

MAY 7, 2012

Prior to the meeting Isaac Phillips reported he had come from the Calmar Commercial Club meeting and they had a great turn out at their Easter Egg Hunt. They will be preparing for more children next year. He also reported there is a 5 K run planned for June 22<sup>nd</sup> during the Trail Days Celebration and also music on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in the town square. Painted distance markers on the Prairie Farmer Trail were discussed. Junior will develop temporary portable markers to be used to mark the distance during run/walks on the trail.

Mayor Meyer called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 7, 2012 at the Calmar Fire Station. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Dennis Kleve, Larry Huinker, Isaac Phillips, Linus Sabelka and Dave Zweibahmer.

Motion by Huinker, second by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of April 2, 2012, clerk/treasurer reports and claims for April 2012). Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Sabelka, Zweibahmer and Kleve. Carried.

Claims April 2012			Mid-American	paint for pool	323.92
Al Brockmeyer	backup	2869.16	Midwest Radar	calibrate radars	120.00
Alliant Energy	eleactricity	5760.01	Nancy Testpra	books	102.00
Americal Legion Aux	3 flags	45.00	Napa	supplies	33.59
Annie Rude	reimb barells	151.82	Penworthy	books	36.98
Aramark	uniform	121.72	Postmaster	mail water bills	145.88
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	534.47	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	93.00
Bodensteiner Impl.	broom & oil	4234.84	Rite Price	supplies	170.42
Book Look	books	209.86	South Winn Post Prom	donation	100.00
Buchheit Appl	vac bags Library	8.00	Sunset Law Enf	supplies	124.60
Calmar Courier	publishing	109.24	Tekippe Engineering	services	366.00
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books lp	41.34	Treas State IA	taxes	730.00
Centurylink	PHONE	424.27	Upstart	supplies, book	21.85
City of Calmar	postage	10.05	US Cellular	phone	237.82
City of Decorah	jet truck maple st	400.00	Utility Equipment	meters, conn	959.10
C. Kinkor	damages	499.23	Walmart	supplies	101.58
Culligan	services	38.00	Wellmark	premium	6043.41
Decorah Electric	Lion's park sirens	530.60	Wiltgen	rip rap and rock	229.80
Delta Dental	ins reimb	107.00	Winn. Cty. Engineer	salt/sand	1526.28
Drillings	bar oil, mix	26.87	Payroll		13307.20
Farmers Union	fuel	1027.74	Total		54925.53
Hawkins	chemicals	457.00	Claims by fund		
Heying Lbr	flood light	6.85	General		27203.97
Iamu	ccu's,dues,class	406.12	Road Use		4400.95
Irs	taxes	4243.57	Benefits		4051.85
Iowa DOT	supplies	122.56	Water		7609.34
Ipers	pension	2755.31	Sewer		11659.42
Irob Web	services	35.00	Total		54925.53
John Deere Fin	supplies	319.58	Revenue by fund		
Junior Boyer	reimb barells	1334.40	General		111,658.21
Kay Park Rec	garbage lids	213.00	Road Use		7590.92
Keystone Labs	testing	244.10	Benefits		28,627.11
Kirkeby Welding	weld sweeper	1145.00	Emergency		2,466.09
Kwik Star	fuel	1208.86	Lost		7,676.64
Lindsi Franzen	WSI	90.00	Tif		31,730.74
Marv Smith Elec	capacitors siren	124.15	Water		15,841.13
Matt Parrott	Paper minutes	17.50	Sewer		25,249.73
Michele Elsbernd	mileage, memor	243.39	Total		230,840.57
Micromarketing	books	36.49			

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application was discussed. Winneshiek County Emergency Management-Homeland Security Coordination is requesting that the city approve a resolution for the local match required for the plan. Motion by Sabelka, second by Huinker to approve Resolution # 471 for the Local Match for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Aye: Phillips, Kleve, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Carried.

The Calmar Fire Department Report was accepted as presented. Linus Sabelka reported that training had been held with their new grain bin rescue equipment. He stated that the department held election of officers at their regular meeting and that their annual dance would be held in the square on June 23, 2012 in conjunction with Calmar Trail Days. It was

reported by Isaac Phillips that all the cities storm sirens are in working order and that they will be tested next Monday night. We are reminded that these are storm sirens rather than just tornado sirens. Should the sirens sound in Calmar it means there is severe weather imminent and to seek shelter immediately.

Calmar Police Chief Joe Ward reported a very busy month. Officer Peters conducted underage drinking programs at the high school. Lockdown drills were done at the high school, middle school and DeSales and they participated in the docudrama at the high school which focused on texting while driving and driving under the influence. He also reported that a search warrant executed in early April located many items used in the manufacture of methamphetamines. He stated charges had been filed and there are other ongoing investigations underway. It was reported the city will be taking sealed bids on the old Crown Victoria until noon on May 25, 2012. Chief Ward stated that there was equipment he would like to purchase if there was remaining funding in his budget. The city will write a letter requesting help funding this needed equipment.

Junior Boyer presented his street department report. He stated he had "bird proofed" the shelter at Lion's Park and added skylights to the shelter. Boyer reported that he had a bid of \$ 3527.00 from Northeast Iowa Spray Foam to apply foam and coating on the building surface for the mural repair/replacement. Motion by Kleve, second by Sabelka to proceed with application of the foam at the quoted price and the repainting of the mural at the quoted price providing all agreements are in place with the building owner regarding possible rebates for energy efficiency. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Huinker, Sabelka and Zweibahmer. Carried. Junior also reported that clean-up day went well but that several items appeared after employees left the site. Next year changes may have to be made on how this is handled. The street committee, Junior Boyer and the mayor met with representatives from Wiltgen Construction regarding curb and gutter and street repair. A storm drain needs to be added. Chris Wiltgen stated they would pay the difference in cost between asphalt and concrete and share 50/50 on the curb repairs. Boyer will obtain the needed estimates and have them available for the June meeting. Junior had also gotten a quote on the overlay of North Street and application of asphalt to the entrance of Lion's Park. Council stated they were not interested in work on the park road at this time. Junior will obtain additional quotes for the North street overlay for the next meeting. John Heying representing Security State Bank was present to talk about their drive-up bank installation. This will require sidewalk and alley work to make the facility accessible. The city indicated they would work with the bank to provide a workable solution. The bank indicated they would provide some funding for the project. Quotes for the project will be discussed at the next meeting.

The water/wastewater report was reviewed. Matt reported that the DNR inspection went well with no significant deficiencies noted.

Mayor Meyer reported that there was a good turnout at the community visioning sessions. He stated the next session is scheduled for May 22, 2012 at 5:15 PM at NICC Student Center. At this meeting all information will be prioritized and then the landscape architect will prepare concept drawings. He stated all information obtained during the sessions is available on the Iowa Visioning website. Junior Boyer attended the last Turkey River Management Authority meeting to represent the City of Calmar. The council wishes to be a participant in the program. Mayor Meyer, the cities representative to this group will attend the next meeting. Phillips made a motion, seconded by Huinker to authorize Corey Meyer to sign the 28E Agreement with the Turkey River Watershed Project. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Zweibahmer, Sabelka and Huinker. Carried. Mayor Meyer also stated that there was no "backup" for the city clerk. He stated that everyone else has someone that could do their job should the need arise. He recommended more "hands-on" participation by the mayor and finance committee. The clerk stated that in most cases any clerk with the same soft wear as Calmar could come in and take care of necessities should the need arise. She also stated that current employee Annie Rude would be receptive to learning duties to be the future back-up if needed. Corey Meyer stated he was privileged to represent the City at the recent State Historical Society Meeting in Decorah. He was presented a certificate designating the Calmar Passenger Depot at being on the National Register of Historic Places. The need for an appropriate plaque stating this designation was discussed. The clerk and Junior Boyer will take care of the purchase and installation of the plaque. Mayor Meyer stated the city is in need of a lot to be used as Calmar's match with the NEICAC homeowner's housing program. The program funds nice starter homes on a "lease to own" program.

Motion by Huinker, second by Phillips to table the salary discussion until the June meeting. Aye: Kleve, Sabelka, Huinker, Phillips and Zweibahmer. Carried.

After discussion the council decided to cash in the CD's that are due for renewal and put this in checking. Other options for best return will be investigated.

Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to appoint Jim Huber to another term on the Calmar Library Board. Aye: Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Kleve, Huinker and Phillips. Carried.

Several nuisance properties were discussed.

Audit proposals were received from Dietz, Donald & Company and Hacker Nelson & Company. Dietz, Donald & Company's quote was not to exceed \$ 6,700.00 and Hacker, Nelson & Company quoted \$ 6,500 including out of pocket costs. Motion by Sabelka, second by Huinker to accept the Hacker, Nelson & Company quote. Aye: Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Phillips, Huinker and Kleve. Carried.

The council is interested in the sewer insurance program that is available to residents. This plan pays for any back-up issues that would occur.

Mayor Meyer expressed his appreciation to everyone for a successful clean-up, spruce-up weekend and thanked employees for their hard work.

Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to adjourn at 8:50 P.M.

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Corey Meyer, Mayor

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