

CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 2, 2008

Prior to the meeting Mayor McCasland briefly stated that he, the clerk, Corey Meyer and Isaac Phillips attended the small city workshop at NICC on Thursday. Also discussed was the League's Annual Conference in Council Bluffs, the Hwy 150 corridor, Hwy 24 and 52, family swim at the pool and grass in the streets. The Calmar Public Library held their mural dedication on Saturday, May 31st. The mural is in the children's room at the library and made possible through a grant that was applied for by the late John Chipera before he passed away last year. The funds came from Gemini in Decorah.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. on Monday, June 2, 2008 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Anderson, Zweibahmer, Meyer and Phillips. Huinker was absent.

Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda with the addition of a cigarette permit for the Horseshoe Tap and the spelling of Brian Nymeyer's name in the May minutes. Aye: Zweibahmer, Anderson, Phillips and Meyer.

George of Tekippe Engineering was present to go over the Jefferson Street project. He stated the project has started but a water leak has developed near WINCO. Water came up under the slab and needed to be repaired. They felt the best was to replace the 4 inch line by constructing a new 8 inch line parallel to it. The original project was to cost just under \$ 40,000. This replacement project is estimated at \$ 30,000. This is 180' from repair to where the line crosses and goes down Jefferson St. Also discussed was the problem detected at Winco, the flow test done at the fire hydrants and hooking in Calmar Mfg. line to the old elevator building. Garry Wiltgen requested they be given a chance to do the line to Calmar Mfg. The Jefferson St. excavation will be filled in but there was nothing in the bid to re-surface the street. George will discuss again with Calmar Mfg. the need for water at the old elevator building. The ArcView software needed for the GIS System was discussed. There are also yearly license and support fees for the system. The city will look into a laptop computer and will decide with ArcView system to purchase at a later date. Mayor McCasland signed the agreement for professional services for the GIS mapping system with Tekippe Engineering.

The Fire Department Report was accepted as presented. The options to get the fire siren operational at noon was discussed. Also discussed was the need for another siren in the north part of town or a siren that would take care of the whole town. Isaac Phillips will speak with the representatives that deal with siren sales and see what options are available and if they can be programmed to sound a noon signal/test.

The Police Department report was accepted. A stop sign on Howard Street was discussed. Traffic problems on Hancock Street was also discussed. The house on Iowa and North Street was discussed. Council instructed Chief Werner to proceed with possible condemnation of the property. Problems with people not mowing grass was discussed. The city will continue to work with this problem and with people that do mow discharging the grass into the street.

The street department report was discussed. The clean up day was a success, items were hauled to Luana and the Landfill by the city in addition to the dumpster.

The Ransom mower generated a lot of interest, there were 9 bids. The bid accepted was for \$. The 2008 street program was discussed. Issues with frost boils in various areas and Iowa Street was discussed. This street is only about 8 years old and has not held up at all. They would mill this out, add a crown to the street and resurface. George and Junior will meet and discuss. Knife River would like to start this week because the mill is in the area, this would save us \$ 3,000. . They are going to mill out the top 5 inches of the bad areas of the streets around town and fill with recycled asphalt. The bids from Knife River do not include Jefferson Street. The curb & gutter on Jefferson street is also bad and should be replaced before the street is repaired. This does not include patches that will be paid for by residents that had to dig up the street for water/sewer line repair.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented.

Mayor McCasland reported that the city attorney and clerk had responded to Attorney Putman regarding Shimek Sanitation. He also stated that the bike trail committee is communicating with the railroad regarding the trail easement. Mayor McCasland also stated that he would be holding monthly employee meetings at 6:00 P.M. the day of the council meeting.

Motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Phillips to approve cigarette permits for Kwik Star and the Horseshoe. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Meyer and Zweibahmer.

Our new insurance carrier Continental Western had visited all city locations. There were only two items that need attention, the outlets in the shower areas at the swimming pool and the chimney at the depot. We will reply to the agent regarding these issues.

The City is due an audit. We have sent letter to three firms requesting a proposal with no response to date. We had some interest from an Elkader firm but nothing in writing at this time.

Committees met and the proposed salaries are: Werner \$ 16.50 per hour (45 hours weekly). Ward \$ 16.00; Elsbernd \$ 15.50; Penrod \$ 19.00; Boyer \$ 17.00. Motion by Phillips, seconded by Zweibahmer to approve these salaries effective July 1, 2008 and to pay out the 400 hrs. of comp time owed the police chief. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Zweibahmer and Meyer.

The city health insurance renewal was discussed in length. Motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Phillips to approve plan JNNT97 Plus and to request a renewal date in January in the future so increases can be properly budgeted. Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer, Meyer and Phillips.

The lease for the Brian Nymeyer was discussed. He will be taking care of the installation of the stand and lease on Wednesday.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Claims May 2008

Acco	chemicals pool	1312.25
Alliant	electric bill	5239.66
Aquila	gas bill	995.63
Aramark	uniform	110.48
Audio Editions	books	90.93
Blazek	north lift pump replacement	3502.61
Brink Ent.	patch repair pool liner	796.63
Calmar Swim Team	donation	1500.00
Calmar Comm.	balance donation gazebo	
Club	projec	843.49
Calmar Courier	publishing	279.03
Calmar LL	donation	1700.00
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt.	books	38.94
City of Calmar	start up money	500.00
Winn. Cty. Landfill	fees, clean up day	491.20
	change anti freeze generator	
Decorah Impl.	s	657.09
Don Rausch & Sons	wing, plow	700.00
Don's Truck	rebuilt pump	1257.51
Emily Hoffert	transcription	34.00
Esther Lensing	filing fees	29.34
Farmers Co-Op	service,brakes	1819.03
Gale	books	68.16
Hach	testing supplies	84.87
Helping Serv. NE IA	donation	1000.00
Heying Lbr.	gazebo materials	1671.82
Howard's Tire	tires new van	400.00
IAMU	ceu's	54.00
Ingram	books	270.10
IRS	taxes	4449.46
Ipers	ipers	2065.80
Joe McCasland	mileage	82.31
Joe Ward	reimb meals abd	11.35
Junior Boyer	insurance	546.00
Keystone Labs	testing	434.40

Kirkeby Welding	welding	30.00
Klimesh Motors	new van batteries etc	603.81
Kwik Star	fuel	1139.46
Linda Crossland	postage	2.34
Malcom Ent.	garbage	5411.59
Marv Smith Elec.	clean line	129.00
Myers-Cox	concessions	1312.38
McDonald Supply	valve	223.06
	guard suits, reimburse,	
Michele Elsbernd	mileage	459.41
Municipal Tool	vet vac lines	1544.50
Municipal Supply	parts, supplies	1271.50
Napa	filter etc	86.00
NEICAC	donation per request	793.50
Norby's Farm Fleet	supplies	125.63
Panscend LLC	computer services	120.00
Postmaster	postage	121.00
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	33.00
Presto	pest control	36.00
Qwest	phone	366.88
Rite Price	printer	399.00
Ronald Werner	reimburse fuel Ankeny	695.61
Schilling Paper	paper products, soap	275.19
Sim's	cell	324.98
Tekippe		
Engineering	services	560.75
Hearst Corp.	magazine	25.68
Treas St. IA	taxes	625.00
Upstart	summer reading	3.50
US Cellular	phone	312.01
Utility Equip	part	35.48
Walmart	supplies	206.19
Wellmark	premium	2199.65
Wiltgen Const	level bike trail, culvert	366.00
Windridge	parts	93.62
Winn Cty. Dev.	donation	1250.00
Richard Zahasky	legal	1381.54
Payroll	May	14370.27
Total		69,969.62
Claims by fund		
General		40638.83
Road Use		5296.48
Benefits		4813.81
Trust		18,361.03
Water		8173.17
Sewer		11247.27
Total		88530.59
Revenue by fund		
General		21861.65
Road Use		6516.39
Benefits		2995.66
Emergency		283.41
LOST		7051.81
TIF		10318.45
Trust		15,352.53
Water		10839.39
Sewer		27421.49
Total		102,640.78

Michele Elsbernd
City Clerk

Joe McCasland
Mayor