

**Calmar City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 5, 2008**

Prior to the meeting the council met with fire department members to view the new van, 6 X 6, trailer and associated equipment. Mayor McCasland also stated that Iowa State Extension will be presenting a program at the Decorah Public Library on May 12<sup>th</sup> titled Program Builder. He also stated that we had received a letter from Attorney Putman regarding Shimek Sanitation. Mayor McCasland explained what he had learned at the Municipal Leadership Academy Part III held at Waterloo. He stated that the Iowa League of Cities Small Cities Workshop will be on May 29<sup>th</sup> at NICC. The Mayor said that he had heard nothing new regarding the trail other than they are working on easements with the railroad.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on May 5, 2008 at the Calmar Fire Station. Members present were: Meyer, Anderson, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Phillips was absent.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda (agenda minutes, clerk/treasurer reports and claims). Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

Motion by Anderson, second by Zweibahmer to open the public hearing on the budget amendment at 7:03 P.M. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer. There were no written or oral comments. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Huinker to close the hearing at 7:05 P.M. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Motion by Anderson, second by Meyer to approve Resolution # 441 approving the budget amendment. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Huinker to open the public hearing to vacate a city alley and convey city owned real estate at 7:07 P.M. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Mayor McCasland stated that this wasn't done when the other part of the alley was vacated and conveyed years ago. Esther Lensing asked about the cost. The cost of the attorney fees was \$ 630.00 which would be split by the three property owners. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Meyer to close the hearing at 7:14 P.M. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Motion by Anderson, second by Zweibahmer to approve Ordinance # 335 to vacate a portion of the city alley and convey city real estate and to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Motion by Huinker, second by Anderson to approve Resolution # 442 approving the conveyance of certain property owned by the City of Calmar. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

Annie Kriener was present to discuss the swimming pool. After the newsletter came out there were many calls from concerned users of the pool regarding the proposed changes in fees etc. Annie has listened to these comments and suggestions and had a proposed revision to the fees which are more in line with the previous year's fees. The admission will increase .25 and there will be a \$ 1.00 admission for guardian with children in the baby pool and \$ 1.00 admission into the pool for private lessons. There will be an additional punch pass for lap swims, exercise classes and a transferable punch pass for general admission. These items will be put in the paper so residents will know of the changes. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Anderson to approve the swimming pool fees as proposed by Manager Annie Kriener. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

Brian Mymeyer presented his proposal for a mobile soft serve/cool treat stand. The stand will be movable and he would like to place at the SE corner near the depot facing south parallel with the building. He will be State Health inspected, insured and paying sales tax. Electricity was discussed

and council agreed that outside 220 and 110 outlets needed to be placed for this and other future uses. He will place a sign and be open possibly June thru October depending on business. Brian stated he would like a longer term lease. The clerk will check with the city attorney regarding a lease. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Meyer to approve a agreement/lease with Brian Mymeyer pending discussion/agreement of the city attorney. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

George of Tekippe Engineering was present and stated that CFI has replaced three sections of concrete. The other crack and flaking issues were discussed. It was decided to take pictures and monitor this and look at it again before the warranty expires. George stated he had received a material list from Skyline regarding the Jefferson Street project. He has estimated that this project cost in the neighborhood of \$ 35,000.00. They will be starting in the next few weeks but because of the highway crossing will need to work around the schedule of the company that is hauling the windmills. George presented a quote for the GIS mapping of city water, sewer, storm sewer, curb stops etc. The cost of the full project is \$ 11,700.00.

The Fire Department report was discussed and accepted as presented. The costs of retrofitting the van for Calmar Fire Department usage were discussed. Anderson stated that the original presented was good but questioned some of the items after the work was done. The Fire Department's original estimate was done before they were in actual possession of the van and after seeing it just once. Motion by Anderson, second by Huinker to approve payment of the additional expenses (trailer, tires, batteries) for the fire department project. Aye: Anderson, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Meyer abstained. Motion carried. Tim Vondersitt was present to request that that the council looks into making the noon siren operational. He stated that this was to make sure the siren did work and were working should they be needed. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Huinker to investigate further into getting the Noon siren operation for safety preparedness. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Discussed was the need for an additional siren in the NE portion of the city. Councilmember Phillips had checked and the cost is approximately \$ 12,000 - \$ 15,000 depending if you want one additional siren or one new siren that would take care of the whole town. We will be checking into the availability of a used siren.

The Police Department report was accepted as presented. Chief Werner stated that the City Wide Clean Up was scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> and that they would be working to pick up items if people didn't have a way to get them to the dumpster.

The Street Department report was accepted. Junior Boyer stated that the funeral home would like to run a line direct to the storm sewer to provide drainage from their new building. Corey Meyer stated that this would be the ideal as this water would not collect rock, oil from the streets etc. and would be more environmentally friendly as this water discharges into the Lake Meyer watershed. Motion by Meyer, second by Zweibahmer that due to water quality we approve draining of room water underground to the storm sewer. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer. The sale of the Ransom Mower was discussed, it is on display at the depot and For Sale ads will be placed in the paper with deadline May 16<sup>th</sup> for accepting sealed bids. The committee will meet with Mr. Boyer to accept or reject the bids. Junior stated that he had received a bid for an inlet box to drain storm water along the bike trail. Corey Meyer stated that he was in favor of a "French drain" rather than an inlet box. He will get an engineer in to look at this project at no cost to the city.

The water/wastewater report was discussed. Mr. Penrod stated that ammonia levels were decreasing. He stated that he had a locator/line tracer in the budget and he would like to purchase at this time. A locator/line tracer will be needed to find the necessary curb stop and lines for GIS mapping. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Anderson to approve purchase of the locator/line tracer. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

The GIS proposal received from IIW Engineering was discussed. Motion by Meyer, second by Huinker to approve the GIS proposal from Tekippe Engineering. Aye: Anderson, Meyer, Huinker and Zweibahmer.

Mayor McCasland asked about the placement of garbage. It was decided that all garbage picked up at the curb.

Salaries were discussed. The committee will meet with each department to discuss salaries and a recommendation made at the June meeting.

The health insurance renewal was discussed. Premiums will increase 61% with the current plan. Changes in deductible and city paying part of a larger deductible were discussed. Larry Huinker will research options and make a recommendation at the June meeting.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

**Claims April 2008**

	rack, battery,	
Aaron Brincks	sealant	356.85
Advanced Water	chemicals	1821.41
Alliant Energy	elec	5751.85
American Legion		
Aux	flags	45.00
Aquila	gas	1611.83
Aramark	uniform	138.10
Audio Editions	books on cd	60.44
Bankers Trust	principal water imp	115601.25
Book Look	books	194.58
	refund credit	
Bryan Hilsabeck	balance	9.62
	led high power	
Burns Industrial	strobe	186.87
Calmar Courier	add summer help	228.57
	reimburse van retro,	
	etc	7456.54
Calmar Fire Dept		
Center Point Lg.		
Print	lp books	38.94
City Laundry	paper products	694.71
	reimburse for	
	citation	256.00
City of Ossian		
Winneshiek		
Engineer	salt and sand	4106.20
Crystal Canyon	water etc	14.33
Data Technologies	cd update softwear	14.00
Decorah Electric	fuse	13.65
Decorah Impl.	o ring	1.70
Demco	supplies	63.69
Ervin Glock	barracade lights	25.00
Farmers Co op	fuel	171.25
Gene's Elec	fire siren	36.00
Heiman Fire Equ	frog tip	252.57
Heying Lumber	supplies	66.94
Howards Tire	tire repair yellow van	16.00
IAMU	dues	313.99
Ingram	books	403.06
IRS	fed/fica	3964.95
Iowa DOT	paint	614.36
Iowa Division of		
Labor	boiler inspection	50.00
Iowa League of		
Cities	small city workshop	60.00
Iowa Prison		
Industries	signs	257.29
Ipers	ipers	1875.20
Jacques Lamarche	book	14.95
Junior Boyer	health insurance	546.00
Keystone	testing	317.60
	Marquette water	
Kirkwood	conf	100.00
Kwik Star	fuel	858.62
Linda Crossland	postage	4.04
Malcom Ind	garbage	6143.12
Marv & Zips	sweep inj pump	229.33

Repair		
Marv Smith Elec	plub, bushing	21.94
Michele Elsbernd	mileage, supplies	321.21
Micromarketing	books on cd	41.00
Municipal Pipe	jet vac lines	2297.40
Napa	filters	42.50
Nicole Ondrashek	story hour supplies	70.05
Norby's	supplies	237.67
Postmaster	bills and ccu report	202.50
PostvilleVet Clinic	ship samples	39.25
Presto	pests	36.00
Qwest	telephone	372.07
Rite Price	supplies, toner	430.62
Ronald Werner	health insurance	629.25
Scholastic Serv	jr reference books	240.50
Sims	face plate	14.99
Gazette	1 year subscription	168.95
Thompson Gale	lp books	68.16
Treasurer State Ia	taxes	585.00
Upstart	summer reading	195.36
US Cell	phone	312.01
Utility Equip	covers	3225.00
Walmart	supplies, toner	286.23
Wellmark	premium	2199.65
Wiltgen Cosnt	rock alleys etc	876.23
Zarnoth Brush	parts sweeper	80.90
Payroll		12253.09

**Total 180233.93**

**Expenses by fund**

General	33794.44
Road use	7521.28
Benefits	2325.08
Water	122900.05
Sewer	13693.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>180233.93</b>

**Income by fund**

General	147018.49
Road use	6511.72
Benefits	17901.34
Emergency	1693.41
Lost	7051.80
Tif	45545.50
Water	12273.45
Sewer	31355.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>269350.93</b>

Joe Mc Casland, Mayor

Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk

