

**CITY OF CALMAR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 3, 2006
7:00 P.M.
Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Sue Heying was present to make the council aware of air in her water lines, rusty and murky water she has experienced. Mr. Penrod was instructed to see what can be done and make a recommendation. Tom Welch was present to request that the parking regulations be enforced. There is a lot of parking congestion in the area of the Horseshoe, Bittersweet, Whistle stop Antiques, etc. Officer Hamilton was instructed to look into this problem and to enforce the regulations. An inquiry was received regarding the removal of snow to the north of Kwik Star. Kwik Star will be contacted to shovel the sidewalk in this area.

The regular meeting of the City Council of Calmar, Iowa, was held at the Calmar Fire Station on January 3, 2006, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor George Willis presiding.

On call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Karen Kleve, Al Shindelar, John Patrick, Tim Vondersitt and Dave Zweibahmer. Absent: None.

Council Member Vondersitt moved that the agenda for the meeting, as posted by the clerk be approved. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Carried unanimously.

Council Member Shindelar moved to approve minutes of the December 5, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Patrick. Carried unanimously.

Ed Meyer, member of the Calmar Senior Citizens group was present to request that the city sponsor the group in their effort to obtain a Northeast Iowa Foundation gaming grant. He stated the roof is in dire need of replacement. Council Member Vondersitt moved that the City of Calmar agree to sponsor the Calmar Senior Citizens and that Resolution # 405 be approved to authorize signatures and to approve sponsorship. Seconded by Kleve. Carried unanimously. Mayor Willis stated that the City of Calmar would also be applying for a gaming grant for the Swimming Pool but not for a new filtration system as the estimate was over \$ 28,000.

George Tekippe, of Tekippe Engineering stated that things were at a standstill regarding the control project for the water treatment plants and the east and west lift stations. He explained that at this time we didn't know exactly what the estimated included and what it would do for us. A conference call is scheduled for January 4th at 4:00 p.m. to clarify the estimate.

The results of the survey on permanent streets in the Rolling Hills Addition revealed that 4 property owners wanted the streets completed immediately and 5 stated they wished them completed within the next 2-3 years. Council Member Patrick moved that all underground work be completed by the developer by the end of 2006 and that the permanent streets be completed by the end of 2007. Seconded by Vondersitt. Carried unanimously. Discussion was held regarding snow removal in the Rolling Hills addition. The City Attorney had prepared a waiver that needed to be signed by ALL property owners releasing the City from any liability should they decide to do the snow removal. Council Member Shindelar moved that we proceed with obtaining the release and that if all property owners sign the release the City will do the snow removal. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Ayes: Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Patrick. Nays: Kleve and Vondersitt. Carried 3:2.

The Aquila franchise was discussed. This will be put on the February agenda for further review.

The library board will be meeting later in the week and will get their budget figures to the clerk; they anticipate an increase in their figures due mainly to higher utility prices. The clerk stated that the council needed to do salary increases prior to budgeting in the future. An estimate for the improvements to the city shop was presented. Council wished another bid for this project. No special budget sessions will be held, clerk will proceed as in the past.

The fire department report and their Year in Review were accepted as presented. Mayor Willis had reviewed the contractor's bids for the flat roof. He stated that the best and most comprehensive quote was \$ 23,585.00 from Moss Roofing. A bid was also received from Heying Lumber for a pitched steel roof including installation. More information will be obtained from Heying Lumber and a special meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 6, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Calmar Depot to make a decision regarding this project. We need to know if this will need to be included in the 2005 amended budget or put into the 2007 budget figures.

The police department report was accepted as presented. A sample of the new department report was presented to the council for review by Officer Hamilton. Public Safety committee member Patrick stated that they had interviewed four people for the position of police officer and recommended that the position be offered to the first choice and should he refuse to the second choice. The first choice would be offered \$ 30,000 to start and upon satisfactory completion of 6 months probation would receive a raise of approximately \$ 3-4,000. He would also be offered the full payment by the City of single medical/dental insurance or one half of a family medical/dental insurance plan. The second choice would start at a lower salary and he would have to attend the academy.

Council Member Zweibahmer moved that the position be offered to the first choice and should he not accept to their second choice. Seconded by Kleve. Carried unanimously. Jerry Balik has expressed interest in purchasing the older hand gun. Council Member Shindelar moved that he be allowed to purchase the gun at the assessed value. Seconded by Patrick. Carried unanimously. A discussion was held regarding the overtime/comp time for Officer Hamilton until another officer is in place. He will be covering the required 20 hours a week for Ossian and to cover what is necessary with as little overtime/comp time as possible.

On call and comp time was discussed. Employees currently have more comp hours banked than the policy manual allows. Employees stated this was due to the summer projects. Mayor Willis encouraged them to use this up whenever possible and to try to get down to reasonable levels.

Mayor Willis stated that he had attended the Winneshiek County Emergency Management meeting. All cities in the county will have to become MIMS compliant in the near future, if not they would not be eligible for any federal grant monies.

Council Member Zweibahmer moved to approve the M. & M. Family Markets application for off premise Liquor, Beer and Wine Permit. Seconded by Patrick. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Willis asked if council members wished to remain on their existing committees. All wished to do so. The appointments will remain the same as last year. He will contact the people with the expiring terms.

Council Member Zweibahmer moved to approve the payment of claims as presented. Second by Shindelar. Carried unanimously.

Claims December

Ace Telephone	Internet	17.95
Advanced Water	Chemical	216.96
Alliant	Electricity	4823.41
A. Red Cross	Fees	85.00
Aquila	Gas	2315.69
Balik Impl	Repair	25.56
Bankers Trust	Fees	100.00
Barbara Horns	Library	10.00
Blazek Corp	Contract	36416.83
Business System	Contract	75.53
Calmar Courier	Publishing	122.00

City Laundry	Uniform	108.84
Decorah News	Add	23.80
Farmers coop	fuel	765.89
Galls	supplies	49.45
Gene's Elec	services	127.75
Hach	rust rem	102.30
Imau	fees	10.00
Ingram	books	235.30
IRS	tax	6112.60
Iowa Gardening	magazine	13.95
Iowa Law Enfor	training	35.00
Iowa Muni Fin	dues	30.00
Ipers	ipers	2415.94
Iroc	services	25.00
Isaac Phillips	services	18.00
Jerry Balik	Kearney	357.82
John Patrick	mileage	29.10
Keystone Labs	testing	140.00
Kwik Star	fuel	670.66
Linda Crossland	reimb	4.28
Malcolm Ent.	garbage	6540.81
Mid American Res	deicer	163.64
Mitinet Inc.	library	399.00
Mower Power	chain saw	350.20
Napa	supplies	54.32
National Org	services	357.76
Norby's	supplies	314.19
Oriental Trading	Library	77.45
Postmaster	box rent	186.00
Postville Vet	shipping	20.25
Presto	pest cont	31.00
Qwest	telephone	332.00
R. & R. Plmb	services	11.54
Rite Price Office	supplies	715.87
Ronald Bullerman	Concrete 1	32.00
Security State Bank	interim fi	504484.95
Sim's	supplies	11.24
South Winn Ins	bond	302.76
Treas. State IA	taxes	879.00
US Cell	telephone	258.34
Walmart	supplies	963.72
Water Enviro	dues	52.00
Wellmark	premium	2119.75
Wiltgen Const	services	375.00
Winco	salt	221.95
Payroll	Dec.	18236.17
Total		592975.52

Claims by fund

General	36238.97
Road Use	2345.28
Benefits	1695.80
Capital	540878.03
Water	6377.49
Sewer	5439.95
Total	592975.52

Revenue

General	12026.78
Road Use	6734.35
Benefits	987.49
Emergency	153.18
Local Option	7245.87
TIF	3120.11
Debt Serv	1066.56
Capital	637597.55
Water	8585.79
Sewer	21235.73
Total	698753.41

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd George Willis
City Clerk Mayor

Salaries 2005

BALIK, JERRY	\$40,341.70
BOYER, DENNIS F. JR.	\$32,390.27
BUSTA, LYNDY	\$909.64
CROSSLAND, LINDA	\$14,055.97
ELSBERND, MICHELE	\$28,625.04
HAGEMAN, AARON	\$4,588.75
HAGEMAN, ALI	\$1,038.01
HAGEMAN, CASSANDRA	\$1,748.90
HAMILTON, DEAN	\$27,986.64
HOUDEK, ANNA	\$1,711.52
HUINKER, JACQUELINE	\$498.78
KLEIN, JULIE	\$3,214.44
KLEVE, KAREN	\$700.00
KUBOUSHEK, SHELLY	\$764.25
LECHTENBERG, BRENT	\$74.18
LECHTENBERG, LAURA	\$5,701.59
HOLTHAUS, MEGAN	\$728.51
MEYER, LEE	\$1,018.03
MIKOTA, CARRIE	\$1,775.95
MCCASLAND, JOSEPH	\$2,115.00
NESVIK, MITCHELL	\$729.29
PATRICK, JOHN	\$700.00
PENROD, ROBERT	\$36,983.88
ROBERSON, MACKENZIE	\$830.35
SCHISSEL, TROY	\$220.00
SCHNEBERGER, GERMAINE	\$947.61
SHATEK, KATIE	\$787.81
SHINDELAR, ALAN	\$525.00
SMITH, MANDI	\$921.96
VONDERSITT, TIMOTHY	\$700.00
VONDERSITT, TONY	\$220.00
ZWEIBAHMER, DAVE	\$455.00
TOTAL	\$214,008.07

