

**Calmar City Council  
Regular Meeting  
March 2, 2009**

Prior to the meeting Mayor McCasland recognized a comment/request made by a citizen to work on the traffic control/parking after a snow fall.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on March 2, 2009 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Anderson, Huinker and Zweibahmer. Meyer arrived at 8:30 P.M. Phillips was absent.

Motion by Anderson, second by Huinker to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of the 2-2-09 meeting, clerks/treasurers reports/ claims and the renewal of the ABD license for the Horseshoe) Aye: Zweibahmer, Huinker and Anderson. Motion carried.

**Claims February 09**

Alliant	electricity	6022.79
Aramark	uniform	123.33
Ben Meadows	supplies	262.19
Black Hills Energy	gas	2346.84
Blooms on Main	acz	40.00
Bunn Services	vet vac lines	400.00
Calmar Courier	publish minutes	70.22
Calmar Courier	add library	72.00
Data Tech	w-2, 1099 etc	99.16
Dave Huinker	service	50.00
Don's Truck Sales	part	103.00
Farmers Co-op	explorer service	349.05
Fastenal	clamps street signs	26.95
Hawkeye Truck	wiper motor white du	373.08
Heying Lbr	supplies	27.31
Iamu	ceu's blodborn	10.00
IA Narcotics Task	membership	25.00
Ingram	books	198.57
IRS	taxes	4709.11
IA Dept.	renewal registration	70.00
Ia Law Enf. Ac.	academy,book	4075.00
Iowa Prison Ind	signs	115.94
Ipers	ipers	2087.72
Iroc Web	web update	25.00
Junior Boyer	insurance	573.50
Keystone Labs	testing	333.20
Klimesh Motors	additive	15.78
Kwik Star	fuel	623.62
Linda Crossland	mileage	26.45
Malcom	garbage service	5926.59
Marv Smith Elec	water lines depot	177.76
Michele Elsbernd	office supplies	85.08
Micromarketing	books on cd	39.95
Municipal Supply	clamp,repair auto gu	298.50
NE IA Drug Task	membership	150.00
Norby's	supplies	261.40
Postmaster	postage water bills	121.00
Presto	pest control	38.00
Qwest	phone service	532.82
Rite Price	hanging file folders	6.19
Sandry Fire Supply	two scba's	8954.00

Sim's	supplies	127.93
Thompson Gale	book	23.37
Treasurer IA	gambling license FD	40.00
Treasurer State IA	taxes	711.00
US Cellular	phone service	295.23
USA Blue Book	wrench, key	135.82
Utility Equip	repair clamp	271.10
Walmart	supplies	182.48
Wellmark	premium	3674.11
Wiltgen	Clay water break	567.50
Payroll	February	12608.97
<b>Total</b>		<b>58483.61</b>

**Claims by fund**

General	37,544.55
Road Use	3,026.14
Benefits	2,353.14
Water	6,518.30
Sewer	9,041.48
<b>Total</b>	<b>58483.61</b>

**Revenue by fund**

General	6512.81
Road Use	8855.68
Benefits	257.06
Emergency	31.23
Lost	8710.17
Tif	392.92
Trust	2542.42
Water	8879.43
Sewer	22215.81
<b>Total</b>	<b>58397.53</b>

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Anderson to open the public hearing on the Budget 2009-2010 at 7:06 P.M. Aye: Huinker, Anderson and Zweibahmer. Motion carried. The clerk stated what the asking is for regular tax dollars, insurance and benefits. The tax levy decreased slightly over last year. There were no written or oral comments regarding the budget. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Anderson to close the public hearing at 7:09 P.M. Aye: Zweibahmer, Anderson & Huinker. Motion carried. Motion by Anderson, second by Huinker to approve Resolution # 447 approving the 2009-2010 budget. Aye: Zwibahmer, Anderson and Huinker. Motion carried.

Mark Lovelace, agent for A.& J. Petersburg Agency was present to discuss the city insurance renewal. The Fire Pak renewal was not yet available but is expected not to increase much if at all. The Workers' Compensation increased \$ 887.00 and the balance of the package decreased \$ 98.00. Motion by Anderson, second by Zweibahmer to approve renewal of the city Continental Western Insurance Policy thru the Petersburg Agency at the quoted rates. Aye: Huinker, Anderson and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

The Fire Department report was discussed and accepted.

The Police Department report was discussed and accepted. Officer Ward stated that Officer Wagner will be graduating from the academy on April 3, 2009. The purchase of a new police vehicle was discussed. Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Huinker to table the purchase of this vehicle until other council members were present. Aye: Huinker and Zweibahmer. Nay: Anderson. Motion carried.

The Street Department report was accepted. Junior Boyer stated he had checked with the DOT regarding the flashing lights at the stop signs in the square. They haven't gotten back to him on this yet. The bids for fencing materials needed to move the yard waste site to a location near the sewer plant on South Street was discussed. Junior provided a diagram of the proposed project and also a bid from Grassmasters to dig the post holes and help stretch in the fence. Motion by Anderson, second by Zweibahmer to table decision on this project until other council members are present. Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer and Huinker. Motion carried. Also discussed were the addition of a garage area in the city shop building and the moving of the salt/sand storage facility outside. This will be an agenda item and discussed next month.

The water/wastewater report was discussed and Anderson again questioned the wastewater average daily pumped figure. The laptop computer needed for the GIS system was discussed. Quotes were received from Dell for a Rugged Laptop and from Sim's for a Nobilis Ruggedized Laptop. Motion by Zweibahmer, seconded by Anderson to purchase the Nobilis from Sim's in the amount of \$ 1894.66. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer and Anderson. Motion carried. Mr. Penrod stated that his Spectrophotometer, which is used for water/wastewater testing is obsolete and parts are no longer available. This is a necessary piece of equipment. Motion by Anderson, second by Huinker to approve the purchase of a Spectrophotometer at the quoted price of \$3118.00 to be paid from the water/wastewater fund. Aye: Huinker, Zweibahmer and Anderson. Motion carried. Mr. Penrod explained the manhole project that would be started as soon as weather permits in the spring. He also stated that he felt we needed to televise lines to try and detect infiltration inflow to the sanitary sewer system. Should the DNR mandate changes in our sewer plant these inflow figures would be directly related to the scope of the changes that would need to be made. It would be to our benefit to detect this infiltration before that happens. Water rates were discussed, the clerk stated that in the past 12 months, there was \$ 4487.10 more in expenses than income, excluding the Hwy 52 Winco water project. She stated that the council needs to seriously consider raising the water rates to break even and for money in reserve for future projects. This will be discussed again at the April meeting.

Mayor McCasland stated in his report that the Hazard Mitigation Committee had met at 5:00 P.M. Luther reported that the process has started and will take about 3 meetings of the committee to get the plan completed. He also reminded of the second Calmar Strategic planning meeting on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. at the NICC Cafeteria. He also will be attending a meeting the same night to set the salaries for the County Assessors office.

The quote from Imagetek to image the old city minute books was discussed. They feel it is cost prohibitive at this time. They would store these minutes on their server to be available to view on line.

Corey Meyer arrived at 8:30 P.M.

Salaries were discussed. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Zweibahmer to remove the previous cap on wages and to approve a .30 cent per hour raise for employees including the pool manager but excluding Dawn Wagner,( whose raise was negotiated at the time of hiring) effective July 1, 2009. Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer, Huinker and Meyer. Motion carried.

The quote to map the city cemetery to GIS was discussed. All felt it was an excellent idea but was cost prohibitive at this time. Pictures of headstones could still be done and kept on file.

An incentive that the city could offer to “new” businesses was discussed. The clerk will check with other towns to see what they offer.

Mayor McCasland asked about the “Mayors for Meals” program.

Motion by Zweibahmer, second by Anderson to rescind the earlier motion to table the decision on the police car until other council members were present. Aye: Anderson, Zweibahmer Huinker and Meyer. Motion carried. Police car purchase was briefly discussed with various options on what to purchase or if to purchase. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Huinker to approve purchase of a Ford Explorer from Klimesh Motor Sales at the current quoted price. Aye: Anderson, Huinker, Zweibahmer and Meyer. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, second by Huinker to rescind the earlier motion to discuss the fence project. Aye: Anderson, Huinker and Zweibahmer and Meyer. The proposed project was discussed and a motion was made by Zweibahmer, seconded by Huinker to accept the proposal for fencing from Heying Lumber and the quote from Grassmasters for the project. Aye: Huinker, Anderson, Meyer and Zweibahmer. Motion carried.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Michele Elsbernd, City clerk

Joe McCasland, Mayor