

# City of Calmar Newsletter Fall 2017

## City Officials

### MAYOR

Keith Frana

### CITY COUNCIL

Brian Ondrashek

Dennis Kleve

Linus Sabelka

T.J. Schissel

Jeanie Kirkeberg



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE

### Calmar Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

The City of Calmar's wastewater permit has expired and as a result we are being forced to upgrade to current EPA/DNR standards. We were provided a time frame by the DNR to complete this upgrade. Letters were written to all state and federal senators and representatives along with the governor and DNR head Chuck Gipp stating our reasons why we felt we were being forced to upgrade when we didn't think it was necessary. The City of Calmar also submitted an 83 page Disadvantaged City Application in an attempt to delay the project so we won't have a payment due on the new facility until the last payment is made on the current facility in 2021. We were granted this status. We have also applied for a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) to assist with a small portion of the cost. The most we could receive is \$ 300,000.00. We have not heard if this grant has been approved. If we are not funded during this round of funding we will submit the application again. The City has applied for a State Revolving Loan to finance this project. When the state is involved, we were required to retain the services of a qualified Financial Advisor. This advisor determined what the rate schedule needs to be to pay off the \$ 240,000 yearly payment on the new facility. As a result the city will be implementing the first phase of a sewer rate increase after the ordinance is passed and published. The increase in sewer rates will be \$ 7.50 per month. The increase is likely to go into effect with the October 15th bill.

Again, we have no option but to upgrade our plant as required, this is not what we WANT to do but what we HAVE to do.

#### Police

Joe Ward, Police Chief  
101 S. Washington St.  
563-562-3224 (non -emergency)  
911 (emergency)

#### Public Works

Junior Boyer, Superintendent  
101 S. Washington ST.  
319-361-2506 (cell)

#### Water/Wastewater

Matt Bullerman, Superintendent  
101 S. Washington St  
319-361-2505 (cell)

#### Public Library

Linda Crossland, Library Director  
101 S. Washington St.  
563-562-3010  
Open 12-6 Mon.—Fri.  
Saturday 10 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

#### Calmar Swimming Pool

Hwy 24  
563-380-0240 (Pool cell)  
Blake Moen (Manager)  
319-361-8532 (Managers cell)



**City of Calmar**  
101 S. Washington St., P.O. Box 268  
Calmar, IA 52132

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Deputy Clerk: Sheila Bullerman

Phone: 563-562-3154 Fax: 563-562-3903 Cell: 319-361-2507  
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## Does Your Dog Bark?

If you have a dog maybe you don't even hear when it barks, you are used to it..... but your neighbors DO hear the barking. We have had numerous complaints recently about barking dogs. One dog in a neighborhood starts barking and then there is a chorus of vocal dogs. This is disturbing to some. Our code of ordinances states...



**55.08 ANNOYANCE OR DISTURBANCE.** It is unlawful for the owner of a dog to allow or permit such dog to cause serious annoyance or disturbance to any person or persons by frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, or otherwise; or, by running after or chasing persons, bicycles, automobiles or other vehicles.

## FALL REMINDERS!

PLEASE be a considerate neighbor, and a good citizen—do not rake or blow your leaves into the street. They'll just blow into your neighbor's yards and/or clog up the storm water drains.

### BURNING of yard waste IS allowed

You can burn from September 15th thru November 15th ONLY and between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. No burning on the blacktop or hard surface of any street or alley or in curb & gutters. Before you burn, check the wind speed and direction and be considerate of your neighbors.

Remember to trim your trees to a height of no less than 15' above the surface of the street and 8' above the surface of the sidewalks. Take a look at the trees in your yard or boulevard and PLEASE take care of getting them trimmed. Low hanging limbs can damage busses or trucks that drive or park on the streets. Winter is coming and ice and snow will affect the height also.

The yard waste site is available for grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, walnuts, apples etc. Please note that there are separate places for the tree limbs and the items that can be composted.

## THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED TO OUR FLOWER FUND THIS YEAR

Paul & Barb Posivio	35.00
Tom & Mary Welch (in memory of Art & Lillian Rolfes)	150.00
Kevin & Diedra Kuhn	100.00
Kuhn Trucking	125.00
Emily Hoffert (in memory of Jim Hoffert)	50.00
Calmar Corvette Club (in memory of Bill Hilsabeck and Tony Lensing)	70.00
Wayne & Corinne Wiest	35.00
Peter & Alma Meyer family (in memory of Peter)	35.00
Gary Ames	50.00
Carolyn Havel	30.00
Kyran & Bev Lutkenhaus	40.00





**The Winneshiek County Freedom  
Rock Committee gratefully  
acknowledges the following donations to date  
(All donations over \$ 500.00 recognized on a plaque at the site)**

South Winn Insurance	\$ 1000.00
Linus & Doris Sabelka	\$ 100.00
Depot Outlet (paid total cost of flag poles and flags)	\$ 4099.00
Connie McCasland	\$ 100.00
Community Foundation of NE Iowa	\$ 5000.00
Rockwell Collins	\$ 500.00
Martin & Hattie Frana family	\$ 500.00
Merle & Darlene Hageman family	\$ 500.00
Farmers Union Co op	\$ 500.00
Decorah Bank & Trust	\$ 500.00
State Bank	\$ 1000.00
John & Louise Heying	\$ 25.00
Don & Julie Wurtzel	\$ 1000.00
Ernest & Kay Heying	\$ 500.00
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 266	\$ 500.00
V.F.W. Auxiliary # 1977	\$ 100.00
Waukon State Bank	\$ 100.00
Black Hills Energy	\$ 500.00
Citizens Savings Bank	\$ 250.00
MiEnergy Cooperative	\$ 500.00
Hacker & Nelson	\$ 250.00
Charles & Doris Frana Family and	
Ron & Norma Bullerman family	\$ 500.00
Calmar Lions	\$ 1178.30
Ray & Donna Elsbernd	\$ 500.00
Bob & Michele Elsbernd	\$ 500.00
Leonard Fencel	\$ 500.00
Al & Lu Anne Becker	\$ 100.00
James Cutsforth Jr. (in memory of James Sr.)	\$ 100.00
James Cutsforth Jr. (in memory of Peter Meyer)	\$ 50.00
James Cutsforth	\$ 100.00
City of Calmar (in memory of Joe McCasland)	Bench
City of Calmar (in memory of Jerry Balik)	Bench
Paul Styve family	Bench
John D. Meyer family	Bench
Calmar Fire Department	Bench
Calmar Lion's Club	Bench
Peter & Alma Meyer family	Bench

**We also acknowledge the donations of labor or materials from: Jimmy Gallery, Wiltgen Construction, Albertson Const., Sara Neuzil Landscaping, Reicks Landscaping & Memorial, Grassmasters (Al & Lisa Brockmeyer), Midwest Geographical, Croell Redi Mix, HRS Surveying, Heying Lumber, Decorah Rental**

**TRICK—OR—TREAT  
IN CALMAR**



Will be observed on the traditional night of  
**October 31, 2017 from  
5-8 PM**  
Please visit homes that have their porch light on!



**IN CALMAR  
October 31, 2017  
Washington Street Parking  
lot from 5-7 p.m.**  
(anyone welcome to set up your vehicle in the lot to provide "treats" in a safe controlled environment for the children)

**The City of Calmar will  
be  
FLUSHING HYDRANTS  
(weather permitting )**

**The first week in  
October**



**You may experience variable  
water pressure  
and/or discolored water**

# CALMAR FIRE & RESCUE

## FUNDRAISER

CHILI & CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP SUPPER



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017  
3:30—6:30 P.M. at

CALMAR FIRE STATION

Free will donation!



With Parade of  
Lights

Starting at 7:00 p.m.



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Calmar Fire & Rescue received our new Tanker on July 31st it replaced our 40 year old tanker. It is built by Midwest Fire out of Luverne, MN. It has a 2017 Freightliner Chassis with a all 2000 gallon poly tank on it with all stainless steel piping and 750 gallon per minute pump so there shouldn't be any rust problem.

**WELCOME**  
to all new teachers and students to NICC and South Winneshiek!

**WELCOME**  
to all other new Calmar Residents!  
**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**