

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
Special Meeting
November 18, 2013
6:00 P.M. Calmar Fire Station**

Mayor Meyer called the special meeting of the Calmar City Council to order on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were: Sabelka, Kleve, Phillips and Zweibahmer. Huinker was absent.

Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to approve the agenda as presented. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Phillips and Zweibahmer. All aye, motion carried.

This being the time and the place for a public hearing regarding the submittal of an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Owner Occupied Rehabilitation funding for the City of Calmar, the hearing was opened by Mayor Meyer at 7:02 P.M. There were no written or oral objections. Items discussed regarding the grant application were:

(a) how the need for the proposed activity or projects were identified

The need for the owner-occupied housing with the Iowa Economic Development Authority came from several public meetings held by the city council members. Calmar's aging housing stock is a real concern for the city to promote business development and economic growth. An LMI survey was completed in April/May of 2013 which indicated an LMI of 53.50% for Calmar households. This further substantiated the need for owner occupied housing and those 53.50% would benefit from the assistance of the CDBG funds to improve these homes.

Pre-applications have been sent to owner occupied residents in Calmar to confirm interest and 44 pre-applications have been returned to date.

(b) how the proposed activity or projects will be funded and the sources of funds

The proposed activity will be funded with \$9,000 of local match or \$1,500 per home from the City of Calmar and a local match of \$500 or \$3,000 from Security State Bank for the owner-occupied program for six (6) homes.

(c) The date the Housing Fund applications will be submitted

The Housing Fund Owner-Occupied applications will be submitted on or before December 11, 2013 to the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA).

(d) Requested amount of federal funds (Housing Fund)

The requested amount is \$231,000 for the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program.

(e) Estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit persons of low and moderate income

The City has proposed assisting six (6) LMI households with rehabilitation of their homes. The intent is to target those living in homes considered to be in deteriorated condition. In looking at the 2013 LMI survey that was completed, 53.50% of Calmar residents are considered low to moderate income persons, it is expected that these funds will benefit six (6) homes of that 53.50% population.

(f) Where the proposed activity or project will be conducted

The projects will be conducted within the city limits of Calmar.

(g) Plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses as a result of funded activities or projects

No businesses or persons will be displaced during this process

(h) Plans to assist persons actually displaced, and

There are no plans to displace any persons

(i) The nature of the proposed activity or project.

The nature of the proposed projects within Calmar is to assist in the rehabilitation of six (6) existing homes for low to moderate income families. The programs mission is to stimulate Calmar's economy one home at a time.

Questions were answered by Lori Brockway from Upper Explorerland and the hearing closed at 7:15 P.M. Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to approve Resolution # 492 authorizing the submission of a CDBG application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority and the Expenditure of Funds to be applied to local match for a housing fund general application for owner occupied rehabilitation. Aye; Kleve, Phillips, Sabelka and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Kleve to approve a 5 year lease agreement with Ace Communications for use of the City Water Tower for the installation of antennas for local internet service and use of space for control equipment. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Motion carried.

Motion by Kleve, second by Zweibahmer to increase the incentives for new business to one year water and sewer usage at no charge. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried.

Motion by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Phillips. Motion carried.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk