

**CITY OF CALMAR  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 7, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.  
CALMAR FIRE STATION**

Previous to the meeting items discussed were the mowing and piles of dirt and weeds at College View Apartments and a weed problem in the boulevard on North Street.

The regular meeting of the City Council of Calmar, Iowa was held at the Calmar Fire Station on Monday, August 7, 2006, beginning at 7:00 P.M., with Mayor George Willis presiding.

On call of the roll, the following Council Members were present: Karen Kleve, John Patrick, Al Shindelar, Dave Zweibahmer and Tim Vondersitt.

Council member Patrick moved that the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting be approved as presented. Seconded by Shindelar. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried.

Council member Patrick moved that the agenda be approved with the addition of # 6 Jerry from IIW Engineering. Seconded by Vondersitt. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried.

Jerry Rattenborg and James D. Bousley from IIW Engineers and Surveyors were present at the request of the City to explain their professional services. They stated that our system is somewhat unique in their experience. They stated that their firm would identify the problem areas and bring a report back to the council. They fee range for this study would be approximately \$ 2500 - \$ 5,000. They also stated that looping the dead ends would also help with the iron problem. They will submit a proposal in writing by the September council meeting.

Laurie Friest from Northeast Iowa RC & D was present to explain that they are a non profit organization comprised of six counties. Their board decides which projects are eligible for grant writing by their organization. She explained grants that could be applied for to help with surfacing of the Prairie Farmer Recreational Trail. She stated that Calmar and Ridgeway would fall within the same population guidelines for a REAP grant and that it is favorable to submit it as a joint venture between the two cities. She explained other grants that could be available for the trail and other projects in the community. Council member Patrick moved that the City of Calmar allow RC&D to submit, on behalf of the City, a joint grant with Ridgeway and that Michele Elsbernd be designated as the contact person for the City of Calmar. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried.

Larry Huinker was present. He stated that he would like to place a single car garage on the property that is now the unused portion of Frederick Street. He stated he is still interested in purchasing this should the City decide to sell. The clerk will consult with the City Attorney regarding this matter.

Todd Wenthold had approached the council regarding an apartment on the ground floor of the building he owns downtown Calmar zoned C-1 Commercial. The clerk will consult with the City Attorney to see if our zoning ordinance allows this.

Garry Wiltgen and some residents of Rolling Hills Estates were present regarding the curb and gutter and hard surfacing of the streets in the addition. Discussed in length was the cost comparison between concrete, asphalt and the oil and chips surface that is in the rest of the City. The clerk will check with the City Attorney regarding the sub division ordinance and how it affects this addition. The residents are asking for help to fund the difference between asphalt and the oil and chips surface.

George of Tekippe Engineering was present. Discussed were the iron problem in certain areas and the water flow through the tanks at the new treatment facility. The water has a higher iron content leaving the plant than it does entering the plant. After much discussion it was decided to drain the tanks and vacuum any sediment and install an elbow and see if this changed the test results.

The Fire Department report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

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The installation of the new signs by the IDOT in the business district was discussed. All felt that the DOT could have found a better way without installing two posts, some of which are in the middle of the sidewalk. We will contact the DOT regarding these signs.

The street department report was accepted as presented. Sidewalks were discussed. Mike Ganson will be allowed to remove the sidewalk. The installation of sidewalk from the property line to the street was discussed. There are a few places in town where there never was a sidewalk from the property line to the street. This would need to be installed and be made handicap accessible. These will be looked at individually and some or all of the cost paid for by the City. The council will look at the other sidewalks in question so a decision can be made. The city employees determining where property lines are for approval of building permits was discussed. All agreed that in some situations we can not determine and that a survey would have to be done before the permit is issued. Replacement of curbs in the City where they are caving in due to the property owner having to dig to replace lines was discussed. In these situations, the curb was left in place and the line replaced. This area has since settled and has damaged the curb. Council members agreed that this curb replacement is the homeowner's expense.

The water/wastewater report was accepted as presented. Flushing of hydrants was discussed. Bob Penrod felt that the flushing helped the iron problem to some extent. He also felt that leaving well # 3 off-line improved the situation but that there were still a few problem areas. Future flushing was discussed as he feels that we could go over our DOT permit limits for water pumped. Bob had pictures of fire hydrant flow and he feels that the replacement of the Fire Hydrant and the looping of the line by Klimesh Ford would improve the iron problem. He stated that looping is needed yet near WINCO and the Tim Vondersitt residence. The engineer will proceed with getting the proper permits from the DNR to proceed with looping from Klimesh Ford across the highway to the South and will have estimates for the September meeting. Estimates were received for a new pickup for the water/wastewater department. Bids including trade of old truck was as follows: Pladsen/Waukon.... \$ 15,944.00; Klimesh Ford/Calmar.... \$ 17,399.00; Decorah Chevrolet....\$ 16,500.00 and John Falb/West Union....\$ 16,700.00. Motion by Shindelar, Second by Zweibahmer to approve purchase of a new pickup in the amount of \$ 17,399.00 from Klimesh Ford. Aye: Shindelar and Zweibahmer. Nay: Patrick, Vondersitt and Kleve. Bob wished to remove the Lift Station Maintenance discussion from the agenda. He stated that the property owned by Rick Nienhaus needs a new curb stop and that if the line is not copper that also will need to be replaced. Rick has been contacted with no results. The clerk was instructed to send a certified letter stating that the city will repair/replace and assess the costs in the same manner as property tax. Modification of controls at the water treatment plant was discussed. This would allow running of the new well only and would activate well # 3 automatically should a problem arise. Council member Shindelar moved to accept In Controls proposal to add this staging in the amount of \$ 1540.00. Seconded by Kleve. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried.

The corporate line on 175<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed. George Tekippe stated that the line runs at an angle ending in the north ditch near the Stephen Lensing property. Council will invite the county supervisor to discuss this street with the council. Mayor Willis shared with the council the proposed increase in tipping fees at the County Landfill over the next 20 years. Fees will increase \$ 1.00 per

ton in 2007 to \$ 57.00 and then \$ 1.50 per ten each year thereafter. He stated that we would probably see our solid waste hauler yearly asking for an increase due to this increase in fees at the landfill. Richard Winter was present to request better lighting at the entrance to the football field on Maple Street. Council member Zweibahmer moved to add one light on Maple Street and to move the light nearest the gate from the North side of the street to the pole nearest the gate on the South side of the street. Seconded by Shindelar. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried.

The clerk shared information on the Annual Report with the council. This report has been completed and published and will be sent to Auditor of State with proof of publication.

Council member Zweibahmer moved to re-appoint Jim Huber to a 6-year term on the Calmar Library Board. Seconded by Patrick. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried.

Next months meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th. due to the Labor Day holiday.

Council member Kleve moved to approve payment of claims as presented. Seconded by Zweibahmer. Aye: Kleve, Patrick, Shindelar, Zweibahmer and Vondersitt. Carried.

**Claims July 06**

A&J Petersburg	Premium	83.00
Ace Telephone	Internet	17.95
Alliant	Electricity	6443.90
Aquila	Gas	2558.43
Audio Editions	Books	23.95
Calmar Courier	Publishing	319.31
Calmar Fire Dept.	Fire School	150.00
City Laundry	Uniform	113.04
City of Calmar	Postage	32.41
Dave Huinker	updates	400.00
Decorah Implement	parts	51.07
Donald Schroeder	50% cement	79.12
Drilling All Season	parts	7.99
Farmers co-op	fuel	231.16
Fastenal	supplies	23.02
Galls Inc.	BP vest	382.98
Gearsup Sports	helmets	120.00
Hach	supplies	1292.60
Hawkeye Truck	dump truck	12000.00
Heying Lbr.	supplies	119.34
Hygenic Lab	water testing	33.00
IDNR	annual fee	338.29
Ingram	books	70.10
IRS	tax	4725.63
Iowa Codification	services	200.00
Iowa One Call	monthly bill	17.10
Iroc Web	web service	25.00
Jamie Gerleman	50% cement	119.62
Junior Boyer	reimburse	17.61
Keystone Labs	testing	389.00
Kirkeby Welding	welding	169.85
Klimesh Motors	repairs	598.94
Kwik Star	gas	1136.35
Malcom Enter	Garbage	6677.28
McDonald Supply	supplies	13.15
Mower Power	tree saw	619.39

Napa	supplies	99.22
National Waterworks	supplies	1442.69
Norby's	supplies	315.67
Pepsi Cola	pool pop	121.60
Postmaster	postage	111.50
PostvilleVet Clinic	shipping	78.50
Presto	pest control	32.00
Qwest	telephone	356.63
R & R. Plmb.	services	343.14
Rite Price	supplies	124.85
Schilling	tissue	228.86
Sensus	suppport	1000.00
Sim's TV	supplies	171.93
Taylor Tree	tree removal	170.00
Tekippe Engineering	services	739.40
Terfworks	supplies	125.04
Thompson Gale	books	37.50
TripleT	handbook	241.00
US Cellular	telephone	257.04
USA Blue book	supplies	133.56
Utility Equip	supplies	172.74
Walmart	supplies	322.24
Wellmark	premium	2129.65
West Union Monu	lettering	375.00
Wiltgen	leveling	320.00
WMB Publishing	book	11.08
Payroll		17958.93
Total		67019.35

**Expenses by Fund**

General	36,217.70
ROAD USE TAX	13,907.14
Benefits	1,703.72
Water	9,311.42
Sewer	5,879.37
Total	67,019.35

**Revenue by Fund**

General	16,637.36
Road Use	6,898.31
Benefits	336.14
Emergency	52.15
LOST	7,308.65
TIF	559.54
Trust	24,010.09
Debt Service	341.81
Water	9,736.15
Sewer	26,418.40
Total	92,298.60

Mayor Willis declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

George Willis  
Mayor

Michele Elsbernd  
City Clerk

