

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2008
7:00 P.M.
Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Sue Kiel was present representing to state their opposition to the vacation and selling of a portion of Hilma Street that would go to their property. She stated that this property could be developed as a residential development either by themselves or whom ever could/would purchase the property. Also discussed was the need for Tank's to put a container for cigarette refuse so as not to litter the sidewalk area. They have gone "smoke free". Council instructed the clerk to write a letter requesting they install a refuse container for cigarette refuse. A Calmar Trail route map was presented to the council. This map was developed by a committee with grant funding in conjunction with the Prairie Farmer Trail. This map will be put in pamphlet form.

Mayor Joe McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:02 P.M. on Monday, March 3, 2008 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Meyer, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Anderson. Absent was Huinker.

The clerk explained that the outdoor service applied for on the Horseshoe License has been deleted by the ABD. Unless there is a permanent fenced area he can't apply for outdoor service with his regular license application. He can apply for outdoor service but it needs to be a separate application for each time requested with approval by the council.

Motion by Zweibahmer to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Anderson. Aye: Phillips, Anderson, Zweibahmer. Nay: Meyer. Mayor McCasland stated these would now be approved individually. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. Aye: Meyer, Phillips, Anderson and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. Motion by Phillips, seconded by Meyer to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2008 meeting. Aye: Meyer, Phillips, Anderson and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Zweibahmer to approve the clerks/treasurers reports. Aye: Meyer, Phillips, Anderson and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Meyer to approve the claims as presented. Aye: Meyer, Phillips, Anderson and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. Motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Phillips to approve the ABD License for the Horseshoe. Aye: Phillips, Zweibahmer and Anderson. Meyer: Abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Zweibahmer to open the public hearing on the 2008-2009 Budget. The clerk stated that she had received no written or oral comments. Council member Meyer asked about the mower for the wastewater department that was added to the budget figures. The purchase of this mower would still need to be approved. Putting the item in the budget does not automatically authorize purchase of the item. Salary raises have been included in the budget figures but the council will need to approve wage increases prior to June 30, 2008. Motion by Zweibahmer at 7:14 P. M. to close the public hearing, seconded by Phillips. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Phillips and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to approve Resolution # 436 approving the 2008-2009 Budget. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Phillips and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Tom Ward was present representing the Calmar Commercial Club. He stated that this is the 100th year of Calmar Farmers Day and that this year Farmers Day would consist of 100 days of Farmers Day. The celebration would begin on May 30th with an Area Wide Picnic and end on September 4, 5, and 6th. They also plan events about every other weekend all summer. The Theme is "A Century of Tradition". They are requesting help in funding this project from the City for the picnic and the construction of a Gazebo that would be used throughout the celebration and then placed at the Prairie Farmer Trailhead as part of the Kiosks. The council requested this item be added to the April agenda.

The garbage contract was discussed. Shimek was asked if he intended to charge the people outside the city limits but on city water the same price as the people inside the city limits, he stated that yes it would be the same price. The clerk stated that should the contract change hands it would have to be effective the middle of the month due to the billing cycle for water bills. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Phillips to approve continuing the contract with Malcom Inc. with option 1 Aye: Anderson, Phillips. Nay: Meyer and Zweibahmer. This item will be discussed at a later date and the current contract will continue until a decision can be made.

Motion by Zweibahmer to vacate and sell part of Hilma Street. Motion died for lack of a second.

Gene Sanderman, Mark Downhowe, Mark Loveless and Bonnie Humpal were present from the A. & J. Petersburg Agency regarding the city yearly insurance quote. Gene stated that since the city was requesting quotes this year they had quotes from Employers Mutual and Continental Western. They explained the differences in the coverage between the two companies. Tom Bushman and Tara Hoffert from Bushman Insurance were present to explain ICAP. This is a pool of government entities. They explained the differences between ICAP and EMC and Continental Western and stated that their rates had not increased since 1986. Council members felt they did not have enough time to study the quotes. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Anderson to approve the quote with Continental Western with the Fire Pak plan. Aye : Anderson, Phillips, Zweibahmer. Nay: Meyer. Motion carried.

Discussed were city sponsorships for organizations who are entities of the city applying for grant funding. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Anderson to approve Resolution # 437 agreeing to support the Calmar Fire Department and the Calmar Commercial Club by acting as their Fiscal Sponsor. Aye: Meyer, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Anderson. Motion carried.

The Fire Department Report was accepted as presented.

The Police Department Report was discussed. The idea of a spring clean up day was also discussed. The Police Chief and Clerk will discuss options with the garbage services and get a quote. The property at 306 N. Iowa Street was discussed. The mayor authorized the police chief to declare the property inhabitable and to send a letter to the property owner.

The Street Department report was discussed. The add will be placed advertising for our seasonal summer help. Supervised community service was also discussed.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. There was a small discussion on the NICC lift station. The Calmar Trailer Park was discussed. The council decided they we are not interested in metering each trailer separately. Mayor McCasland also reported on the waste management (Winneshiek County Landfill) problem with a liner that the IDNR has a problem with. He also reported that he had a visit with Mr. Zeiman and had made it known to him that we were not thrilled with out new wastewater facility not being in compliance. Corey Meyer explained how this all came about and that 30 years ago the State of Iowa decided to opt out of falling into the EPA regulations because we were an agricultural state and now EPA says we have to be in compliance with standards and now the State of Iowa is in a world of hurt.

Mayor McCasland explained the alley issue between Henry and North Street. He stated that something had happened years ago and that this alley hasn't been properly deeded to the property owners. He has the city attorney working to resolve this problem. The Calmar Planning and Zoning Board met on March 3, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. at City Hall. They agreed that a request to the Calmar Zoning Ordinance be considered. They scheduled a public hearing for March 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at

Calmar City Hall to changed the permitted use in an R-1 district to add funeral homes. After the Planning and Zoning Hearing the board will make a recommendation to the city council and if the recommendation is to change the ordinance then the council will hold a public hearing at the April meeting. A planning committee for Historic Preservation was tabled at this time. Council agreed to the wording regarding purchases over \$ 250.00 to be added to the employee manual. Imagetek imaging of records was discussed. The council is not interested at this time.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Joe McCasland
Mayor

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

George Tekippe , Lucas and Greta Elsbernd demonstrated the GIS mapping system and what it could do for the City. They will prepare a quote for the City with various options.

Claims February 2008			Qwest	phone	484.48
Ace Telephone	internet	17.95	Rite Price	supplies	82.70
Alliant	electricity	6005.83	Ronald Werner	reimb	1136.79
American Water Wks	training	20.00	Scholastic Lib	books	144.30
Aquila	gas	2273.94	Sim's	supplies	89.98
Aramark	uniform	100.52	SW Schools	add	45.00
Barco	chains	388.16	Thompson Gale	books	90.88
Barnes & Noble	books	17.59	Treasurer St. IA	taxes	585.00
Becker Hdwd	supplies	14.49	Upstart	supplies	60.69
B ook Look	books	169.77	US Cell	phone	311.02
Calmar Courier	publishing	83.78	Usgard & Smith	supplies	41.99
Calmar Motors	battery	73.80	Valley Radiator	rad core	477.88
Winn Cty. Engineer	supplies	160.52	Walmart	supplies	85.67
Crystal Canyon	cups etc	3.50	Wellmark	premium	2199.65
Don's Truck Sales	pump	1250.00	Wiltgen	remove snow	100.00
Drillings All Season	6x6 Atv	9600.00	Winco	salt	131.70
Farmers Co-op	service	694.17	World Book	books	82.00
Fastenal	supplies	14.88	Richard Zahasky	services	407.75
Franzen Sales	supplies	16.00	Payroll		11924.98
Gene's Elec	services	22.50	Total		52838.69
Hach	supplies	550.90	Claims by Fund		
Heying Lbr.	supplies	3.79	General		30,743.58
Ingram	books	169.86	Road Use		5,561.25
IRS	fica/tax	3824.96	Benefits		2,325.08
Iowa Codification	ordinances	50.00	Water		6,696.96
Ia Dpt. Public Health	reg. renew	70.00	Sewer		7,511.82
Ipers	IPERS	1818.72	Total		52,838.69
Junior Boyer	ins,mileage	571.00	Revenue by Fund		
Keystone	testing	376.50	General		8,024.61
Kirkeby	welding	124.00	Road USE		6,898.85
Klimesh Motors	repai truck	489.52	Benefits		555.17
Kwik Star	fuel	1221.58	Emergency		52.52
Linda Crossland	postage	20.11	Lost		8,107.45
Marv Smith Elec	fire,clerk,shop	1269.79	Tif		717.05
Michele Elsbernd	reimb	60.00	Trust		1,302.00
Micromarketing	books on cd	101.90	Debt Serv		7,616.61
Midwest Radar	calibrate radar	60.00	Capital Proj		164,584.00
Mississippi Weld	tip	13.58	Water		10,304.60
Municipal Supply	probe,supplies	1240.13	Sewer		23,871.87
Napa	supplies	429.90	Total		232,034.73
Neit	update phone	90.00			
Nicc	training	55.00			
Norby's	supplies	156.92			
Northern Tool	dividers	27.98			
Penworthy	books	443.19			
Postmaster	postage	120.50			
Postville Vet Clinic	shipping	33.00			
Presto	pest cont	36.00			