

**Calmar City Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 3, 2009**

Prior to the meeting Corey Meyer explained the “Branching Out” grant he had applied for in the amount of \$1,000. This is a partnership between Alliant Energy and Trees Forever. Julie Moore representing Alliant Energy presented the check to Corey Meyer, the grant writer and city representative on the Trees Committee. Citizens will have the opportunity to apply to purchase a tree with 25% of the cost of the tree paid for by the home owner, 25% paid for by the grant, 25% paid for by the City of Calmar and the last 25% by the Fort Atkinson Nursery. Applications will be accepted until October 1, 2009 for planting sometime in October 2009. Applications are available at the clerk’s office with a list of species eligible. Jon Thompson was present to explain his shared water shut off issue. He stated he felt it would be in the cities best interest to have a policy regarding this to prevent future problems. The city will consult with the city attorney to see if a resolution to define this policy would be advisable. Luther Anderson explained that on July 18, 2009 he and Janelle Pavlovec met with Winneshiek County Historical Commission regarding an application to the National Historic Preservation for the Calmar Depot. He explained this would not affect ownership or use but could be helpful in obtaining future grants. He stated that the Winneshiek County Historic Preservation was willing to fund \$ 957.00 of the \$ 2400.00 application fee, the city would need to commit \$ 943.00 of Historic Preservation funds and that Dave Stanley of South Bear Archeology would contribute \$ 500.00. Janelle Pavlovec was present to state that she felt a “Friends of the Depot” should be established. She will write an article for the paper and information will be inserted in the August City Newsletter to inform residents who might be interested in joining the group. The council had no objection to the forming of this group. Pat Nervig was present to inform the council he intended to sponsor a “kick ball” tournament at Calmar Lion’s Park on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Council had no problem with this plan as it is a city public facility providing the area was cleaned up afterward and the area was cleared of players at nightfall.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of Calmar City Council to order at 7:07 P.M. on Monday, August 3, 2009 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Huinker, Phillips, Meyer, Anderson and Zweibahmer.

The claims were explained, motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Phillips to approve the consent agenda with the addition to the agenda of the Calmar Depot application to National Historic Register. The consent agenda approval included approval of amended agenda, all claims, clerks/treasurers report, and approval of Beer/Liquor licenses for Lynch’s Sports Bar and the Train Station. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Meyer, Anderson and Zweibahmer.

Claims July 2009			Demco	appl cards library	16.32
Acco	chemicals part	2042.97	Designer Vinyl Decaling	decal explorersd	100.00
Alliant	electricity	7967.90	All Season Sports	spark plub, cap	4.59
ALA	flag gazebo reimb	15.00	Farmers Co-Op	spray and fuel	546.49
American Red Cross	lifeguard class	75.00	Fastenal	supplies	22.89
Aramark	uniform	156.45	Grassmasters	grass seed	172.50
Audio Editions	book on cd	27.98	Gunderson Clinic	cdl drug testing	96.60
Barns & Noble	books	27.95	Hawkeye Truck	part	11.65
Bartlette Motors	alternator repair	98.49	HD Supply Waterworks	supplies	928.29
Beaver Creek Graphics	shirts police	27.00	Heying Lumber	supplies	168.82
Black Hills Energy	gas	1214.76	Hubers Store	pop pool concessions	75.43
Bluff Country Cruisers	pop pool concessions	22.50	Hygenic Lab	water testing	33.00
Calmar Courier	publishing	56.37	lamu	safety quarterly fee	317.61
Carus Corp	pool chemicals	593.20	In the Swim	rubber matting	399.94
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	39.54	Ingram	books	27.56
City of Calmar	postage	10.95	IRS	taxes	5238.46
Com Tec Electronics	fire dept. pager repairs	215.75	IDNR	NPDES permit fee	210.00
Croell Redi Mix	lions park, storm drain	295.75	Iowa One Call	monthly bill	13.50
Crystal Canyon	cups	3.95	Iowa Prison Industries	sign	40.45
Decorah Electric	battery, labor	112.92	Iowa Rural Water	ceu's	20.00
Decorah Impl	parts	257.33	Ipers	ipers	2124.78

Joe Ward	reimb	585.57	Utility Equip	equipment	1356.17
Junior Ward	insurance	573.50	Walmart	supplies, conc	2271.28
Kenneth Schissel	reimb	1026.30	Wellmark	premium	2066.69
Keystone Labs	testing	474.80	Wiltgen Const	clay & maple	755.50
Klimesh Motors	vehicle explorer 09, pa	16943.27	Winn Ct. Recorder	recording fee	29.00
Kwik Star	gas	918.61	Winn Ct. Treas	prop tax Lucas	22.00
Linda Crossland	reimb postage	2.26	Zarnoth Brush Wks	street sweeper	12.75
Marv Smith Elec	supplies	25.93	Payroll	July	19573.13
Mary Reicks	staff training pool	100.00	Total		90374.49
Matt Parrott	check blanks	199.60	Claims by fund		
Municipal Supply	resetter & jacket	298.70	General		52525.65
Norby's Farm Fleet	supplies	166.90	Road Use		2763.30
N Central Ia Inspections	yearly inspection fee	288.00	Benefits		1708.04
NE IA Lawncare	weed control lagoon	115.00	Water		11762.99
NEIT	change phone listing	52.50	Sewer		21614.51
NE IA Tree Serv	remove trees & stumps	1300.00	Total		90374.49
Pepsi	pop pool concessions	395.00	Revenue by fund		
Postmaster	mail water bills	140.00	General		13339.84
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	40.75	I-jobs		7162.25
Presto	pest control	38.00	Road Use		4621.03
Qwest	phone	488.37	Benefits		339.56
Rite Price	supplies	389.99	Emergency		41.24
River City Paving	cold mix	390.00	Lost		7861.85
Sam Hageman Const	cut replace curb	85.00	Tif		665.49
Sim's	new microphone	36.99	Water		11385.18
Skyline	manhole reconstruction	12510.00	Sewer		26448.73
Tekipe Engineering	mapping	1624.90	Total		71865.17
Thompson Gale	books	140.22			
Treasurer St. IA	taxes	770.00			
	phone	337.17			

The Fire Department report was accepted as presented. It was noted by Corey Meyer, Calmar Fire Department member, that there were communication problems during the recent severe storm.. He encouraged continued efforts to obtain a generator for the fire station. Sam Sabelka stated that the cost would be approximately \$23,000.

The Police Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Chief Joe Ward stated that applications for the police position were due on July 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight. He stated he had received 14 applications. He and the public safety committee met before the council meeting to review applications. He stated that they feel we can't get the whole testing and hiring process completed before the September academy deadline. He recommended that the testing and hiring process proceed with focus on having an applicant hired by the December academy deadline. Bids for the explorer were reviewed. High bid was \$ 5,000.00. The vehicle did have slight hail damage. Council agreed that they felt the vehicle should be worth more than that. Junior Boyer stated that it could be taken to a car auction with a bid limit. Motion by Meyer, second by Huinker to take the vehicle to the auction and set a minimum bid of \$ 7150.00 for the vehicle. Aye: Zweibahmer, Phillips, Anderson, Meyer and Huinker.

The street report was accepted as presented. Junior Boyer mentioned a problem with a storm drain. He will meet with street committee members to review the issue. The problem of trees hanging over the street was discussed. It is the home owners responsibility to trim these trees. A reminder to this affect will be inserted in the August 2009 Newsletter. The street radius replacement and installation was discussed. The first time the city pays for the installation, after that it is the property owners responsibility per city code. An overspray issue while spraying was noted. The Calmar Development intends to install/replace sidewalk adjoining their Lewis Street lots. The map was reviewed and it is felt the sidewalk should remain where it is on the map, this would leave several feet of city property between the sidewalk and the property line. The City will take care of the alley/street approach adjoining this property.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Mr. Penrod stated that the manhole work has been completed and the next step will be televising the lines. Bob said there is a plan in place to track removed/replaced water meters.

Mayor McCasland stated that Calmar has a representative on the Northeast Iowa Gaming

Committee. This is for a 3 year term and the appointment is due to expire. He said the council could appoint a new member representative or re-appoint the current representative. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Hunker to re-appoint Connie McCasland to be Calmar's representative on the Northeast Iowa Gaming Committee. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Meyer, Anderson and Zweibahmer.

The clerk reviewed the Annual Street Finance Report. She stated that road use funding from the state had decreased and was under projections. Ending balance June 30, 2009 was \$ 8,174.00. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to approve resolution # 452 approving the Annual Street Financial report with removal of an excess city dump truck from the equipment list. Aye: Zweibahmer, Huinker, Meyer, Anderson and Phillips.

The clerk reviewed the Annual Financial Report and noted the first 5 pages were the income areas and the next five were where the expenses were defined by fund. Fund balance for all funds as of June 30, 2009 was \$ 1,086,473.00. Total payroll, debt limit and outstanding debt were explained. The first page of the report will be published and the report will be sent to the state with a copy of the proof or publication.

The date of the September meeting was discussed. The normal meeting night is Labor Day. The council agreed to hold the regular meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at the regular time and place.

The South Winn Youth Football requested funding. After discussion a motion was made by Zweibahmer, seconded by Anderson to fund the program in the same amount as last year. Aye: Meyer, Huinker, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Phillips.

The application for the Calmar Depot to the National Historic Register was discussed. Motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Phillips to fund the application to the National Historic Register for the Calmar Depot with Historic Preservation funds. Aye: Huinker, Phillips, Anderson, Zweibahmer and Meyer.

The clerk stated the Newsletter will be sent out shortly, articles regarding tree trimming, the "Branching Out" program and the "Friends of the Depot" will be added to the publication.

The clerk stated that the 2010 Census grant was approved and the items have arrived. The city will be participating in the Ossian Fest parade and distributing Census promotional materials. These items will also be available for other city functions including the Homecoming parade and the Firemen's Breakfast and Open House.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Joe McCasland  
Mayor

Michele Elsbernd  
City Clerk

