

**Calmar City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, July 2, 2007**  
**7:00 P.M. Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Janelle Pavlovec appeared to inform the council how the City of Calmar acquired the Calmar Depot building. She stated that the plan at that time was for it to be a tourist information center and a museum for the railroad and Calmar. The dispatcher room they felt should be kept as original as could be. She stated that Calmar Tourism had nothing to do with bringing the trail to the edge of Calmar; it just happened that they did that at the same time that Calmar Tourism was trying to get possession of the depot so that worked out well as there could be Tourist Information in the building. They worked on the building and looked at grants. She stated that now with the trail, it would be good to have more things for people to see in Calmar. She feels that there would probably be more grant money available. She suggested that we find someone that we could hire on a part time basis to look for grants and try and pull the project together. She stated that the railroad has such a wonderful history here, it was the turn around point from Minneapolis/St. Paul and Chicago and St. Louis. There used to be 20 passenger trains that stopped per day in Calmar. The railroad made the town. She wanted the council to think about this and to get a plan to start doing something about the depot building.

Peter Meyer, on behalf of the Calmar Fire Department, asked what could be done about AgriProcessors. They had a large spill here on June 24<sup>th</sup>. A bill for clean up has been sent to AgriProcessors. Options were discussed; it is a public highway, if the Fire Department feels it no longer wants to be called out for these spills that are their decision to make.

Mayor Willis called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:05 P.M. on Monday, July 2, 2007 at the Calmar Fire Station. Answering the roll was: Patrick, Kleve, Anderson and Vondersitt. Zweibahmer was absent.

Moved by Vondersitt, seconded by Kleve to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2007 meeting. Aye; Kleve, Anderson, Patrick and Vondersitt.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Patrick to approve the agenda as presented. Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Patrick and Vondersitt.

Mark Jobjen of IIW Engineering was presented to explain the status of the Rolling Hills project. He stated that once the contract was signed and the bonds approved that the council needed to set a date for the Notice to Proceed. Mark stated that there are 25 working days on the project and a \$ 250.00 per day penalty. They will also have to have a pre-construction meeting prior to the start of the project. Rolling Hills residents stated that there is a school bus stop there and preferred that the majority of the project be completed prior to August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Moved by Patrick, seconded by Vondersitt to approve Resolution # 429 approving the contract and performance bonds for the Rolling Hills Estates 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additions street improvement/special assessment project. Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Patrick and Vondersitt. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Patrick to have the start date or Notice to Proceed for the Rolling Hills project as July 16, 2007. Aye: Kleve, Vondersitt, Patrick and Anderson. The proposed outdoor furnace ordinance was discussed. Anderson stated that there would be changes coming from the EPA regarding emissions on this type of furnace and indoor wood fired, corn, pellet and fireplaces. A discussion followed regarding this issue. The first reading of Ordinance # 326 regarding Outdoor Furnaces was held. Moved by Vondersitt, seconded by Patrick to approve Ordinance # 326 regarding outdoor furnaces and to waive the second and third readings. Aye: Kleve, Vondersitt, Anderson and Patrick. Discussion followed and it was moved by Anderson, seconded by Kleve to change the time of operation allowed from November 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>. More discussion followed. Vote as follows: Nay: Vondersitt, Kleve, Patrick. Aye: Anderson. Motion did not carry. Moved by Vondersitt, seconded by Patrick to approve Ordinance # 326 regarding outdoor furnaces with no stipulation when they can be operated and to waive the second and third readings. Aye: Patrick, Kleve, Vondersitt and Anderson.

After discussion regarding the Outdoor endorsement it was moved by Patrick, seconded by Anderson to approve the liquor license for Tank's. Aye: Patrick, Kleve, Anderson and Vondersitt. The clerk will check with ABD regarding this endorsement.

The Fire Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

The Police Department was reviewed and accepted as presented. Chief Werner stated that Joe Ward would begin with the city on July 16<sup>th</sup>. He will attend the academy beginning on September 4<sup>th</sup> thru December 14<sup>th</sup>. Chief Werner also reported that he was meeting with the DOT on Tuesday morning at 9:00 A.M. regarding the speed survey. They will make recommendations and seek council approval for their recommendations.

Tim Vondersitt stated that he though Junior Boyer and Chief Ron Werner should be commended for all the hard work that was done getting ready for Farmer's Day. He also stated that he felt something different needed to be done for the future. Some options discussed were getting our own signs vs. borrowing from neighboring towns. Purchasing our own would be a large expense for a once a year event. Anderson suggested that before next year's event this be discussed with the Commercial Club. The DOT may donate some signs that could be used.

Junior will check into cost of obtaining our own signs.

The street department report was reviewed and accepted. Junior Boyer stated that Knife River will be back maybe yet this week and they will measure up what seal coating has been done and see what is yet to complete. He may stop with what has been done to date. The height of trees over the sidewalk and streets was discussed. The property owners are responsible for trimming the trees over the sidewalk and streets. The heights are to be 8' over the sidewalk and 15' over the street. A notice will be put in the paper to inform citizens of this requirement. The clerk, junior and the mayor will also be reviewing the sidewalk projects that were to be completed and doing a new assessment of needed improvements. Junior Boyer stated that we had bought the JD mower straight out and that the city would be offering the Ransom mower for sale. A for sale add will be placed and the mower will be on display near the depot. He also inquired regarding the brush pile at the city shop. He will check on the price to chip the brush, he feels we would only do this once a year. Junior also informed the council that the cement had been poured at the city shop.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. George Tekippe was present to discuss several looping options to try and eliminate the problem in the Charles Street area. After options were discussed, Mr. Penrod stated that he still thought that there was a blockage or a closed valve. Council instructed Mr. Penrod to check for this before anything else is done regarding looping. Mr. Tekippe stated that there is a program that could also try and pinpoint the problem to an area between one point and another. Mr. Penrod stated that we had received a letter from the DNR regarding its new water quality standards to improve Iowa's streams and rivers. Many wastewater facilities may need to make significant changes to meet these proposed requirements. Mr. Penrod was in Des Moines last week to meet with the DNR. Greg Sindt of Bolton & Menk is also working on these studies. We have asked for an extension. Mr. Penrod requested that we retain Mr. Sindt to work with the city on this. Mr. Willis will visit with Mr. Sindt regarding a proposal to represent the city. The funds that are in reserve in the wastewater fund were discussed. There is approximately \$ 7,000 per month left after expenses. If anything needs to be done to our plant this money will not last long. The clerk feels we need to keep these funds for possible upgrades to meet our permit requirements. This money could be put in a CD to gain the city more interest; the clerk will look into this in the near future. Vondersitt inquired if the water meters were being read in the pits on the outskirts of town. Mr. Penrod was also instructed to take care of the water shut off and line on Iowa Street and to check into the shut off on South Street.

Mayor Willis asked Dave Klimesh the status of the fencing he stated he would be installing to the North of Klimesh Motors. He stated that he intended to install an 8" steel white fence and that some poles and building materials were already on site. He stated that three cars had also been moved and that progress has been slower than he would have liked. He stated that he intends to have the project completed by the end of September and asked if this was okay with the council. Council agreed to go along with his plans and project completion date. Mayor Willis stated he had received some calls from the area regarding early closings at the swimming pool. Kate Klimesh and Janice Baker were present to inform the council of some incidents where they had a problem with early closings. After much discussion the council agreed that early closings were not to the benefit of the City of Calmar or the users of the city pool. Mayor Willis will visit with the pool manager regarding this issue so that she can take care of the problem.

The clerk stated that an Alliant representative had come in with new street light rates. They have done away with the short bracket discount. The city has mostly short brackets on their street lights and these will now be the same price as long brackets. She suggested that a survey be done to see where the long brackets would be an advantage to the city. Chief Werner volunteered to do some mapping of street lights and their brackets during his patrol. This will be compared to the count that Alliant has provided. They provide a count but no mapping of where the lights are located.

Kleve left the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

Salaries were discussed. Anderson stated that he had visited in length with Mr. Boyer regarding his duties and concerns. After much discussion regarding evaluations, salaries were tabled. When a decision is made they will be retroactive to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Willis will call a special meeting to resolve this issue before the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A summer newsletter will be prepared. The council will include a mini survey in this newsletter along with the usual informational items.

Claims were reviewed. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Patrick to approve payment of June claims.

**Claims June 2007**

|                |                   |         |
|----------------|-------------------|---------|
| Acco           | Chemicals pool    | 453.94  |
| Ace Telephone  | Internet WW       | 17.95   |
| Advanced Water | Chemicals pool    | 745.26  |
| Alliant        | electricity       | 5342.92 |
| Aquila         | gas               | 1412.75 |
| Aramark        | uniform           | 103.76  |
| Audio Editions | books             | 130.86  |
| Blazek Corp.   | change compressor | 375.00  |

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| Book Look             | books                | 153.82   |
| Broken Arrow          | Academy clothing     | 81.45    |
| Bunn Services         | clean lines          | 245.00   |
| Business Systems      | copy machine cont    | 83.08    |
| Calmar Swim Team      | yearly cont          | 1500.00  |
| Calmar Courier        | publishing           | 340.23   |
| Calmar Fire Dept      | cont                 | 400.00   |
| Calmar Little league  | yearly cont          | 1700.00  |
| Center Pt. Lg. Pnt    | books                | 38.34    |
| City of Decorah       | paint                | 157.35   |
| Winn. Cty. Engineer   | salt                 | 1440.00  |
| Croell Redi Mix       | pea rock             | 30.00    |
| Crystal Canyon        | library water        | 9.39     |
| Dave Huinker          | library computer     | 320.00   |
| Dawn Severson         | concrete shop        | 49.03    |
| Decorah Electric      | water plant          | 2462.52  |
| Dell Marketing        | Computer Library     | 1030.50  |
| Dell Marketing        | Computer Clerk       | 710.22   |
| Drilling All Season   | mower                | 3500.00  |
| Emily Hoffert         | transcription        | 127.50   |
| Farmers Co-op         | service Explorer     | 167.54   |
| Fastenal              | supplies             | 25.89    |
| Follett               | tech support Library | 450.00   |
| Franzen Sales         | flags                | 43.40    |
| Galls                 | police supplies      | 90.03    |
| Helping Serv. NE IA   | cont                 | 1000.00  |
| Heying Lbr            | supplies             | 470.58   |
| Hy Vee                | Food academy         | 718.00   |
| IAMU                  | safety dues          | 299.67   |
| Infobase Pub          | book                 | 33.71    |
| Ingram                | books                | 258.82   |
| IRS                   | taxes                | 4453.19  |
| Iowa Law Academy      | Joe Academy          | 3575.00  |
| Iowa League of Cities | dues, reg            | 567.00   |
| Iowa One Call         | services             | 32.40    |
| Iowa Workforce        | unemployment         | 248.26   |
| Ipers                 | ipers                | 1665.47  |
| Iroc Web Serv         | services             | 25.00    |
| Jerome Hayek          | repair curbs         | 990.00   |
| Joe Ward              | reimbursement        | 51.00    |
| Junior Boyer          | reimbursement        | 101.66   |
| Keystone Labs         | testing              | 464.00   |
| Knife River           | street work          | 45000.00 |
| Kwik Star             | fuel                 | 1075.30  |
| Laura Lechtenberg     | postage              | 3.17     |
| Linda Crossland       | postab               | 4.68     |
| Malcom                | garbage serv         | 6074.45  |
| Max Davis             | books                | 14.99    |
| Mc Myers Cox          | concession supplies  | 880.95   |
| McDonald Supply       | supplies             | 69.13    |
| Michele Elsbernd      | anti virus, reimb    | 53.93    |
| Midwest Radar         | calibrate radar      | 50.00    |
| Miracle Ear           | hearing test Ward    | 15.00    |
| Mower Power           | mower blades         | 134.70   |
| Municipal Pipe        | jet vac lines        | 3313.20  |
| Napa                  | supplies             | 46.63    |
| NE IA Lawn Care       | weed control lagoon  | 85.00    |
| NEICAC                | contribution         | 793.50   |
| Norby's               | supplies             | 520.71   |
| Ossian Bee            | step add             | 27.00    |
| Panscend IIC          | computer serv        | 848.00   |

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| Postmaster             | postage               | 384.30           |
| Postmaster             | box rent 1 yr. Police | 40.00            |
| Postville Vet Clinic   | shipping              | 35.75            |
| Presto                 | pest control          | 34.00            |
| Qwest                  | telephone             | 369.80           |
| R & R Plmb.            | water shut off cover  | 11.48            |
| RES Concrete           | concrete shop         | 6200.00          |
| Rite Price Office      | supplies              | 93.22            |
| Robert Peters          | 50% Cement            | 75.40            |
| Ronald Werner          | reimb ins. Fuel       | 580.23           |
| Security State Bank    | Bond winners          | 112.50           |
| Steve Nelson           | mail box repair       | 17.10            |
| Storey Kenworthy       | supplies Library      | 19.81            |
| Terfwerks              | clutch                | 339.13           |
| Treas. State IA        | taxes                 | 577.00           |
| Treas. State IA        | sales tax water       | 3018.00          |
| Upstart                | library               | 223.82           |
| US Cellular            | telephone             | 260.28           |
| Utility Equip          | hydrant               | 2612.00          |
| Walmart                | supplies              | 305.26           |
| Wellmark               | premium               | 1599.76          |
| Wells Fargo Bank       | sewer yearly pymt     | 114075.00        |
| Wiltgen Const          | supplies              | 1181.83          |
| Winn. CDevelopment     | contribution          | 1250.00          |
| World Book             | reference books       | 309.00           |
| Payroll                | June                  | 16118.71         |
| <b>Totals</b>          |                       | <b>247545.21</b> |
| <b>Claims by Fund</b>  |                       |                  |
| General                |                       | 52167.34         |
| Road Use               |                       | 55650.69         |
| Benefits               |                       | 1548.76          |
| Capital Proj           |                       | 35.40            |
| Water                  |                       | 13613.54         |
| Sewer                  |                       | 124529.48        |
| <b>Totals</b>          |                       | <b>247545.21</b> |
| <b>Revenue by Fund</b> |                       |                  |
| General                |                       | 15903.74         |
| Road Use               |                       | 7651.20          |
| Benefits               |                       | 181.77           |
| Lost                   |                       | 7745.94          |
| Trust                  |                       | 11491.38         |
| Debt Service           |                       | 106.83           |
| Water                  |                       | 10,780.28        |
| Sewer                  |                       | 25112.02         |
| <b>Totals</b>          |                       | <b>78973.16</b>  |

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd  
City Clerk

George Willis  
Mayor