

APRIL 2, 2012

Prior to the regular meeting, Chris Schirmer spoke to the council concerning the Calmar little league and anticipated expenses for the season. He requested the council consider a larger donation to the program. Andy Johnson from the Winneshiek Energy District gave a presentation on the services they can offer to the households in the County. He explained the direct install program with Energy Corps. This provides free labor and materials to make a home more energy efficient. The council was very interested in the program and will look into ways to gather community interest. Theresa Kleve and Noah Schaufenbuel from Heartlanding in Fayette gave a demonstration and spoke on the 360 degree virtual tours that they could set up for sites of interest in the City of Calmar. Cost is approximately \$ 50-\$100 per "hot spot". Isaac Phillips stated he had attended the Calmar Commercial Club meeting earlier in the evening and that the circus will be coming to Calmar on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. He also stated they were sponsoring an Easter egg hunt April 7th. He also reported that 76 people were screened at the Calmar Lion's Vision Screening.

Mayor Corey Meyer called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:35 P.M. on Monday, April 2, 2012 at the Calmar Fire Station.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Huinker to approve the consent agenda (Agenda for April 2, 2012, Minutes of March 5, 2012, clerk/treasurer reports, claims for March 2012 and the ABD license for Calmar Can & Beverage) Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Sabelka, Phillips and Zweibahmer.

Claims March 2012

A & J Petersburg	ins. Charger	44.00	Kwik Star	fuel	718.55
Alliant	electric bill	5933.05	Linda Crossland	mileage reimb	38.40
Applied Concepts	repair of radar	366.36	Malcom Ent	garbage March	6307.76
Aramark	uniform	76.88	Matt Bullerman	meal Reimb	5.35
Audio Editions	books	118.03	Michele Elsbernd	reimb mileage	52.17
Barnes & Noble	books	117.93	Micromarketing	materials	204.89
Black Hills Energy	natural gas bill	1271.53	Mracek Elec	generator	676.00
Bodensteiner Impl	generator	6803.98	Municipal Supply	man hole lid etc	303.00
Book Look	books	239.84	NE IA Housing Trust	donation	1000.00
Calmar Comm Club	membership	75.00	NE Iowa Tree	trees	1250.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	231.57	Perry Novak Elec	generator	350.00
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	audio bks	41.34		postage water	
Centurylink	phone	429.11	Postmaster	bills	145.04
City of Garnavillo	radar unit	251.00	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	74.00
Data Tech	reg. meeting	95.00	Racom	radio work	3631.45
Dave Huinker	install updates	250.00	Rite Price Office	supplies etc	785.55
Delta Dental	premium reimb	107.00	Sams Club	memb. Yearly	35.00
Demco	display	165.49	Secretary of State	renew notary	30.00
Phillips Enterprises	letter charger	75.00	Treas State IA	taxes	4144.00
Farmers Union Co-			US Cellular	telephone	251.05
Op	diesel, & fuel	1174.94	Utility Equipment	meter	166.10
Fastenal	baskets	27.38	Walmart Comm	juice cookies	7.65
GT Dist	supplies	90.95	Wellmark	premium	4395.23
Hach	chemicals	1007.96	Wiltgen Const	wtr break RR	685.50
Heying Lbr	supplies	48.52		posts to repair	
Howards Tire	repair	186.00	Winn Cty. Engineer	sign	254.50
Iamu	dues	436.88	Payroll	March	13900.69
Ingram	books	228.58	Total		68818.73
IRS	taxes	4707.66	Total by Fund		
Iowa Workforce	quart unempl	1141.01	General		32,186.97
Ipers	IPERS	2770.49	Road Use		2,550.62
Joe Ward	reimb meals	15.43	Benefits		5,941.10
John Deere Fin	supplies	49.57	Water		12,090.07
Junior Boyer	meal Mtg	9.10	Sewer		16,049.97
Kelly Printing	badges charger	282.42	Total		68818.73
Keystone Labs	testing	277.60	Revenue by Fund		
	pickup plow		General		21686.19
Kirkeby Welding	repair	250.25	Road Use		8795.53
Kirkwood	ceu's	10.00	Benefits		4381.61
			Emergency		377.43

Lost	7676.64	Sewer	25266.82
Tif	4929.90	Total	89205.33
Water	16091.21		

The Calmar Fire Department report was accepted as presented. Sabelka reported they had purchased rescue gear and would have training with this new gear in the near future. Sabelka also reported that their annual Texas Hold-em tournament held on April 24, 2012 was successful. It was also reported that the department did not receive the grant from Winneshiek County Foundation this year. It was noted that this is Severe Weather Awareness Week and that sirens will be tested on Wednesday, April 4th. Phillips reported that the Burn trailer will be in Calmar in April.

The Police Department report was accepted as presented. Chief Ward reported that there had been burglaries recently in Ossian and Calmar. The old police Ford Crown Victoria was discussed. This will be offered for sale by sealed bids.

The Street Department report was accepted as presented. Discussed were possible solutions to repair the surface of the building by the tracks so the mural can be repainted. Junior has requested photos from the company supplying the quote, after viewing the photos, surface preparation will be discussed further. The quote for spray foam with a poly roof coating was \$ 4300.00. He will look into any rebates that may be available due to the insulation value of the material to be applied. The city has applied for an Iowa Beautiful grant and if received the funds would help with the painting of the mural. Junior also reported the Burma Shave signs have been installed. Junior received a verbal bid of \$ 400.00 for the pump that was advertised. The council agreed to accept this bid. A tree replacement program was briefly discussed.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Matt Bullerman reported that all testing was within the normal range. Discussed was the sewer issue on Maple Street. The council agreed that the affected property owners would have no "out of pocket" expenses due to the problem. Also discussed was the sewer line on Henry Street from Kwik Star west. The city engineer will view the video with city employees and then discuss possible repair or replacement if necessary. Residents will be reminded in a future newsletter to make sure their homeowners insurance covers sewer backup damage to their home. After the flooding in recent years, this coverage must be added to most policies to insure coverage. George Tekippe commented on the draft of an agreement prepared by Attorney Zahasky between the City of Calmar and the Northeast Iowa Community College for the sewer lift project. He stated there were many items that needed to be discussed and suggested that the water/sewer committee members, himself and representatives of the college meet to prepare a workable agreement to be presented for approval by the council and the NICC Board.

Mayor Meyer reported that we have a new brochure available to promote Calmar. Randy Uhl, Winneshiek County Development has made these available to the city.

Meyer also reported on the upcoming Visioning Special Places & Visual Quality Assessment meetings planned for Saturday, April 14th. He reported community members are needed to participate.

Corey also reported he had attended the Turkey River Watershed Authority meeting recently. This group is organized to reduce the flooding impact due to runoff from farms and communities. The council agreed to support this project. Mayor Meyer agreed to represent the City of Calmar at these meetings.

Meyer reported we had received correspondence from the DNR stating that upon completion of our tree inventory and Urban Forest Management plan we could be eligible to become a Tree City USA. We will check further to see what is necessary to receive this designation.

We received word from the Winneshiek County Community Foundation that the Calmar Swimming Pool was awarded a grant for \$3530 for the ADAL access compliance lift. The Calmar Public Library also received a grant for shelving from the foundation in the amount of \$ 1800.

Mayor Meyer stated that if residents were interested garden space could be provided at a location new the sewer plant.

Mayor Meyer has received an invitation to attend the 2012 Iowa Statewide Historic Preservation Conference to be held in Decorah on April 27th. He will accept the certificate recognizing the Calmar Depot buildings designation on the National Register of Historic Places.

The City has received correspondence from The Canadian Pacific railroad stating they will be construction a communications tower within the Calmar city limits. Construction should be completed by May 31, 2012. The tower will be constructed on their ROW between Maryville and Charles streets.

The 360 degree presentation was discussed. It was decided that we prepare a slideshow of pictures to promote our community assets.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Sabelka to donate an additional \$2000.00 to the Calmar Little League. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Sabelka and Zweibahmer. Nay: Kleve. Motion carried. It was noted that the council suggests the little league explore other funding sources.

Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to adjourn at 9:16 P.M. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Sabelka.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk