested is welcome. This is scheduled for January 15, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at the clerk's office.

Briefly discussed was the possibility of a new business or two locating to Calmar. Members felt that the businesses would be a greater asset than other discussed uses for the property.

Motion by Kleve, second by Sabelka to adjourn at 8:09 P.M. Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Sabelka and Schissel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Larry Huinker Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: _____
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk