

Calmar City Council
November 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Calmar City Council was called to order by Mayor McCasland at 7:00 P.M.

Present were: Meyer, Huinker, Kleve, Anderson and Phillips.

Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to approve items on the consent agenda as follows:

Agenda with the addition of Employee health plan reimbursement, minutes of the October 4, 2010 and October 11, 2010 minutes, clerk/treasurer reports and claims. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Huinker, Meyer and Kleve. Motion carried.

Claims October 2010			Postmaster	postage	360.00
Acco	chemicals	851.95	Presto	pest control	38.00
Alliant	electricity	5563.12	Qwest	phone	463.56
Aramark	uniform	142.25	Racom	battery	27.00
Audio Editions	books on cd	78.91	Rite Price	supplies	229.89
Black Hills Energy	n gas	342.24	River City Paving	cold mix	93.00
Book Look	books	259.79	Sam Hageman Co	Selig sidewalk repair	2586.40
Calmar Courier	publishing	208.62	Tekippe Engineer	park engineering ma	184.30
City Laundry	towels	116.70	Treas. State IA	taxes	743.00
City of Fort Atkins	1/2 exp	103.04	Truenorth	ad insurance fire fig	319.20
Croell Redi Mix	concrete	1723.80	Upstart	supplies	20.95
Dave Huinker	library services	450.00	US Cell	phone	212.60
Demco	office supplies	183.55	Walmart Corp	supplies	235.98
Drilling Sports	supplies	27.64	Wellmark	premium	4421.59
Electric Pump	supplies	353.56	Payroll	October	14099.99
Farmers Union	service, supplies	833.83	Total		69089.42
Fastenal	supplies	20.90	Claims by fund		
HD Supply	supplies	149.24	General		32,012.46
Heying Lbr	gutter guard library	136.68	Road Use		2,242.29
IAMU	fees	315.25	Benefits		5,072.39
IDNR	permit fees	135.00	Water		21,276.12
Ingram	books	185.85	Sewer		8,486.16
IRS	taxes	4440.27	Total		69,089.42
Iowa Gardening	subscription	13.95	Revenue by fund		
Iowa Water Polutio	reg.conference	30.00	General		85,830.31
Ipers	pension	2466.00	Road Use		7,499.51
K & W Coatings	water tower	14950.00	Benefits		15,332.86
Keystone Labs	testing	337.10	Emergency		1,833.97
Klimesh Motors	battery charger	43.42	Lost		8,694.03
Kwik Star	gas	1160.47	Tif		41,325.61
Lance Paters	reimb family %/post	1345.79	Debt Service		14,197.00
Lansing Concrete	cure,seal & rent	60.00	Water		13,674.21
Malcom	garbage	5917.29	Sewer		23,389.80
Marco	router etc. Library	250.27	Total		211,777.30
Marv Smith Elec	repairs	1018.58			
Michele Elsbernd	mileage	222.00			
Napa	filters & supplies	233.99			
Norby's	supplies	336.00			
Oriental Trading	story hour supplies	46.91			

The Fire Department report was discussed and accepted as presented. It was reported the fire department soup supper and fire truck parade was a success.

The Police Department Report was accepted as presented. Chief Ward reported that the sTEP grant had been received again for 2011. He also stated he and officer Peters had done many Halloween safety programs and fingerprinting of area students. Chief Ward reported on a recent search warrant that was conducted in Calmar. Several arrests were made for drug violations. Chief Ward, Junior Boyer and the area snowmobile club are working to revise the snowmobile route. New maps will be printed and signage installed shortly. The change will be only to the route from the west. The route will be West Street to W. Main to Charles.

The Street Department Report was accepted as presented. Junior Boyer reported that the Case tractor has a rear main leak. He also had a quote from the equipment company that sold the tractor originally in the amount of \$ 2100.00. He had Sam get a quote from Red Power to repair the main and to install a Turbo. The quote for the seal was \$ 900.00 and to install the turbo no more than \$ 3369.00. He reported the tractor is underpowered and that the motor had to be pulled to install the seal on the rear main and that it would also be a good time to install the Turbo. Motion by Anderson, second by Kleve to have the rear main seal replaced and a Turbo installed per the Red Power quote. Aye: Meyer, Anderson, Phillips, Kleve and Huinker. Motion carried. The John Deere that was for sale has been sold for \$ 4,000. Junior Boyer reported that we need a mower with nothing larger than a 54" deck with either a mulching or rear discharge deck for the cemetery and pool areas. Council will check into prices and recommended that something be decided on and purchased before the first of the year. Junior also reported that the new Christmas lights had arrived. The old lights will be available for purchase by the public. Junior also reported the lights at the little league field are due to be put up. He is requesting quotes to have the conduit installed down the pole and the underground installed.

The Water/wastewater report was reviewed and accepted. Bob Penrod reported that the pump was still being repaired. Discussed was water shut off replacement and water/sewer service to a new business.

The Employee health plan reimbursement was discussed. Larry Huinker drafted a proposal to provide compensation for the cost of a family plan for affected employees. The current city plan requires mandatory participation in at least a single plan. Proposed was an increase in salary compensation to the three employees paying out of pocket for their family elsewhere. Anderson stated he would go along with the proposal but feels we are being very generous. Motion by Huinker, second by Meyer to approval the proposal to convert from insurance reimbursement to salary compensation. Aye: Huinker, Anderson, Meyer, Phillips and Kleve. Motion carried.

The City received a quote from Midwest Geographical Services to GIS map the Calmar City Cemetery. The clerk stated that the records at the cemetery consisted of in most cases just a name on the map. Motion by Meyer, second by Anderson to approve the GIS mapping of the Calmar City Cemetery per Midwest Geographical Services proposal. Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Huinker, Meyer and Phillips. Motion carried.

The clerk stated that it was recently discovered that the title and abstract to the current city hall building had not been updated after the contract was paid off to purchase. The clerk stated that she and the city attorney were in the process of rectifying this oversight.

Motion by Kleve, second by Anderson to reappoint Connie McCasland to a three year term as the cities representative to the Winneshiek County Community Foundation 2011 Distribution Committee. Aye: Meyer, Anderson, Kleve, Huinker and Phillips. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding a future grant to the foundation to repair the surface and replace/repair the mural on the Calmar Chiropractic Building. Also noted was a letter received from the cities insurance carrier Continental Western. The clerk reported that a newsletter will be prepared this fall to remind residents of the winter snow regulations.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk