

March 5, 2012

Prior to the meeting Mark Kvamme, Housing program director for NEICAC gave a presentation on the Homeowners Lease/Purchase program. He explained that the city would provide the lot to build the home. NEICAC can't pay more than \$ 5,000 per lot but also require a 3 year tax abatement. If the abatement isn't possible then the land donation would have to be provided by the city. He stated the program has income guidelines and that with the program the home occupant pays \$ 450.00 per month rent and in 15 years the grant is forgiven. They also do monthly inspections to insure the home is properly taken care of. He writes grants to HUD for this program and should the city find a lot and wish to participate the grant is written during December and January and if approved work would start in the fall so the contractor can work over the winter months.

The regular meeting of the Calmar city council was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Larry Huinker at 7:07 P.M.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Phillips stated a correction needed to be made to the minutes regarding the purchase of the police car. The car was purchased thru dealer quote at Stu Hanson Dodge, not state bid. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Kleve to approve the consent agenda (corrected minutes of February 6, 2012, agenda, clerk/treasurer reports, claims for February 2012 and ABD license for the Horseshoe) Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Kleve, Zweibahmer and Sabelka.

Claims February 2012			Linus Sabelka	mileage to Charles City MLA	52.17
Alliant	electricity	5773.94	Malcom Enterprise	Jan & Feb	12658.95
American Water Wks	reg Workshop	40.00	Marv Smith Elec	light fixtures	563.64
Aramark	uniform	76.88	Mracek	generator	953.15
Black Hills Energy	gas	1340.92	Napa	supplies shop	348.24
Bullwacker Logistics	shipping Radar for repair	47.22	New Hampton Red Power	clamp case loader	30.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	129.15	NE IA Reg. League	dues	10.00
Calmar Motors	front cv shaft jr pickup	192.56	NE IA Tree Serv	chop trees near city dump	150.00
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	41.34	Olsbard	cutting edge kit	126.70
CenturyLink	telephone	426.61	Patricia McDaniel	book	20.00
Crystal Canyon	cooler supplies	6.40	Penworthy	books	110.94
Decorah Electric	waste water generator	214.88	Postmaster	bills, stamps	604.20
Delta Dental	premium	107.00	Prosource	srp prizes	60.94
Electric Motor Shop	sweeper motor repair	97.78	Racom	program radios narrow	
Farmers Union	police fuel	728.76	Rite Price Office	banding	132.00
Fastenal	seal kit	27.09	Sim's TV	copier cont, supplies	343.97
GT Distributing	items new vehicle	1049.60	Stew Hanson Dodge	cables	39.98
Hach	chemicals	239.51	Treas State IA	2011 Dodge Charger	26500.00
Heying Lbr	lock & key	46.22	US Cellular	taxes	679.00
Idnr	ww operator certificate	90.00	Walmart	telephone	241.99
Ingram	books	272.82	Weldon Tire	dvd	155.58
Irs	taxes	3557.17	Wellmark	tires	756.02
Ia Dept. Public Health	pool registration renewal	70.00	Wiltgen Const	premium	4395.23
Ipers	ipers	2623.63	Winn Cty. Auditor	move snow city shop	289.50
Iroc Web Design	computer work	157.50	Payroll Feb	election expenses	1208.94
ISU	registration workshop	225.00	Total		13091.67
Joe Ward	reimb for gas Des Moines	40.00	Claims by fund		
John Deere Financial	supplies	127.39	General		65125.61
Kay Park Rec	picnic tables	3249.00	Road Use		3938.13
Keystone Labs	testing	244.10	Benefits		2815.71
Kwik Star	fuel	1318.33	Water		5762.66

Sewer	8441.50	Emergency	54.9
Total	86083.61	Lost	8743.77
Revenue by fund		Water	14417.68
General	8083.96	Sewer	23551.69
Road Use	8642.95	Total	64132.14
Benefits	637.19		

Mayor Pro-tem Larry Huinker announced the public hearing for March 5, 2012 2012/2013 Budget was now open for any questions or comments. There were no written or oral comments or objections submitted. Huinker declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Phillips, second by Sabelka to approve Resolution # 469 approving the 2012-2013 Budget. Aye: Huinker, Sabelka, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Kleve. Carried.

Mayor pro-tem Huinker announced the public hearing for March 5, 2012 2011-2012 budget amendment was now open for any questions or comments. The clerk explained the items included in the amendment. There were no written or oral comments or objections submitted. Huinker declared the meeting closed.

Motion by Kleve, second by Sabelka to approve Resolution # 470 approving the 2011-2012 budget amendment. Aye: Huinker, Sabelka, Zweibahmer, Kleve and Phillips. Carried. The fire department report was accepted as presented. Sam Sabelka reported that Winneshiek County had received a \$ 156,000 grant from FEMA to improve the radio system. They will be looking into different sites throughout the county to see if another repeater is needed. It will also provide for funding to go to a simulcast system which means dispatch will not have to page through each repeater tower separately, all towers would receive the message at the same time. He stated the department will also be holding its annual Texas Hold'em tournament on March 24, 2012.

The police department report was accepted as presented. Chief Ward reported that our radar unit died and is now in for evaluation to the company. We are currently waiting to hear what the problem is. He stated the car is at Racom, and that they intend to work on it when they have time.

The street department report was accepted and discussed. Junior reported that the picnic tables were picked up and are now at the park. He inquired about the stop signs at the railroad crossing. This will be discussed again at a later date, he will check with the railroad on stop signs vs. yield signs. He also reported that Decorah Electric has the board for the north siren and that we will have to get a new board for the west siren to comply with the narrow banding requirements. We are waiting for Racom to program the downtown siren. He also stated he is obtaining quotes for the tuckpointing and repair of the brickwork on the mural by the railroad tracks.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Matt and Junior reported that the generator is back in place. The problem turned out to be a frost plug issue. They have developed a program of testing and sampling for all generator units for the future. Matt reported he has passed his first certification and has applied for a test date for the second.

Huinker gave the mayors report. There will be a Visioning meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Mayor Meyer stated that the city could make gardening plots available if there are residents interested. This could be in the triangle plot near the sewer plant. He also reported that the storm sirens will be tested on their monthly work night. He thanked employees for their dedication and stated he planned to meet with employees one on one in

the near future.

Motion by Phillips, second by Zweibahmer to donate \$ 100.00 to South Winn Post Prom. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Sabelka. Carried.

Motion by Sabelka, second by Phillips to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Corey Meyer, Mayor

Attest: Michele Elsbernd, City clerk