

**CALMAR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2011
7:00 P.M. Calmar Fire Station**

There were no questions or comments prior to the meeting.

Mayor McCasland called the regular meeting of the Calmar City Council to order at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 7, 2011 at the Calmar Fire Station. Present were: Kleve, Anderson, Phillips and Meyer. Huinker was absent.

Claims were discussed briefly also the ABD license up for renewal. Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to approve the consent agenda (agenda, minutes of January 3, 2011, clerk/treasurer reports/claims for January 2011, and approval of the ABD license for Kwik Star and approval of the ABD license for the Horseshoe pending proper dram shop authorization.) Aye: Anderson, Kleve, Meyer and Phillips.

January 2011

Alliant	electricity	6986.79	Municipal Pipe Tool	televising, rootsaw, clean li	5463.03
American Legion Au	2 flags	30.00	Napa	wiper blades explorer	37.54
Annie Rude	mileage Annie read meter	9.75	Northeast Iowa Tree	christmas lights up/down	745.00
Aramark	uniform	91.50	OMB Police Sply	equipment police	76.98
Bartlette Motors	motor dump truck	73.48	Postmaster	permit, postage, stamps	572.00
Black Hills Energy	gas bills	1892.43	Postville Vet Clinic	ship samples	65.75
Blazek Corp	lift station pump	4370.90	Presto	bait stations	38.00
Blooms on Main	pointsetta Schneberger	37.45	Qwest	phone	459.92
Book Look	books	134.85	Rite Price	copier Lib, sign, supplies	1625.48
Brian Zweibohmer	mileage	36.72	Storey Kenworthy	printer cartridge	185.10
Calmar Courier	add	218.45	Treas State IA	taxes	706.00
Center Pt. Lg. Pnt	large print books	41.34	US Cellular	bill & air card	335.01
Culligan	seasonal service fire dept	35.31	Walmart	supplies	123.97
Decorah Electric	prog, lift, siren	1181.04	Wellmark	insurance	5441.93
Farm Plan	supplies	303.50	Wiltgen	snow removal	1270.25
Farmers Union Co-O	fuel	1192.30	Winco	road crew	142.50
Hach	testing supplies	172.28	Windridge	parts case	35.21
Hawkins	chemicals	3134.63	Winn Cty Engineer	curved grader blade	91.80
Heying Lbr	remotes opener city shop	67.50	Payroll January		14284.42
Iamu	safety	312.57	Total		73878.22
Ia Dpt. Insp. & App	gambling license	40.00	Claims by fund		
Ingram	books	162.32	General		34932.13
IRS	taxes	4179.95	Road Use		4397.11
Iowa DOT	cylinder	304.50	Benefists		3486.26
Iowa Muni Finance	association dues	30.00	Water		11744.72
Iowa Narcotics Assn	memberships	50.00	Sewer		19318.00
Iowa One Call	monthly bill	18.00	Total		73878.22
Ipers	pension	2481.76	Revenue by fund		
Keystone	testing supplies	296.60	General		31755.16
Kirkeby	welding	55.00	Road Use		7969.17
Klimesh	battery charger	86.84	Benefists		541.33
Kwik Star	fuel	1803.61	Emergency		64.76
Lance Peters	postage	5.33	Lost		8593.86
Malcolm Ent	garbage dec & jan	11702.41	Water		17750.40
Matt Parrott	utility bills	330.55	Sewer		29861.98
McDonald Sply	pvc cplg	12.72	Total		96536.66
Michele Elsbernd	backup sub, coats reimb	250.95			
Midwest Geograph	paper copies cemetary	45.00			

The proposed quotes for garbage service were reviewed and discussed. Quotes were received from Bunn Service at \$ 10.95 per month, Malcom Enterprises at \$ 10.20 per month plus the DNR fuel surcharge per month and Shimek Sanitation at \$ 10.00 per month. Dan from Malcom Enterprise and Stan from Shimek Sanitation answered the council member's questions regarding cost of service, days of pick up and other various items. Kleve stated he felt if we could save money we should do so. Motion by Phillips, second by Meyer to table the decision regarding garbage quotes until the March meeting. Meyer stated he would like tonnage information. Aye: Anderson, Phillips and Meyer. Nay: Kleve. Motion carried.

The Fire Department presented their report. They stated they had toured NICC's new building. The department is also in the process of acquiring a new rescue truck. This will be a Ford with an Aluma-line box and crew cab and is due to arrive sometime in June. This will be paid for with a combination of fire department funds, county funds, grants and township trustee loan.

Chief Joe Ward presented his report. He stated that there had been a few residential burglaries in the area. He reported on information received at a recent Drug Task force meeting and stated that there are several training programs coming to the area that he felt he and officer Peters should attend. The council had no problem with attending these trainings. He also explained we had a recent problem with a wire shorting out under the floor mat in the Explorer that has been repaired. Snowmobiles were also discussed.

Junior Boyer presented his street department report. Corey expressed appreciation to Junior and the rest of his people for the hard work keeping up with snow removal. Junior and Matt had been to Franzen Sales and Service to discuss a Simplicity mower; they need to go back again now that they have one on display. Junior will have a recommendation at the next meeting. Discussed was the possible replacement of our dump truck. All felt that it is important to keep the equipment updated. Junior will check around to see what is available. Possible funding sources for the truck were also discussed.

Matt Bullerman presented the water/wastewater report. It was noted that we had the December and January reports and are now up to date. Matt stated that the recent water leak had been repaired and the lift station pump re-installed. Fluoride and chlorine was briefly discussed. There had previously been a problem with a check valve improperly installed, this has since been repaired. Brian Zweibahmer had received a quote from Mississippi Valley Pump. This company offers a maintenance contract on lift station pumps and the quote was for a yearly inspection. Discussion followed, council members felt a yearly inspection could eliminate problems down the road. The quote was for \$ 1,220.00 if done by itself and \$ 790.00 if done with other maintenance contract in the area. Motion by Meyer, second by Kleve to approve signing a yearly maintenance contract with Mississippi Valley Pump at the quoted prices. Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Meyer and Phillips.

Mayor McCasland in his report stated Junior Boyer, Kyle Meyer, Tom Ward, Mary McEnaney, Ron Bullerman and himself recently attended the event at Luther College where the Winneshiek County Convention and Visitors Bureau has presented its Great Strides Award to the Calmar Development Corporation. Calmar Development was recognized for their establishment of a brand new trail head project at the Prairie Farmer Trail. This included benches, new parking lot, signage and handicapped accessible restrooms. He also attended the Assessors Meeting where they worked on the budget and salaries. Mayor McCasland requested the council approve the Mayors Appointments for 2011. This included the re-appointment of Kris Smith and Phyllis Elsbernd to 5 year terms on the Board of Adjustment. Motion by Kleve, second by Phillips to approve the mayor's appointments 2011. Aye; Anderson, Kleve, Phillips and Meyer.

Motion by Anderson, second by Phillips to approve Resolution # 459, a corporate Authorization Resolution between Security State Bank and the City of Calmar. Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Meyer and Phillips.

The proposed budget for 2011-2012 was discussed. The budget proposes at 12.50753 request per thousand valuation. A proposed budget amendment will amend the budget to fund the water tower interior work, the ball field lights, increase to the fire department expenses, decrease in sewer revenue and library state funding and an increase in miscellaneous revenue. The 2011-12 budget includes increases to almost all the funds. The revenue for these increases is a fund transfer from local option to the general fund. The clerk explained that this budget year would be the last payment on the water treatment plant project and there would be tif funding available for a qualifying project.

We need to have debt for a tif project before we can certify tif debt. She also explained that tif projects have guidelines that need to be followed so the debt/project qualify. Council members viewed the tif map to see areas that would qualify for upcoming projects. The clerk stated that our tif expires in 2016 and could be renewed. Motion by Phillips, second by Anderson to set the date for the 2011-2012 budget hearing for March 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Calmar Fire Station. Aye: Kleve, Anderson, Meyer and Phillips.

Briefly discussed was the letter received from Winneshiek County Development, Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, minutes of the Calmar Planning & Zoning meeting held on January 26th., and a copy of the proposed ordinance # 349 that would rezone the Kwik Star Property. The clerk stated that the notice of public hearing for the budget and the rezoning would be in the paper on February 22, 2011 and that both hearings would be at the March 7, 2011 meeting. The report from Beyer Forestry Service was reviewed. They had done a survey of the town thru a grant with the Iowa DNR. This survey mapped and indentified all the boulevard trees that needed to be removed and also all the ash trees. The study is to help the city manage the possible future removal of trees infected with the emerald ash borer.

Mayor McCasland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Joe McCasland, Mayor

ATTEST: Michele Elsbernd, City Clerk