

**Calmar City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, August 2, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.
Calmar Fire Station**

Prior to the meeting Corey Meyer requested that the pool manager give a pool report at the September meeting. Dennis Kleve questioned a spruce tree over the sidewalk and the police chief was reminded to get the snowmobile trail map updated and more signage in place before winter. The council was informed that the Pool will have a float in the Ossian Fest Parade and that they will keep the items on hand for future parades. Mayor McCasland mentioned that the fascia at the depot is wood and not the previously mentioned metal. Mary Welch mentioned that we might want to check with the previous City Attorney regarding old trail documentation.

Mayor McCasland called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, August 2, 2010. Present were: Huinker, Anderson, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips.

Added to the agenda was approval of the ABD license for Lynch's Sports Bar. The clerk answered questions on the claims presented. Meyer asked where the I-Jobs funds were spent. The police chief reported no problems with the businesses requesting their liquor license renewals. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Lynch's ABD license approval. The consent agenda includes the agenda, minutes of July 5, 2010, clerk/treasurer reports and approval of ABD licenses for the Train Station and Lynch's Sports Bar. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Meyer, Kleve and Huinker.

Claims July 2010			Linda Crossland	reimb oriental trading	34.59
Acco	chemicals and switch	1339.69	Linus Sabelka	plant food plants reimb	39.84
Alliant	electricity	8664.21	Marv Smith	timer tennis court	605.41
Annie Rude	concession	39.84	Matt Parrott	2 boxes envelopes	74.71
Aramark	uniform	138.00	McDonald Supply	drinking fountain lions park	144.51
Audio Editions	cd and binders library	36.49	Michele Elsbernd	insurance reimb	747.25
Black Hills Energy	gas	1932.66	Moellers Custom	service	300.00
Blazek	pump repair/replacement	8222.50	Napa	brackets trail sign	67.78
Buchheit Appliance	refrigerator pool	270.00	Norby's Farm Fleet	supplies	200.95
Calmar Courier	publishing minutes	111.94	Northeast Iowa Tree	2 trees, 3 stumps removed	875.00
Center Point Lg. Pnt	books	40.14	Oriental Trading	supplies	44.91
Chris Frana	service	22.50	Postmaster	postage water bills	140.00
City Laundry	supplies	95.62	Presto	pest control	38.00
Creative Products	supplies	311.14	Qwest	phone	478.81
Croell	pea gravel	203.00	Racom	speaker mic portable radio	51.50
D & L	supplies	30.23	Rite Price	copy paper	146.36
Decorah Electric	services	1084.15	Robert Penrod	insurance reimb	764.05
Decorah Rental	sod cutter trailhead	37.50	Sensus softwear	softwear support	1320.00
Decorah Tire	tires Penrod's truck	511.40	Sim's	supplies	55.97
Drillings	belt	64.35	Treas State IA	state taxes	972.00
Farmers Union Co-	fuel mowers	414.77	US Cellular	phone	173.80
Fastenal	supplies	57.37	Walmart	supplies	859.33
Grassmasters	misc ditch cleaning, sand re	348.50	Payroll	July	22941.68
Hach	chemicals	295.93	Total		69278.24
Hearst Corp	country living renewal	28.86	Expenses by fund		
Heying Lbr.	supplies trailhead	64.48	General		39596.01
Hubers Store	bottled water pool	17.97	Road Use		1833.31
Hygenic Lab	state water sample	22.00	Benefits		2023.93
Iamu	fees dues	405.25	Water		9403.90
Idnr	annual fee pwsid 9615064	127.83	Sewer		16421.09
Ingram	books	250.63	Total		69278.24
IRS	taxes	6259.02	Revenue by fund		
IDNR	renew NPDES permit fee 2	210.00	General		12966.00
Iowa One Call	services	28.80	Road Use		5857.88
Iowa Rural Water	training waverly	10.00	I jobs		5622.59
Ipers	ipers	2835.06	Benefits		241.40
Joe Ward	insurance reimb	216.00	Emergency		28.15
Junior Boyer	insurance reimb	901.73	Lost		8532.50
Katie Althouse	certifications	100.00	Tif		535.77
Keystone Labs	testing	365.50	Debt Service		5280.00
Kwik Star	mowing fuel	1089.60	Water		15170.95
L & R Mfg.	brackets flag & pots	838.18	Sewer		25242.48
Lance Peters	insurance reimb	158.95	Total		79477.72

Larry Liefeld, the Transportation and Community Planning Specialist at Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission was present to give information on Comprehensive/Smart Planning. He outlined the reason for a plan, what it is and outlined their scope of services to facilitate the development of a comprehensive plan. He stated that it would be ideal if several cities and the county could combine to develop a Comprehensive Plan. A grant could be available to help defray the cost of the plan. He stated that a plan for a city like Calmar would run approximately \$ 10,000.00. He will keep us informed on the county plans so if necessary we could apply for this grant which has a deadline of September 30, 2010. The development of the plan would entail several meetings with public input. Should the city choose to develop a plan they would be looking at a January or February 2011 timeframe to start. The zoning ordinance would be updated in conjunction with the development of a comprehensive plan.

The Fire Department Report was reviewed and accepted as presented. The department will participate in the Ossian Fest parade, the parade in Spillville on September 5th. They will also have a Soup Supper on October 3rd with their Fire Truck Parade to follow.

The Police Department Report was discussed and a suggestion made for improvement. Discussed was the need for a second vehicle for the department. The Sheriff department is retiring a Crown Vic car from their department. After some discussion a motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Kleve to offer the Winneshiek County Sheriff Department \$ 2,500.00 for the vehicle. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Anderson, Meyer and Huinker. Also discussed was the I-Cop camera that the police department currently uses. The I-Cop company has not updated their system. It will only work with Microsoft XP which will shortly no longer be supported by Microsoft. They had not updated to Vista nor Windows 7. The computer that has this soft wear is causing problems and it is not feasible to purchase a computer to run this system with an outdated operating system. The purchase of a camera that operates on any operating system was discussed. This is the same system Winneshiek County uses. Motion by Meyer, second by Kleve to purchase the new system at the quoted price plus any associated installation costs. Aye; Huinker, Meyer, Kleve, Anderson and Phillips. The Clay Street stop sign was mentioned.

The Street Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented. A discussion was held regarding bike trail issues. The Letter of Understanding to allow hard surfacing of the trail was done when the IC & E controlled the railroad. The property has since become the Canadian Pacific. The council instructed the clerk to have the City Attorney look over the Letter of Understanding and the Grant documents. Corey Meyer reported that the Beautiful Iowa grant was available to plant prairie plantings in areas that we currently mow. The council agreed to have Corey apply for this grant. Also discussed was the mural on the Chiropractic building. A bid to tuck point the North side of the building will be submitted. It is the council opinion that the city not pay to have this done to a private building. The city would have the mural repainted after the building is repaired.

The water/wastewater report was reviewed and accepted as presented. Bob Penrod reported that he had not yet received the report on the water tower inspection, this will be available at next month meeting. The report on the televising of the sewer lines from Municipal Pipe has been received. This consisted of many pictures of problem areas and hours of video. Bob reported that we have several issues with roots, concrete etc. that inhibit the flow through these lines. He recommended that Municipal Pipe clean these lines at an approximate cost of \$ 4,000.00. Motion by Kleve, second by Huinker to approve Municipal Pipe to clean the affected lines as proposed. Aye: Meyer, Huinker, Phillips, Kleve and Anderson.

The Mayor reported that the meeting regarding Flood Insurance and FEMA will be on Wednesday, August 4th. The location has been moved from City Hall to the Court House. Mayor McCasland commended Junior Boyer and Kyle Meyer for all the work done to get the trail head ready for the dedication. Mayor McCasland reported that we need a replacement for Richard Winter on the Zoning Board. Mary Welch agreed to serve in this capacity. Motion by Kleve, second by Phillips to appoint Mary Welch to the Zoning Board to replace Richard Winter. Aye; Kleve, Phillips, Meyer, Anderson and Huinker.

The clerk reviewed the Annual Street Financial Report. Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to approve Resolution # 457 approving the annual Street Financial Report. Aye: Anderson, Phillips, Meyer, Kleve and Huinker.

The clerk reviewed the Annual Report. She stated that the first page had been published as required and the completed report would be sent to the State Auditors Office.

The report from the Forestry Outreach Coordinator was reviewed. This report included a map that indicated which trees were a critical concern and of immediate concern. There is one tree that is critical concern and 28 of immediate concern. A copy of the report has been given to Junior Boyer. His report on the Ash trees in the city right of way will follow at a later date.

A request for funding was received from the SW Youth Football League. Motion by Kleve, second by Huinker to donate \$ 500.00 to the SW Youth Football League. Aye: Huinker, Anderson, Meyer, Phillips and Kleve.

The September meeting will be held on Monday, August 30, 2010 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk