

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 3, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.
CALMAR FIRE STATION**

Prior to the meeting Corey Meyer mentioned that residents needed to be reminded not to discharge their grass clippings into the street. Notices had already been prepared and the police department had begun posting notices to residents in violation. The clerk stated that Black Hills Energy had made their yearly visit and that they were having a meeting in Decorah on September 15th and they had 6 managers that would do 3 hours each of community service in Calmar. Junior Boyer will take care of finding work for them to do during this time. A permanent Farmer's Market sign was mentioned. Junior Boyer will take care of getting one placed by the depot. Henry Hageman was present and stated that he had a couple of close calls at the intersection of Clay and West street recently. He wondered if it would be possible to place a stop sign at this location. Police Chief Joe Ward will look into the problem, check the code book and make a recommendation for the next meeting. The clerk mentioned that the Notice of Use Restrictions Imposed By State Administrative Rule on the Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail has been recorded with the Winneshiek County Recorder and a copy sent to the Iowa DNR. This restricts this land as a trail for 25 years.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on May 3, 2010 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Phillips, Meyer, Kleve, and Huinker. Anderson was absent at roll call. He arrived at 8:25 P.M.

The consent agenda was discussed. The clerk explained the reports this month had the transfers and the journal entries for Library and Fire trust accounts included in the balances. All reports also include the budget amendment figures. Questions were answered regarding various bill for the month. Motion by Phillips, second by Kleve to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of April 5, 2010, clerk/treasurer reports and April claims) Aye: Meyer, Huinker, Kleve and Phillips. Carried.

Claims April 2010

Alliant	electricity	6969.24
Aramark	uniform	134.55
Barnes & Noble	books	90.08
Beckman's Ace Hdwd	chairs for the pool	113.94
Black Hills Energy	gas	648.12
Book Look	books	204.82
Bruening Rock	cold mix	349.24
Calmar Courier	publishing	148.66
CDL Construction	roof pool buildings	2641.50
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	80.28
City of Calmar	postage	4.44
Com-Tec Electronics	pager batteries	104.50
	concrete street	
Croell Redi Mix	water	393.00
	repair street	
Decorah Implement	sweeper	997.30
Decorah Tire	tire mower	90.10
	Kombi system, oil	
Drilling All Season	etc	517.34
Farmers Co-op	oil change Explorer	216.76
Fort Atkinson Nursery	trees	150.00
Galls	2 ss shirts Lance	84.94
Gunderson	drug testing fees	98.30
	dpd chlorine	
Hach	accuvac	99.35
Heying Lbr	steel roof supplies p	1663.50
IAMU	quarterly nisa fees	330.25
Ingram	books	383.58
IRS	taxes etc	4348.09
Inventory Trading Co	police caps	36.00
Ipers	ipers	2251.15
Joe Ward	reimb gas,ins	245.00
Junior Boyer	insurance April	901.73
Keystone Labs	testing	296.60
	fire truck check	
Klimesh Motors	1987	332.37
Kwik Star	fuel	672.47
Lance Peters	reimb ins & mileage	596.45
Malcom Enterprise	March & April	11737.33
	minute book and	
Matt Parrott & Sons	paper	110.39
Michele Elsbernd	ins, & mileage	984.75
Municipal Supply	meter couplings	195.04
Norby's Farm Fleet	supplies	57.21
Northeast IA Lawn	broom grass	85.00

Care		
Northeast IA Tree	tree-stump rem	725.00
O'Grady Publishing	book	21.00
	2 police body	
OMB Supply	armour	828.99
Postmaster	postage water bills	140.00
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	43.75
Presto	pest control	38.00
Prosource Specialties	summer reading	24.50
Qwest	telephone	446.18
Rite Price	plaque, cartridges	188.46
Robert Penrod	insurance reimb	1076.59
Sherwin Williams	paint	233.92
The Gazette	1 year subscription	168.95
Treasurer State IA	taxes	799.00
	supplies	242.05
US Cellular	cell service	170.95
Walmart	cd's library	230.87
Wiltgen	hoe tree Henry	150.00
	sand/salt from	
Winn. Cty. Engineer	County	1085.00
Winn. Cty. Recorder	recording fee trail	14.00
Zarnouth Brush		
Works	pto disc kit	215.00
Payroll April		13663.26
Totals		59868.84

Claims by fund

General	38,220.28
Road Use	5,429.90
Benefits	2,023.93
Water	6,064.50
Sewer	8,130.23
Total	59,868.84

Revenue by fund

General	98470.94
Road Use	7340.71
Benefits	18977.34
Emergency	2213.11
Lost	6624.70
Tif	52474.12
Trust	59094.27
Water	16436.22
Sewer	28629.05
Total	290260.46

Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to open the public hearing on the Budget Amendment 09-10 at 7:13 P.M. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Meyer and Kleve. The clerk stated she had no written or oral questions or comments regarding the amendment. She explained the reason and amounts included in the amendment. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to close the hearing at 7:15 P.M. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Meyer and Kleve. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to approve Resolution # 456 approving the Budget Amendment. Aye: Phillips, Meyer, Huinker and Kleve.

The Fire Department was discussed and accepted as presented. Corey Meyer stated that the NICC Warning Siren was not working at this time. Racom is working to correct the problem.

The Police Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Chief Ward explained about various problem areas. He also reported that officer Lance Peters is now working on his own.

The Street Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Junior Boyer brought pamphlets and samples of shingles. The depot roof was discussed in length with various options discussed. Luther Anderson wasn't present at this time and he had been in correspondence with various Historic Preservation people regarding this issue. It was decided to discuss this again when Luther arrived. The Bike Trail sign at the Calmar Lion's Park was discussed. It needs to be repainted. The mural on the Horseshoe Building is also in need of paint. Pat Nervig volunteered to donate the paint for the sign on his building. Mayor McCasland will speak with the art teacher at South Winneshiek to see if there would be someone that could take care of painting these two signs for the city. Junior Boyer stated he is very happy with the new mower. He stated it is "awesome".

The water/wastewater report was reviewed and accepted as presented. The clerk stated that George Tekippe had called and the curtain wall was picked up and delivered to New Hartford at their expense. When it was removed from the box there were mouse holes in the curtain but he feels it can still be usable for them. A figure of \$ 2,000 was previously discussed as the amount the city wanted for the curtain. At this time the council feels that they should make us an offer and we would accept any reasonable offer.

In the Mayor's report the murals on the Whiskey Grove building and the Chiropractors office were discussed. The murals were painted by Carl Homstad, he has taken a look at them and stated that the one on the chiropractors office has the brick flaking off and that this should be repaired before the murals are repaired as it would last longer. He quoted a figure of approximately \$ 700.00 to repair the mural on the Whiskey Grove building. Motion by Meyer, second by Huinker to repair the murals on the Whiskey Grove building per Mr. Homstad's quote. A representative will visit with Mr. Koozier regarding the chiropractor building and his plans to repair the brick so that repairs to the mural can be made. The council feels it is important to have these murals in good repair. The Mayor had been approached by various people regarding benches in the uptown business area. After discussion the council stated that they had no objection to this providing they were uniform in style and size and first be approved by the street committee/department.

The renewal of the lease agreement with Bushman Farms was discussed. There were a couple changes made to the lease. They regard the duration of the lease and the required documentation. After some discussion a motion was made by Kleve, seconded by Huinker to approve the lease as written. Aye: Huinker, Phillips and Kleve. Nay: Meyer. Motion carried.

The clerk reported that Mediacom had agreed to our terms for the new lease for building space at the swimming pool site. We listed the library, fire department, police department and clerk's office as the facilities requiring high speed internet in exchange for this space. Mediacom is having their attorneys draw up the lease and after it is signed we will make arrangements for the fire department to receive the service.

Salaries were discussed. Motion by Kleve, second by Meyer to freeze salaries for the 2010-11 year. Aye: Huinker, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips.

Zoning and the various problems with our zoning ordinance were discussed. Anderson arrived at the meeting. Anderson and McCasland had attended a meeting on this issue recently. The council feels that we need to do something soon regarding zoning in Calmar. Anderson agreed to make an appointment with the City Attorney to discuss what options are available.

The city has received a notice of a rate increase from Mediacom. This affects phone customers directory assistance and voicemail. The digital plus package, HBO ala carte and Digital Video Recorder Service. They also are adding 7 channels in HD for customers with a HD converter or cable card and HD capable television.

The depot roof issue was revisited. The council feels that materials should be something that can be purchased locally in Calmar. Anderson stated he felt the roof should be asphalt and not steel or anything resembling the diamond shape. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to install laminate asphalt shingles to replace the current depot shingles. Aye; Huinker, Meyer, Anderson, Kleve and Phillips. Motion carried. The gutters and eaves will also be replaced at the same time. Anderson stated that any wood that needs

replacement should be replaced with wood and not metal and then painted.

The Mayor mentioned the information prepared for the Kiosk near the bike trail. The information gives a brief history of Calmar and the bike trail and also gives information on other recreational activities available in the area including Calmar parks, pool, Lake Meyer and the Country Club.

The clerk stated that she had been in contact with Alliant Energy regarding the length of the brackets on the Calmar street lights. If there will be no additional cost involved in longer brackets we will request they be installed.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

Attest: Michele Elsbernd, City clerk