

## Minutes Calmar City Council April 5, 2010

Prior to the meeting Corey Meyer reported that he had met with George Tekippe in conjunction with his job at the SWCD regarding a proposed wetland just west of the city limits. He reported that shots had been taken off of Maple and South Streets and that this time they do not see any back-up issues to the cities storm sewer system. Briefly discussed was the status of the DNR reclassification outfall streams from cities sewer systems. Also mentioned was the large turn out at the Grassley town meeting held recently.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Meyer, Huinker, Phillips and Kleve. Anderson was absent.

The consent agenda was discussed and questions answered on the claims. Motion by Phillips, second by Huinker to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes, clerk/treasurer reports, claims and approval of ABD license for Calmar Can & Beverage) Aye: Kleve, Huinker, Meyer and Phillips. Motion carried.

### Claims March 2010

A.J. Petersburg	insurance	20500.00
Alliant Energy	electricity	6685.85
American Legion Aux	flag	30.00
Aramark	uniform	113.39
Audio Editions	books on cd	150.90
Barnes & Noble	books	28.78
Black Hills Energy	natural gas	1400.29
Book Look	books	197.78
Buchheit Appliance	vacuum cleaner	166.00
Business Systems	copier contract	91.56
Calmar Courier	add part time help	24.00
Carus Corporation	chemicals	1150.90
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	books	40.14
Chemsearch	supplies	220.39
Com Tec Electronics	radio repair, batteries	181.30
Culligan	fire department	35.31
Data Tech	user mtg	95.00
Farmers Union Cooperat	fuel and service	537.81
Hawkeye Truck	parts	128.27
Heying Lumber	repair library	8.14
Iamu	quart dues	472.91
Ingram	books	367.64
IRS	taxes	4382.53
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	sales tax on water	3436.00
Iowa Law Enf. Academy	Lance academy train	4000.00
Iowa Rural Water	ceu's	20.00
Iowa Workforce	quart unempl	535.30
Ipers	ipers	2278.00
Isu Extension	reg workshop	110.00
Joe Ward	insurance April	216.00
Junior Boyer	insurance April	901.73
Keystone Labs	testing	343.80
Kirkeby Welding	repair plow	626.00
Kwik Star	fuel	781.53
Lance Peters	mileage	624.50
Linda Crossland	books	26.31
Malcom Enterprise	February garbage	5908.36
Marv Smith Elec	wiring at fire station	1297.97
McDonald Supply	drain repair parts	41.36
Michele Elsbernd	insurance April	747.25

Napa	lamp, pig tail etc	23.81
Norby's	supplies	151.88
Panscend	computer work	35.00
Postmaster	postage and yearly f	325.00
Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	53.00
Presto	pest control	38.00
Qwest	monthly bill, 2 month	892.36
Rite Price	copier fees, supplies	177.77
River City Paving	cold mix	100.10
Robert Pendrod	insurance reimb	1076.59
Sams	membership	35.00
Sim's	cell	64.99
Tekippe Engineering	mapping and copies	50.70
Treas, State IA	state taxes	779.00
US Cellular	telephone	173.75
Walmart	supplies Library	243.78
Wiltgen Const	hydraulic fluid	45.00
Winco	road crew salt	47.50
Winn. Cty. Landfill	shingles pool	252.00
Payroll	March	13748.03
<b>Total</b>		<b>77216.26</b>

### Claims by fund

General	51915.13
Road Use	3391.14
Benefits	2439.56
Water	10977.96
Sewer	8492.47
Total	77216.26

### Revenue by fund

General	17858.32
Road Use	8683.47
Benefits	2361.24
Emergency	275.35
Lost	6624.70
Tif	7633.90
Water	18076.05
Sewer	27938.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>89451.17</b>

The proposed budget amendment was explained by the clerk. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to set the date for the public hearing on the Budget Amendment 09-10 for May 3, 2010. Aye: Kleve, Phillips, Meyer and Huinker. Motion carried.

The Fire Department report was discussed. They reported a very successful weather spotter training on March 17<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that they are doing a lot of their training with the Fort Atkinson Fire Department.

The Police Department report was reviewed. Chief Ward reported that Lance Peters will graduate from the academy on April 9<sup>th</sup> and that he would be working full time beginning on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. He reported that it had been a relatively quiet month in Calmar but very busy in Ossian. Discussed were any equipment needed. Chief Ward

reported that two new body armor vests had been ordered as the current vests were over the expiration date.

The Street Department report was reviewed. The Calmar clean-up day scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup> was discussed. The possibility of a toxic clean up day was discussed briefly. Corey Meyer stated he had the state urban conservationist, Wayne Peterson come up and do a site assessment of drainage and run off in the City of Calmar and what we could do to help improve run off and infiltration. We will get a report on how our run off is affecting the Turkey River/Lake Meyer. He stated that eventually the city will have to deal with how this urban run off affects the countryside. Corey also stated he would like to see us mow less and put in some native grasses and wild flowers in some areas to cut down on mowing and to be good stewards of the land. The shingle replacement at the Depot was discussed in length. The council decided that they would prefer to remove the current shingles and put on steel shingles with a 50 year warranty should this meet with Historic Preservation guidelines. If they do not then three tab shingles will be used. New gutters will also be installed on the depot. The five applications for the part-time help position were reviewed. Motion by Meyer, second by Kleve to offer the position to Kyle Meyer at a starting wage of \$ 10.00 per hours. Aye: Phillips, Huinker, Meyer and Kleve. Motion carried.

The water/wastewater report was accepted. Meyer asked the status of the GIS mapping. Penrod stated that it was basically completed but some updates still needed to be entered into the system.

Mayor McCasland reported that he and Anderson had attended Introduction to Planning and Zoning workshop presented by the Iowa State University recently. He stated that after attending this workshop that we need to make some changes to our zoning code, which we had already discussed. The need for a "Comprehensive Zoning Plan" was discussed. Mayor McCasland also stated he had appointed Bill Klimesh as the alternate delegate to the County 911 board. The mayor also briefly discussed the Regional Housing Trust Plan that is administering through Upper Explorer land Regional Planning.

Nuisance properties were discussed. Junior Boyer and Chief Joe Ward reported that they felt the mentioned property had been taken care of.

The lease agreement with Bushman Family Farms was discussed. The council stated that in the future they would ask that verification of incoming and outgoing loads be submitted with payment. This will be included in the updated contract. Dennis Kleve will check into this further.

The Lease agreement with Mediacom for the equipment building site at the city owned property by the swimming pool was discussed. Currently the city clerk's office receives free high speed internet in exchange for use of the land for their building. The council requested that we request high speed internet for all assessable city public buildings in exchange for this space in the future lease.

A street light on the safe walking trail on Hamlin Street where people walk to the NICC campus was discussed. Motion by Meyer, second by Huinker to have a street light installed at the south end of Hamlin Street. Aye: Phillips, Meyer, Huinker and Kleve. Motion carried. Alliant will also be requested to install long brackets on all street lights that currently have short brackets because they have changed their rate schedule and are billing us for all long brackets.

Salaries effective July 1, 2010 were discussed and tabled for a future meeting.

The Alliant Energy proposed electric rate increase of 17.5% was discussed. Objections to this increase can be filed with the Iowa Utility Board by email to [iubcustomer@iub.state.ia.us](mailto:iubcustomer@iub.state.ia.us) or by using the IUB's website [www.state.ia.us/iub](http://www.state.ia.us/iub).

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned.

Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk

Joe McCasland, Mayor